The Chess Games of Parham Maghsoodloo

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Preface

In the ever-evolving landscape of modern chess, where tactical preparation is relentless and positional nuances are debated with algorithmic precision, only a handful of players manage to inject a raw, thrilling energy that captivates and inspires. Grandmaster Parham Maghsoodloo is emphatically one of them.

This book is not merely a collection of games; it is an exploration of a phenomenon. Born from the rich, burgeoning chess culture of Iran, Maghsoodloo's journey has been marked by an intensity and acceleration rarely seen at the elite level. His crowning achievement—the 2018 World Junior Championship—was not just a victory; it was a declaration. He didn't simply win the tournament; he dominated it, signaling the arrival of a player whose ambition could not be contained by conventional boundaries.

What distinguishes Parham Maghsoodloo is his style: aggressive, uncompromising, and deeply tactical. He is a player who embraces complexity and risk, often leading to spectacular sacrifices and endgame scrambles that test the limits of human calculation. For fans, this means excitement; for opponents, it means a sleepless night of preparation. Studying his games is akin to studying a masterclass in controlled chaos, where seemingly precarious positions are navigated with an innate sense of danger and opportunity.

The chapters that follow delve into the heart of this dynamic approach. We meticulously annotate his most brilliant victories, revealing the strategic concepts and tactical motifs that underpin his success. From his foundational years in the Iranian league to the brutal battles against the world's top players, this work traces his developmental path and provides actionable insights for aspiring players. Whether analyzing his handling of the Najdorf, his sharp Ragozin, or his inventive opening choices, the reader will gain a profound appreciation for Maghsoodloo's creativity and resilience.

Ultimately, this book serves as a vital record of a young master who is actively shaping the future of competitive chess. We hope that by dissecting his career, you will not only improve your own play but also deepen your admiration for the beautiful, perilous, and utterly thrilling game that Parham Maghsoodloo plays.

Enjoy the journey.

Parham Maghsoodloo's maturation as a player is a classic example of how intense, systematic work turnsr aw talent into elite consistency.

Here is a breakdown of how he has matured since he first started playing:

1. The Shift from Raw Talent to Systematic Work

The most significant change in Maghsoodloo's development was the transition from being a talentedI ranian junior to a methodical, world-class professional. Early on, the consensus around Iranian chess wast hat players relied heavily on natural ability. Maghsoodloo, however, is famous for his incredible worke thic, dedicating **10-12 hours a day to training**. This shift to systematic, professional preparatione levated him past the 2700 barrier, proving that dedication can bridge the gap between GM level andw orld elite.

2. Maturation of Playing Style

Maghsoodloo was initially known for his incredibly dynamic and often reckless tactical flair, which led to spectacular wins but also crushing losses. His style has matured into a much more **balanced and versatile** one:

- **Positional Depth:** He has incorporated deep positional understanding into his play. You can see this maturation even in the game open in your file, the **Queen's Gambit Declined, Ragozin Variation (D38)** against Vavulin (WJCC 2018).
    - Instead of immediately going for blood, he "patiently built a central advantage" and made prophylactic moves like 12.b4 and 20.h3.
    - The eventual decisive factor was the establishment of a **dominant central pawn chain** after 27.dxe5, a deeply strategic advantage, rather than a quick opening novelty.
- **Repertoire Reliability:** While he still plays sharp lines like the Sicilian Najdorf, he also employs solid, reliable structures like the QGD/Catalan with White and solid Slav/Semi-Slav lines with Black, ensuring he can handle all types of opposition and secure draws when necessary.

3. Consistency and Peak Performance

His maturation is most visible in his results since 2021. He moved from being a strong junior to ane stablished top Grandmaster:

- **Breaking 2700:** His consistent training allowed him to maintain and often surpass the critical 2700 Elo rating mark, achieving a peak rating of **2742** in late 2023, placing him firmly among thew orld's top 20 players.
- **Tournament Success:** His ability to perform consistently in top opens (like placing 3rd at the Grand Swiss and 5th at the Sharjah Masters) shows a maturity in handling pressure and maintaining high standards over long events.

In essence, Maghsoodloo started as a brilliant tactician, but he matured into a well-rounded professionalw ho combined that innate talent with an **unwavering work ethic** and deep, strategic preparation,a llowing him to contend with the absolute best in the world.

The Influences and Mentors of Parham Maghsoodloo

Parham Maghsoodloo (born 2000) is an Iranian chess Grandmaster and two-time World Junior Chess Champion (2018 and 2022). His aggressive and dynamic style has drawn comparisons to some of the game's greatest attacking players. His rise to the elite level is attributed to dedicated study, natural talent, and the guidance of key figures.

Key Chess Influences and Favorite Players

Maghsoodloo has frequently cited his admiration for players known for their sharp, tactical, and imaginative approach to the game.

- **Bobby Fischer:** Fischer's uncompromising fighting spirit and dedication to self-improvement are often cited by Maghsoodloo as highly inspirational. He admires Fischer's ability to simplify complex positions into winning endgames and his tactical sharpness.
- **Garry Kasparov:** Kasparov's immense energy, deep preparation, and aggressive style are highly valued by Maghsoodloo. The former World Champion's approach to seizing the initiative and relentlessly pressuring opponents aligns well with Maghsoodloo's own dynamic playing style.
- **Magnus Carlsen:** Like many modern players, Maghsoodloo has studied Carlsen's universal approach to the game, particularly his resilience and ability to win drawn or slightly better positions through sheer positional pressure.

Mentors and Coaches Who Shaped His Career

Maghsoodloo's transition from a promising junior to a world-class Grandmaster was facilitated by experienced Iranian and foreign trainers.

Mentor/Coach	Contribution	Period/Focus
Hossein Asgari	An Iranian international master and coach who was one of Maghsoodloo's first major trainers. He is credited with instilling a solid foundation of chess principles and a disciplined approach to study during his formative years.	Early Career
Grandmaster Zvulon Gofshtein	A Russian-Israeli Grandmaster who worked with Maghsoodloo for a significant period. Gofshtein helped refine his opening repertoire, deepen his understanding of positional play, and prepare him for international tournaments.	Junior Years to Grandmaster Title
Other National Coaches	Throughout his time with the Iranian national team, Maghsoodloo benefited from the expertise of several high-level coaches, including the support of the Iranian Chess Federation, which provided structured training camps and access to analysis tools.	National Team Competition

His victory at the 2018 World Junior Chess Championship, where he scored a dominant 9.5/11, truly marked his arrival on the world stage, showcasing the complete maturity of his tactical and positional

understanding honed by these influences and mentors.

Parham Maghsoodloo's Key Openings

As White (1. d4 and 1. Nf3 Systems)

Maghsoodloo is versatile but often prefers non-d4/e4 setups or reliable queen's pawn games.

- **Réti Opening / King's Indian Attack (KIA):** Maghsoodloo frequently employs setups starting with **1. Nf3** and/or **1. g3**. This offers him flexible, strategic games, often leading to Reversed King's Indian or King's Indian Attack structures (Source 1.1, 2.2).

- **Queen's Gambit Declined (QGD) / Catalan:** He often plays solid, mainline Queen's Gambit variations and the Catalan Opening when starting with **1. d4**, emphasizing central control and positional pressure (Source 2.2, 3.1). The game you have open, which he won to clinch the World Junior title, is a great example of his handling of the **Ragozin Variation** of the QGD.

- **English Opening:** Systems starting with **1. c4** are also a common choice, fitting his versatile and strategic style.

As Black (Against 1. e4 and 1. d4)

Maghsoodloo's Black repertoire is arguably more confrontational, featuring sharp, fighting defenses.

- **Sicilian Defense (Najdorf Variation):** This is his primary weapon against **1. e4** and is a classic choice for players seeking complicated, tactical positions. The Najdorf is one of the sharpest defenses in chess (Source 1.1, 3.5).

- **Queen's Gambit Declined (QGD):** Against **1. d4**, he is known for playing the QGD (like the Ragozin Variation seen in the file) or the **Slav/Semi-Slav Defense**, favoring positions with a clear, solid structure but retaining dynamic possibilities (Source 1.1).

- **Modern Defense / Pirc Defense:** He has also shown a willingness to adopt the more hypermodern and flexible **Modern Defense** (1. e4 g6) and **Pirc Defense** (1. e4 d6) (Source 3.1).

In summary, he balances solid positional play with White (Réti, QGD) with sharp, aggressive lines withB lack (Najdorf, Ragozin), making him an exciting and well-rounded player to follow!

Maghsoodloo, Parham (2649) - Vavulin, Maxim (2549)

FIDE World Junior Championship (Round 10, 2018) Result: 1-0 Opening: Queen's Gambit Declined, Ragozin Variation (D38)

This game sealed Parham Maghsoodloo's victory in the 2018 World Junior Championship, an event he dominated with an unbelievable score of $9.5/10$ leading into this round. Facing a solid opening, Maghsoodloo patiently built a central advantage before unleashing a sharp, decisive tactical sequence.

$$1.d4\ Nf6\ 2.c4\ e6\ 3.Nf3\ d5\ 4.Nc3\ Bb4$$

The Ragozin Defense. Black accepts the pressure but gains dynamic potential by challenging the $c4$ pawn and central control.

$$5.cxd5\ exd5\ 6.Bg5\ h6\ 7.Bxf6\ Qxf6\ 8.e3\ O-O$$

White has surrendered the Bishop pair but gained a solid central structure and the advantage of the Queen placement on $f6$. Black's position is flexible.

$$9.Bd3\ c6\ 10.O-O\ Nd7\ 11.a3\ Bd6\ 12.b4$$

A prophylactic move to control $c5$ and prepare for expansion on the Queenside, securing the knight on $c3$.

$$12...Qe7\ 13.Qb3\ a6\ 14.a4\ Nf6\ 15.b5\ axb5\ 16.axb5\ Bd7$$

White has achieved his Queenside objective: an open a-file for the rook and a protected $b5$ pawn, restricting Black's activity. The $d5$ pawn is stable.

$$17.Rfb1\ Ne4\ 18.bxc6\ bxc6\ 19.Qc2\ f5\ 20.h3$$

An important prophylactic move, preventing any $Ng4$ ideas and preparing a potential kingside pawn storm with $g4$.

$$20...Rxa1\ 21.Rxa1\ Rb8\ 22.Ne2\ g5$$

Vavulin correctly identifies that White's next expansion will be on the Kingside, so he launches a counter-attack. However, $g5$ weakens the dark squares around the King, which will prove fatal.

$$23.Ra7\ Rb7$$

Black tries to simplify by exchanging a pair of rooks, but White avoids this immediately.

$$24.Rxb7\ Qxb7\ 25.Bxe4$$

Eliminating the strong defensive knight and opening the position for White's pieces.

$$25...fxe4\ 26.Ne5\ Bxe5\ 27.dxe5$$

White has established a devastating pawn chain ($e5, d5, c4$) that completely dominates the center and suffocates Black. The $e4$ pawn is Black's only real hope for counterplay.

$$27...Kf7\ 28.Qc3\ Qb1+\ 29.Kh2$$

White secures the King and defends against the minor check. Black's Queen feels awkward on $b1$.

$$29...Qb8$$

Black retreats, preparing to challenge the central pawns with $Qe8$.

$$30.Nd4\ c5\ 31.Ne2\ Qb6\ 32.Ng3\ Be6$$

The position is tense. Black has managed to challenge the $d5$ pawn, but White's pieces are perfectly placed for the final attack.

$$33.Nh5\ Ke7$$

A critical moment. The Black King is exposed and passive. White now executes the winning tactical sequence.

$$34.Ng7!$$

$$34...c4$$

Black ignores the knight, prioritizing counterplay on the Queenside, but it's too late. The knight on $g7$ is deadly.

$$35.Nxe6\ Kxe6$$

$$36.Qd4\ Qxd4\ 37.exd4$$

The resulting endgame is completely winning for White. Maghsoodloo has a passed pawn on $e5$ and active pieces, while Black's King is cut off, and the $c4$ pawn is easily blockaded.

$$37...c3\ 38.Kg3\ c2\ 39.Kg4$$

The King walks straight towards the center and the passed pawn. A beautiful display of King activity!

$$39...Kf7\ 40.Kh5\ Kg7\ 41.e6!$$

A beautiful finale. The passed pawn is unstoppable. Black resigned, as the King cannot deal with $e7$ and $c1 = Q$ at the same time. **1-0**

Maghsoodloo, Parham (2695) vs. Firouzja, Alireza (2766)

FIDE Grand Swiss, Round 3, 2025

Opening: Sicilian Defense, Najdorf Variation (B90) **Result:** 1-0 (White wins)

This game is a brilliant demonstration of Maghsoodloo's tactical aggression. He maintains the initiative throughout the middlegame, exploiting the open position with dynamic piece play, culminating in a devastating queen sacrifice that leaves Black's king exposed and helpless.

$$1.e4c52.Nf3d63.d4cxd44.Nxd4Nf65.Nc3a66.a4e67.g3Be78.Bg2O-O9.O-OQc710.Re1$$

An aggressive and typical choice by Black (Firouzja), solidifying the center with the e5 pawn and fixing the pawn structure, which sets the stage for a sharp middlegame.

$$13.Qd3Be614.Be3Rfc815.a5h616.Red1b517.axb6Qc618.Ra4Bd819.Rb4a520.Rb5a421.Nd5$$

The positional skirmish has led to White (Maghsoodloo) winning the pawn on b6. Black's attempt to distract White's pieces with the a-pawn is a key factor in the upcoming complications.

$$24.Ra1Be725.Bf1Bd826.c4Bxb627.Bxb6Qxb628.Raa4Rcb829.Ra3Qc730.Raa4f5$$

This pawn push by Firouzja seems like an attempt to create counterplay on the kingside, but it dangerously weakens the king position and opens the crucial diagonals for White's pieces.

$$31.Ra7Qxa732.Rxb8+Rxb833.c5$$

The Critical Breakthrough! White sacrifices the c-pawn to tear open the center and create immediate threats against the black king. Engines confirm this move as the best way to leverage White's better piece coordination.

$$33...dxc534.d6Kh835.Qd5Qb736.Qxb7Rxb737.Ba6Ra738.Bc4a339.bxa3Rxa340.Bd5e4$$

Black tries to activate the passed pawn, but White's d-pawn is a massive problem.

$$41.Bxe4fxe442.Kg2Rd343.g4Rxd644.Kg3Rd3+45.Kh4g5+46.Kh5Kg7$$

A beautiful king hunt! White's King marches to h5, threatening the g5 pawn and putting immense pressure on the king's fortress.

$$47.h4gxh448.g5hxg549.f4exf350.Kxg5h351.Kf4Rd552.Kg3Rf553.Kh2Kf654.Kxh3Ke5$$

Black promotes, but it's too late. The tactical defense is not enough.

61. Kh2 Qh1+ 62. Kg3 Rd3+ 63. Kg4 Qg2+ 64. Kh4 Rd4+ 65. Kh5 Kf4 66. Kh6 Rd6+ 67. Kh7 Qg5 68. Kh8 Rd8+ 69. Kh7 Qh5#

1-0 White resigns. A spectacular mating finish that demonstrates Maghsoodloo's tactical vision and relentless pressure.

Grandmaster Parham Maghsoodloo's Advice for Chess Learners

Grandmaster Parham Maghsoodloo, known for his dynamic and aggressive style (as seen in the game against Firouzja), often emphasizes hard work, dedication, and intensive training as the path to chess improvement. His advice focuses heavily on preparation and commitment.

Key Principles for Improvement

1. **Work Ethic is Paramount (Intensive Training):** Maghsoodloo has famously shared that, especially during his preparation for the World Junior Championship, he often worked **7 to 10 hours a day**, and at times even up to **15 to 20 hours a day**. While he noted this intense schedule is not sustainable long-term, it highlights his belief that extraordinary dedication is necessary to reach elite levels. The core message is that consistent, intensive study yields results.
2. **Focus on Calculation and Defense:** When discussing specific skills, he advises players to dedicate serious effort to improving both their **calculation** depth and their **defensive** abilities. Chess is a game of errors, and being able to defend tough positions or calculate forcing lines accurately is crucial.
3. **Set High Goals:** He has stated that his only dream in chess is to become a **World Champion**. This mindset suggests that young players should aim for the highest possible targets and pursue their goals relentlessly without distraction.
4. **Analyze Your Own Games (Don't Miss Anything):** Maghsoodloo often attributes good results to not missing critical moments in his games. Thorough analysis of one's own practical play is key to identifying and correcting recurring mistakes.

In Summary

Parham Maghsoodloo's philosophy is rooted in **hard work and sacrifice**. For an aspiring chess player, his advice boils down to:

- Commit to a serious, consistent, and intensive training regimen.
- Prioritize sharpening your defensive skills and tactical calculation.
- Maintain a high level of ambition.

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
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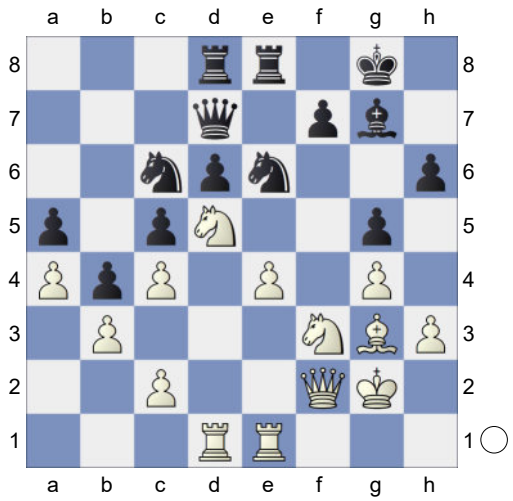
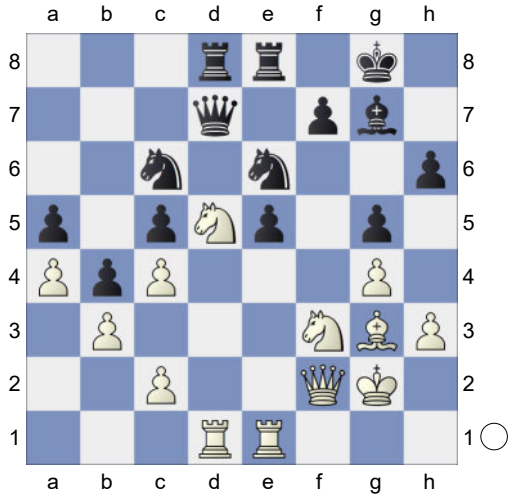
C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Nc3 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.a3
[RR 7.a4 b4 8.Nd5 0-0 9.Nxf6+ Bxf6 10.c3 Rb8 11.0-0 d6 12.a5 Ne7 13.d3 bxc3 14.bxc3 c5 15.Qc2 Nc6 16.Bd5 Qc7 17.Nd2 Rb5 18.Nc4 Nxa5 19.Nxa5 Rxa5 20.Rb1 Rb5 21.Bd2 Be6 Yurtaev,L (2552)-Peng,X (2657) Istanbul 2000 ½-½ (42)]
7...d6 8.d3 0-0 9.0-0 Rb8N
[RR 9...Bg4 10.Be3 Nd4 11.Bxd4 exd4 12.Nd5 Nd7 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 Bg6 15.Nxd4 Nb8 16.Qf3 c6 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Qg3 c5 19.Bd5 Ra7 20.Ne2 Kh8 21.f4 f6 22.f5 Bf7 23.Bxf7 Rxf7 24.Nf4 Sychev,K (2532)-Tologontegin,S (2337) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (77)]
[RR 9...Bg4 10.Bg5 Nd4 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Bd5 Rb8 13.Nb1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qe7 15.Kh1 Bh4 16.c3 Ne6 17.Bxe6 Qxe6 18.Qe2 f5 19.Nd2 f4 20.Rg1 Rf6 21.Rg4 Rh6 22.Rag1 g6 23.R4g2 Be7 24.Qd1 Lopez,R-Lopez,F Spain 1996 0-1 (39)]
[RR 9...Bb7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Nb8 12.Re1 Nbd7 13.d4 Re8 14.Qd2 c5 15.dxc5 dxc5 16.Bg3 Bf8 17.Rad1 Qc7 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Bxd5 20.Qxd5 Rad8 21.Bh4 Nf6 22.Qb3 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Nxe4 24.Re1 Kim,A (1185)-De Souza,E (1543) Caioba 2019 0-1 (45)]
10.Be3
[10.h3 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Nd5 Nc6 13.c3 h6 14.b4 Re8 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Be3 Qe7 17.Bd5 Bb7 18.Qd2 Rec8 19.Rfc1 a5 20.Nh2 Ra8 21.Ng4 Nd8 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Bxb7 Nxb7 24.Rab1 axb4 ½-½ (38) Medic,R (2126)-B3,F (2383) 458 Linz 2015 (4)]
10...a5N
[10...Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Nd5 c4 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.h3 Be6 16.b4 Rfc8 17.c3 cxd3 18.Qxd3 Bxa2 19.Rxa2 d5 20.Nd2 Qe6 21.Raa1 Ne7 22.Bc5 Ng6 23.Rad1 Rd8 24.Qf3 h6 25.Rfe1 (41) Chapter Games-Games Chapter Games Rd7 26.Qf5 Qc6 27.exd5 Rxd5 28.Nf3 Rbd8 29.Qc2 Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 31.Qxd1 Ne4 32.Qd8+ Kh7 33.Qb6 Qxb6 34.Bxb6 Nxc3 35.Nd2 Nf4 36.h4 Kg6 37.f3 Kf5 38.Kf2 Nd3+ 39.Kf1 h5 40.Be3 0-1 (41) Leko,P (2708)-Carlsen,M (2850) EU-chT (Men) 20th 2015 (6.1) Ke6 41.g3 Kd5 0-1 Annakov,B (2708)-Molina,R (2850) EU-chT (Men) 2003 (6.1)]
11.a4 b4 White has an edge. **12.Ne2** 0.01/18
[12.Nd5± 0.39/19]
12...Be6 13.Ng3 Qd7 14.h3 h6 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bc4 -0.22/19
[16.d4 0.22/18 feels stronger. Bxb3 17.cxb3]
16...Bxc4= 17.dxc4 Bf8 18.Qd3 g6 19.Rad1 Qe6 20.b3 Nd8 21.Nd2 c5 22.Ne2 Nh5 0.66/21
[Black should play 22...Nc6= -0.07/19]
23.g4!± Nf6 24.f4 exf4 25.Nxf4 Qd7 26.Nd5 Nh7 27.Bf4 0.01/18
[27.e5± 0.58/20 Rxe5 28.Ne4]
27...Nc6!= 28.Nf3 e5 poses a challenge

28...Rbd8 1.23/20
[28...Bg7= 0.04/20]
29.Qe3 0.28/21 White has more active pieces.
[29.e5± 1.23/20]
29...g5 30.Bg3 Bg7 31.Kg2 Nf8 0.62/20
[31...Re6= 0.01/19]
32.Qf2± Ne6 1.33/23
[32...Qc8± 0.51/21]



33.e5!↑ Black is under strong pressure.
33...dxe5



34.Nf6+! Discovered Attack **34...Bxf6**
35.Rxd7
[35.Nxe5? Qb7 *(35...Qxd1? 36.Rxd1 Bxe5 37.Rxd8-+)* 36.Rxd8 Ncxd8+-+]
35...Rxd7 36.Nd2
[36.Bxe5? Nxe5 37.Nxe5 Nf4+-+]
[36.Nxe5 Bxe5 37.Bxe5 Rde7∓ *(37...Nxe5 38.Rxe5 Nf4+ 39.Qxf4±)*]
36...Bg7 0.96/19
[36...Red8= -0.01/18 remains equal. 37.Ne4 Be7]
37.Ne4 Red8 38.h4
[38.Nxc5? Rd2 39.Re2 Rxe2 40.Qxe2 Nxc5-+]
38...Nf4+? 2.77/19
[38...Rd4± 1.15/20]
39.Kh2? 0.94/20
[39.Bxf4+- 2.77/19 exf4 40.hxg5 *(40.Qxc5 Nd4±)*]
39...h5? 3.05/21
[39...Nd4± 0.94/20]
40.gxh5+-
[40.Qxc5 Nd4±]
[40.Nxg5? Rd2 *(40...hxg4? 41.Bxf4 exf4 42.Qxf4+-)* 41.gxh5 Rxf2+-+]
[40.hxg5 hxg4 41.Bxf4 *(41.Nxc5? Rd2-+* Pin*; 41.Qxc5 Nd4±)* 41...exf4]
40...g4? 4.62/20
[40...Nxh5 2.74/19 is a better defense. 41.hxg5 *(41.Nxg5 Nd4±)* 41...Nd4]
41.h6 Deflection
[41.Nxc5? Rd2 42.Ne4 Rxf2+-+]
[Less strong is 41.Qxc5 Nd4 42.Rf1 *(42.Qxa5 Nf3+ 43.Kh1 Rd1-+* Pin *)* 42...f5±]
41...Bxh6 6.70/22
[41...f5 3.56/19 42.hxg7 *(42.Nxc5? Rd2-+* Pin*; 42.Qxc5 Nd4=)* 42...fxe4 43.Bxf4 *(43.Qxc5 Nd4=; 43.Rxe4? Rd2-+* Pin *)* 43...exf4 44.Qxf4 *(44.Rxe4? g3+-+)* 44...Nd4 45.Rxe4 *(45.Qxg4 Nf3+ 46.Kh3 Nxe1=)* 45...Rxg7]
42.Nf6+ White is clearly winning.
[42.Nxc5? too greedy. Rd2 43.Ne4

Rxf2+-+]
42...Kg7 43.Nxd7 Rxd7 44.Qxc5 Rd2+ 45.Kh1 Ng2 46.Qxc6 Nxe1 47.Bxe5+ Kh7 48.Qe4+ Kg8 49.Qxe1 Rxc2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.98
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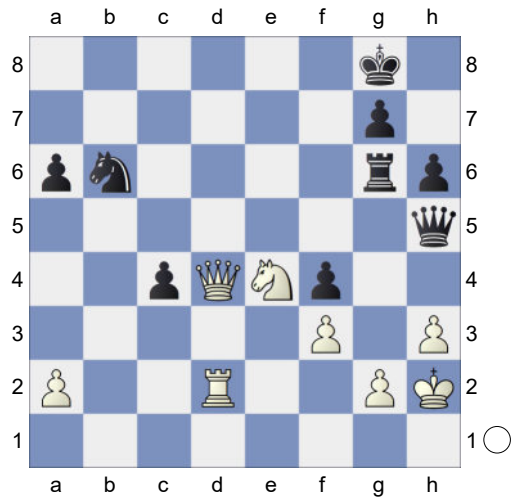
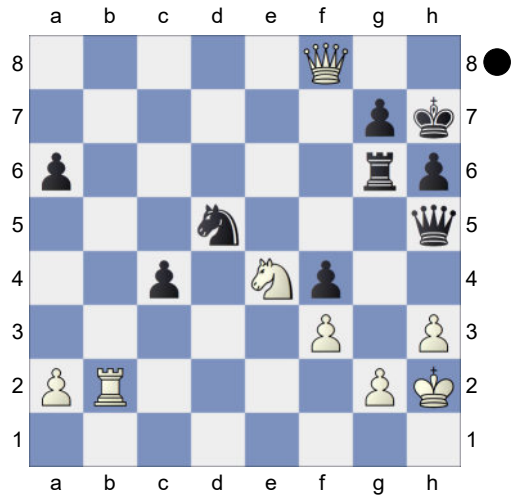
E48: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 including 6 Ne2, but excluding 6 a3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 Re8N
[5...c5 6.Nf3
A) 6...d5 7.cxd5 *(7.0-0 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nc6 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.a3 cxd4 11.exd4 Be7 12.Re1 Rc8 13.Bb1 Re8 14.Qd3 g6 15.Ba2 a6 16.Bh6 Qa5 17.d5 exd5 18.Nxd5 Bf5 19.Rxe7 Rxe7 20.Nxf6+ Kh8 21.Qd2 Be6* 1-0 (30) Gligoric,S-Pomar Salamanca,A (ol) 17/606 Nice 1974 *)* 7...cxd4 8.exd4 exd5 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Bg5 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qd6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.g4 Bg6 15.Ne5 Qd6 16.Rb1 b6 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Qa4 Rc8 19.Rfe1 Nc6 20.Re3 Nxe5 21.dxe5 1-0 (41) Eljanov,P (2695)-Sarana,A (2693) AI Cup Div 2 W rapid 2023 (1.3);
B) 6...b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Ne4 10.Ne1 f5 11.f3 Nd6 12.a4 Nc6 13.Nc2 Na5 14.Na3 a6 15.Rb1 Rc8 16.d5 e5 17.Rb2 Rb8 18.e4 f4 19.g3 Bc8 20.Qe1 ½-½ (61) Lim,H (2660)-Grankin,F (2695) World Team Ch., Lucerne 1993 (9) g5 21.Rg2 Kh8 22.h4 Nf7 23.hxg5 Nxg5 24.gxf4 Nh3+ 25.Kh2 Nxf4 26.Bxf4 Rxf4 27.Qg3 Qh4+ 28.Qxh4 Rxh4+ 29.Kg3 Rf4 30.Rh1 d6 31.Rh6 Bd7 32.Rgh2 Rf7 33.Rxd6 Bxa4 34.Rh5 Bd7 35.Rxe5 ½-½ (61) Lautier,J (2660)-Gelfand,B (2695) Credit Suisse 1997 (9)]
6.Nge2 d5 7.0-0 b6
[RR 7...Nbd7 8.a3 Bf8 9.b4 a5 10.b5 dxc4 11.Bxc4 c5 12.bxc6 bxc6 13.e4 c5 14.e5 Ng4 15.Bf4 cxd4 16.Qxd4 Bc5 17.Qe4 Rb8 18.Bb5 Bb7 19.Qa4 Nb6 20.Qc2 Rf8 21.Bd3 Nd5 22.Rad1 Aleksandrov,A (2574)-Dubov,D (2703) Moscow 2019 ½-½ (63)]
8.Qc2 Ba6N
[RR 8...Bb7 9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.b3 Bd6 11.h3 a6 12.Nf4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Be2 Qe7 16.Bb2 Ng6 17.Ncd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Qg5 19.Bf3 Rab8 20.e4 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Qf4 22.Rf5 Qh2+ 23.Kf1 Sipila,M (1958)-Nyysti,S (2332) Lahti 2024 1-0 (49)]
[RR 8...Bb7 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Nb5 c6 11.Nbc3 Nbd7 12.Ng3 Nf8 13.Bd2 Ne6 14.Rac1 Bf8 15.Nce2 Qd7 16.Qa4 g6 17.Bb4 Bg7 18.Ba6 h5 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Qxc6 Qa6 21.Nc3 h4 22.Nge2 h3 23.Bd6 Golenia,J (2220)-Fritz,A (2042) Wroclaw 2025 1-0 (32)]
9.cxd5 The position is equal. **9...Bxd3 10.Qxd3** dxe6 is the strong threat. **10...exd5 11.Bd2 c6 12.Rac1 Bd6 13.f3 c5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Rfd1 Nc6**

16.Be1 c4 17.Qd2 Nb4 18.Bh4 Bc5 19.Nd4 Nd3 20.Rc2 Bxd4 21.exd4 Qb6↑ Black is really pushing. **22.Bf2 Re6** -0.36/20 Black has more active pieces.
[22...Qe6∓ -0.98/19]
23.b3 -1.13/21 **Rae8** -0.50/20
[23...cxb3∓ -1.13/21 24.axb3 Nxf2 25.Qxf2 Qxb3]
24.bxc4 -1.77/20
[24.Na4∓ -0.50/20 Qb8 25.Nc5 *(25.bxc4 dxc4 26.Qa5 Qd6∓)* 25...Nxf2 26.Qxf2]
24...dxc4-+ 25.h3 Qc6 26.Rb1 a6 -1.23/20
[26...Qd7-+ -1.66/20 27.Kh1 Rb6]
27.Qd1 -1.99/22
[27.Qg5∓ -1.23/20 h6 28.Qd2]
27...Nd5 A dynamic duo of knights.
28.Ne4 -2.96/19
[⌓28.Qd2 -1.79/19]
28...Nxf2 29.Rxf2 f5 30.Nc5 Rg6 -1.00/20
[30...Re3-+ -2.52/21 aiming for ...Nc3. 31.Qf1 c3]
31.Qc2 -1.44/18 Prevents Nc3.
[⌓31.Rc1 -1.00/20]
31...Ne3!∓ 32.Qc3 f4 33.Ne4 h6 34.Kh1 Qd5 -1.18/20
[34...Rd8-+ -1.65/19 35.Rd2 Kh7]
35.Rfb2 -2.07/21
[35.Qb2∓ -1.18/20]
35...Qh5-+ 36.Kh2 -6.18/20
[36.Rg1∓ -1.31/21]
36...Ree6? -1.25/19
[36...Rxe4-+ -6.18/20 is more deadly. 37.fxe4 Rg3]
37.Rd2? -5.35/19
[37.Re1∓ -1.25/19]
37...Rc6? 0.01/20
[Black should play 37...Rxe4-+ -5.35/19 38.fxe4 Rg3]
38.d5!= Nxd5 6.01/21
[38...Rb6= 0.01/19 39.Rxb6 Rxb6]
39.Qd4? -0.01/21
[39.Qa5+- 6.01/21]
39...Rb6? 5.96/23
[Not 39...Ne3? 40.Rb8+ Kh7 41.Qd8+-]
[39...Nb6!= -0.01/21 and Black stays safe.]
40.Rxb6+-
[40.Qxd5+ Qxd5 41.Rxb6 Qf5∓]
40...Nxb6



41.Qd8+! Kh7 42.Qf8 Nd5 43.Rb2? -1.30/23
[Better is 43.Qc5+- 5.86/23]

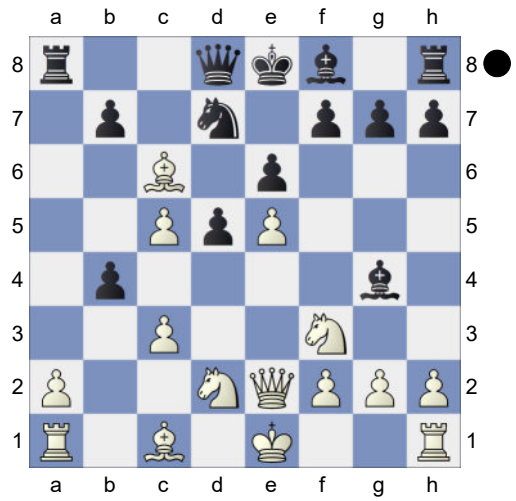


43...Ne3!∓ 44.Qxf4 Nd5 45.Qf8 -22.78/17

[45.Qb8∓ -1.05/20]
What a fight!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.61
45...Qe5+
0-1

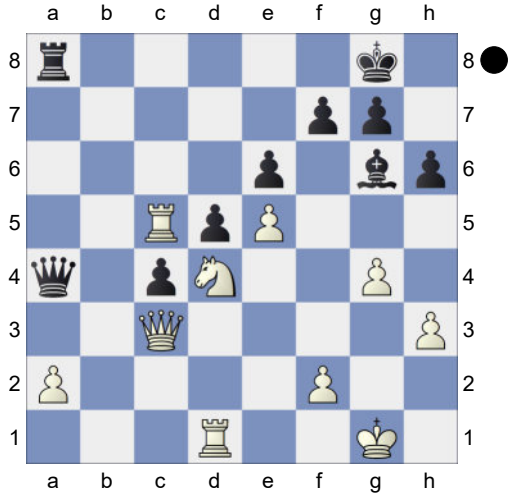
3 **B12**
□ **Gokerkan,Cem Kaan** **2502**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
Titled Tue 18th Nov 2025 blitz (7)
[Kitty Kat]*

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.dxc5 e6 6.Bb5+ Nd7 Black is weak on the dark squares **7.b4 Ne7**
[RR 7...a5 8.c3 Ne7 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nc6 11.Qf4 axb4 12.cxb4 g5 13.Qd2 Bg7 14.Bb2 Ndxe5 15.a4 0-0 16.0-0 Nc4 17.Bxc4 dxc4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Ra3 Qxd2 20.Nxd2 Nxb4 21.Nxc4 Nc2 22.Ra2 Aditya,M (2547)-Maghsoodloo,P (2706) Sharjah 2025 ½-½ (32)]
8.Nbd2 White is better. **8...a5 9.c3 Nc6 10.Qe2N**
[10.0-0!?]
[RR 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 axb4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.cxb4 Qb8 14.a3 Nxe5 15.0-0 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 Be7 17.Bb2 Kf8 18.Rfe1 Qc8 19.Re3 h5 20.Qg3 Rh7 21.Rae1 Qd8 22.Rf3 Bf6 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Qf4 f5 De Boer,E (2395)-Albers,S (2269) Karlsruhe 2024 ½-½ (74)]
[RR 10.Qb3 Be7 11.h3 Bh5 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 Qc7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.a4 Rfb8 16.Qa3 f6 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Bb2 e5 19.bxa5 e4 20.Nd4 Ne5 21.N2b3 Nc4 22.Qa2 Bxd4 23.cxd4 Qb7 24.Nd2 Nxd2 Savitha Shri,B (2293)-Akbas,K (2070) Izmir 2025 0-1 (37)]
[RR 10.Qc2 Qc7 11.0-0 axb4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.cxb4 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Bb2 Qf4 16.Qc3 Be7 17.Qxg7 Kd7 18.Qc3 Rhg8 19.g3 Qf5 20.a4 Bg5 21.f4 Be7 22.b5 Be2 23.Rf2 Qd3 24.Qb4 cxb5 Pranav,A (2603)-Petkov,M (2525) Eforie Nord 2025 0-1 (36)]
10...axb4N 11.Bxc6



Remove Defender **11...bxc6 12.cxb4 Be7! 13.h3 Bh5 14.0-0 0-0** 1.04/19
[14...Nxe5± 0.41/20 15.Bb2 *(15.Qxe5 Bxf3 16.Nxf3 Bf6∓)* 15...Nxf3+ 16.Nxf3 0-0]
15.Bb2 0.21/21
[15.Qe3± 1.04/19]
15...Qb8= 16.Bc3 g4 poses a challenge **16...Ra3** 0.81/19
[16...d4!= 0.18/21 17.Bxd4 Qxb4]
17.Bb2 -0.35/22
[White should try 17.Qe3± 0.81/19]
17...Qxb4∓ 18.Bxa3 Qxa3 19.Nb3 -0.83/20
[19.Rfc1!= -0.06/20]
19...Nxc5 -0.22/20 Black is more active.
[19...Bxf3!∓ -0.83/20 20.gxf3 Bg5]
20.Nxc5= Bxc5 21.Rac1 -1.02/22
[21.Rab1= -0.28/21 keeps the

balance.]
21...Ra8 0.44/21
[21...Bg6∓ -1.02/22 22.Rfe1 h6]
22.Rfd1 -1.32/19
[22.Qc2± 0.44/21 was the only good move. Ra5 23.Nd2]
22...h6 0.08/22
[22...Qxa2? 23.Qxa2 Rxa2 24.Rxc5+-]
[22...Bg6∓ -1.32/19 ...Rc8! would now be deadly. 23.Nh4 Be4 *(23...Qxa2? 24.Qxa2 Rxa2 25.Rxc5+-)*]
23.Qd3 -1.04/22
[23.Qc2= 0.08/22 Bxf3 24.gxf3]
23...Qa7∓ Black has strong compensation. Loses the game. **24.Qc2** -2.46/22
[24.Qd2∓ -0.94/19 was called for.]
24...Ba3-+ 25.Rb1 c5 26.Rb5 c4 27.g4 -4.30/21
[⌓27.Qc3 -2.82/20]
27...Bg6 28.Qc3 Bc5 Black is clearly winning.
[Don't do 28...Qa4 29.Rdb1 Bf8 *(29...Bxb1? 30.Rxb1 Bc5 31.Kg2-+)* 30.Kg2-+]
29.Nd4 -6.57/19
[⌓29.Qb2 -4.27/19]
29...Qa4 30.Rxc5



Strongly threatening Ra1. **30...Qxd1+**
31.Kg2 Rxa2 -8.52/22
[⌓31...Be4+ -20.67/21 32.Nf3 d4 *(32...Rxa2? 33.Kg3-+)* 33.Rxc4 dxc3 34.Rxe4 Rxa2]
32.Rc8+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=0.47
32...Kh7
0-1

4 **E49**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
■ **Wei Yi** **2753**
FIDE World Cup 2025 (4.7) 13.11.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

E53: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line (4...0-0 5 Nf3 d5 6 Bd3 c5 7 0-0)
1.d4 Ftacnik,Lubomir **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 c5 9.Nf3 Qc7 10.Be2 b6 11.Bb2 cxd4**
[RR 11...Bb7 12.0-0
A) RR 12...Nc6 13.c4 *(RR 13.dxc5 Na5 14.cxb6 Qxb6 15.Ra2 Rfd8 16.Qa4 Bc6 17.Qb4 Bd5 18.Raa1 Rab8 19.c4 Bxc4 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Bxc4 Qxb4 22.axb4 Nxc4 23.Nd4)* 13...Rfd8 *(RR 13...Rad8 14.Re1 Ne7 15.Qb3 Ng4 16.g3 Nf6 17.Rad1 Nc6 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.Qc2)* 14.Rc1 Na5 *(RR 14...Rac8 15.Re1 Ne7 16.Ne5 Ng6 17.Nd3 Qe7 18.Bf1 h5 19.Qe2 h4 20.f3)* 15.Nd2 Rac8 16.Re1 h6 17.Bd3 Qe7 18.Qe2 Nc6 19.Nf3 Na5 20.Nd2 Nc6 21.Nf3 Na5 22.Nd2;
B) 12...Nbd7 13.c4 *(RR 13.h3 Rfd8 14.a4 Rac8 15.a5 h6 16.axb6 axb6 17.Ra7 Ra8 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.c4 Rc8*

20.Qb3) 13...Rac8 *(*RR *13...Ng4 14.d5 exd5 15.cxd5 Ngf6 16.d6;* RR *13...Rfe8 14.Nd2 Rad8 15.Re1 Nf8 16.Bf1 Ng6 17.a4 a5 18.Ra3 Rd7 19.h3 Red8 20.Qa1)* 14.Rc1 *(*RR *14.Nd2 Rfd8 15.Re1 Nf8 16.a4 Ng6 17.Bf1 Nh4 18.Qe2 cxd4 19.exd4 Qd6 20.Qd3 Qf4 21.Qe3)* 14...Rfd8 15.Qb3 Ng4 16.g3 *(*RR *16.d5 exd5 17.cxd5 Ndf6 18.Qc3 Bxd5)* 16...Ngf6 17.Rfd1 Ne4 18.Ne1 *(*RR *18.Nd2 Nxd2 19.Rxd2 Nf6 20.f3)*

B1) RR 18...Ndf6 19.Bf1 *(* RR *19.f3 Nxg3 20.hxg3 Qxg3+ 21.Kf1 Be4 22.fxe4 Nxe4 23.Nd3 e5 24.Bh5 Rd6 25.Rc2 Rf6+)* 19...h5 20.Bg2 h4 21.Qc2;

B2) 18...Nd6 19.d5 *(* RR *19.Ng2 Nf6 20.Nf4;* RR *19.Nd3 cxd4 20.Bxd4 Nxc4)* 19...exd5 20.cxd5 c4 21.Qc2 *(*RR *21.Qc3 Nf6 22.Ng2)* 21...b5

B2a) RR 22.e4 Re8

B2a1) RR 23.f3 f5 24.exf5 *(*RR *24.Qc3 Qb6+ 25.Kf1 Re7)* 24...Nxf5;

B2a2) 23.Qc3 f6 24.f3 Qb6+ 25.Kf1 Nc5;

B2b) RR 22.Bg4 a5 23.Bc3 Ra8 24.Nf3 h6;

B2c) 22.Ng2 Nc5 23.Nf4 Qe7 *(*RR *23...Re8 24.Bf3 a5)* 24.Bg4

B2c1) RR 24...Rb8 25.e4 Ndxe4 26.Bf5 Bc8 *(* RR *26...Nf6 27.Re1)* 27.Bxc8 Rbxc8 28.Re1;

B2c2) 24...Rc7

B2c21) RR 25.Re1 Nde4 *(*RR *25...Bc8 26.Bxc8 Rcxc8 27.e4)* 26.f3 Nf6;

B2c22) 25.Qc3 f5 *(* RR *25...f6 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Qc2 Bc8 28.Bc3)* 26.Bf3 Carlsen,M (2837)-Anand,V (2782) Riadh 2017 CBM 213 [Ftacnik, Lubomir] 0-1 (34)RR 26...Nde4 *(*RR *26...Na4 27.Qc2 Nxb2 28.Qxb2)* 27.Qb4 a6 28.h4]

[RR 11...Bb7 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Re1 Nc6 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Bf1 Ne7 16.Ne5 Nd7 17.Nxd7 Rxd7 18.Qg4 Qc6 19.f3 Kf8 20.c4 f6 21.Bd3 h6 22.d5 exd5 23.cxd5 Rxd5 24.Be4 Qd7 25.Bxd5 Qxg4 26.fxg4 Maghsoodloo,P (2733)-Muradli,M (2561) Sharjah 2024 1-0 (91)]

12.cxd4 Ba6 The position is equal.

13.Ne5N

[13.0-0 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nbd7 15.e4 Rfc8 16.Rfc1 Qb7 17.Re1 b5 18.Rab1 a5 D3) 10.Be2 #1-7c) Rubinstein Variation - Th Playing the Nimzo-Indian (13.43)]

[RR 13.0-0 Qb7 14.Ne5 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Rc8 16.Rfc1 Nbd7 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.e4 Rxc1+ 19.Rxc1 Rc8 20.Rxc8+ Qxc8 21.f3 h6 22.Qd3 Qc6 23.Kf2 Qc7 24.g3 Qc6 25.Qc3 Qb5 26.Qb4 Qd3 27.Qc3 Qb5 Chen,Y (2300)-Zhai,M (2348) Fuling 2024 ½-½]

[RR 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.Qa4 Qb7 15.0-0 Rac8 16.Rfc1 Nb8 17.Ne5 Nfd7 18.Nc4 Rc6 19.Rc3 Nf6 20.Qb5 Qc7 21.Rcc1 Rc8 22.Nd2 h6 23.a4 Qd7 24.Qb3 Qd5 25.Rxc6 Nxc6 26.Rc1 Qxb3 27.Nxb3 Ne7 Sabuk,P (2310)-Kowalski,I (2407) Karlsruhe 2025 0-1 (72)]

[RR 13.0-0 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nbd7

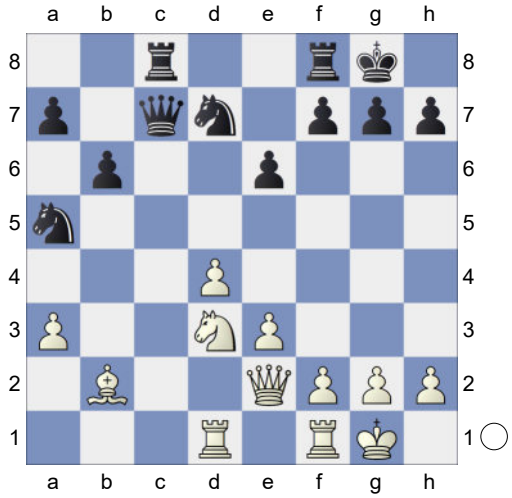
15.e4 Rfc8 16.Rfc1 Qb7 17.Re1 Rc7 18.Rad1 Rac8 19.Rd2 Rc4 20.Qd3 h6 21.h3 b5 22.Rde2 a5 23.Nd2 Rc2 24.Nf1 Rxe2 25.Rxe2 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Nd2 ½-½ (27) Sevian,S (2684)-Narayanan,S (2661) Jermuk 2023]

13...Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nfd7 0.39/18

[14...Nbd7= -0.01/20 is more appropriate.]

15.Nd3 Nc6 16.0-0 Rac8 17.Rad1 Na5 0.88/19

[17...Rfd8= 0.16/19]



18.d5!± e5 19.f4 Nc4 20.fxe5

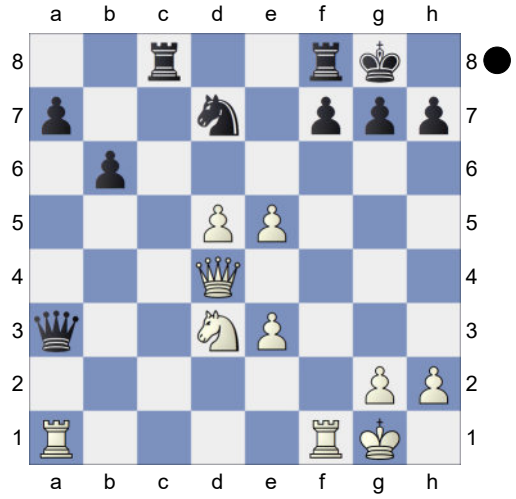
[20.Nxe5 Ncxe5 21.fxe5 Nxe5 22.d6]

20...Nxb2 21.Qxb2 Qc4 1.66/21

[Black should play 21...Qc3!± 0.52/19]

22.Qd4+- Qb3 23.Rb1 Qxa3 24.Ra1

(Diagram)



Deflection **24...Qb3 25.Rfb1** 1.25/21

[Better is 25.Rxa7+- 1.91/20 Rc4 26.Qa1 Qxd3 27.Rxd7 Qxe3+ 28.Kh1]

25...Qc2± 26.Nb4 Qg6 27.Nc6 Rfe8 28.e4? 0.08/21

[28.Nxa7? Rc2 29.g4 Nxe5-+]

[28.Rc1+- 1.62/18 Kh8 29.Rc3 *(29.Nxa7 Rxc1+ 30.Rxc1 Nc5±; 29.Rxa7 Nxe5* Pin *30.Rf1 Nxc6=)*]

28...Qg5 0.62/21 Inhibits Ne7+.

[28...Nb8= 0.08/21 29.Nb4 *(29.Rxa7 Nxc6 30.dxc6 Rxc6∓; 29.Nxa7? Rc2-+)* 29...Qg5]

29.h4

[29.Nxa7? Rc2-+ *(29...Qxe5? 30.Qxe5 Nxe5 31.Nxc8+-)*]

29...Qg3 30.e6 0.01/22

[Reject 30.Rxa7?! Nxe5 31.Rf1 *(31.Qxb6?* too greedy. *Nf3+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *32.Kf1 Nd2+ 33.Kg1 Nxb1-+)* 31...f6∓ *(31...Nxc6 32.dxc6 Rxc6 33.Raxf7∓; 31...Ng4 32.Rfxf7 Qh2+ 33.Kf1=)*]

[30.Rc1!± 0.57/20 Qxh4 *(30...Nxe5? 31.Nxe5 Rxc1+ 32.Rxc1+-)* 31.d6 *(31.Nxa7 Rxc1+ 32.Rxc1 Qf4∓; 31.Rxa7 Qg5±)*]

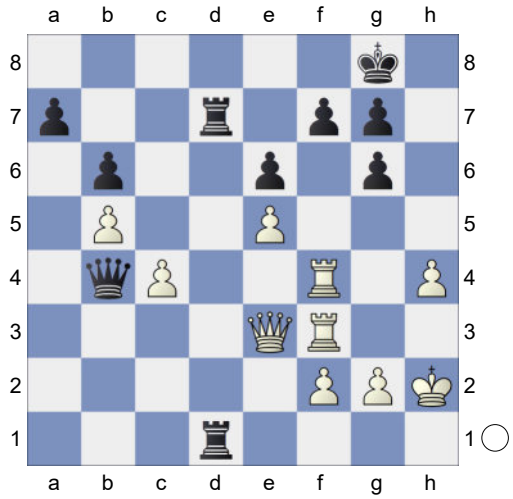
30...fxe6= Threatens to win with ...Nf6.

31.Rxa7
[31.Rc1 Nc5 32.Rc3 Qg4 33.Rxa7 Ra8 34.Rca3]
31...Rc7
[31...Ra8 32.dxe6 Ne5 33.Ne7+ Kh8]
32.Rxc7
[32.Ne7+ Rxe7 33.Rxc7 Qxc7 34.d6]
32...Qxc7 33.e5
[33.Ne7+ feels hotter. Rxe7 34.d6 Qc2 35.dxe7 Qxb1+ 36.Kh2]
33...Nc5 34.Rf1 Qd7 35.Nb4 exd5! 36.Nxd5 Rd8 37.Rd1 and Nf6+! would now be decisive **37...Kh8 38.Qc4 Qe6 39.Qd4**
[39.Qf1 simplifies Qxe5 40.Nxb6 Rxd1 41.Qxd1 Ne6 42.Qa4]
39...h6 40.h5 Qf7 41.g4? -7.20/21
[41.Qc4∓ -0.65/22]
41...Qf3-+ Black is clearly winning.
42.Rd2 Qg3+ 43.Rg2 Qe1+ 44.Kh2 Ne6 45.Qxb6 Qxe5+ 46.Rg3 Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
46...Rxd5
0-1

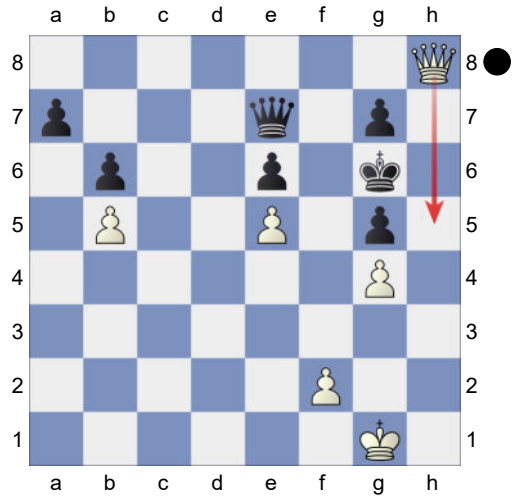
5 **B13**
□ **Wei Yi** **2753**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
FIDE World Cup 2025 (4.4) 13.11.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 e6 6.Nf3
[6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Nf3 Nge7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 Ng6 11.g3 Bd7 12.Nbd2 Rac8 13.h4 Rfd8 14.Nf1 Nf8 15.Ne3 Be8 16.h5 h6 17.Ng2 f6 18.Nfh4 e5 19.Nf5 Qd7 20.Qg4 Kh8 1-0 (36) Puranik,A (2618)-Vlachos,A (2479) Cappelle op 40th 2024 (5)]
6...Bd6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Re1 White is slightly better. **8...0-0N**
[8...Qc7 9.b3 *(9.Nbd2 f6 10.c4 0-0 11.a3 dxc4 12.Nxc4 Bf4 13.b4 Nd5 14.Qc2 g6 15.g3 Bxc1 16.Raxc1 Nce7 17.Qe2 Qd8 18.h4 Nf5* The Exchange Variation-N,N 2019*)* 9...Bd7 10.c4 Bb4 11.Re2 a6 12.a3 Ba5 13.c5 Qb8 14.h4 h6 15.b4 Bc7 16.Nc3 g5 17.b5 axb5 18.Nxb5 f6 19.Rb1 g4 20.Ne1 g3 21.Reb2 gxf2+ 22.Rxf2 Bh2+ 23.Kh1 1-0 (56) Zupanc,M (2630)-Jimenez Villena,F (2628) Gibraltar 2009 (5)]
9.b3
[RR 9.Ng5 Nf5 10.Qh5 h6 11.Nf3 g6 12.Qh3 h5 13.Ne5 Bxe5 14.dxe5 f6 15.Bxf5 exf5 16.Qg3 Kh7 17.exf6 Qxf6 18.Bg5 f4 19.Qh4 Qf5 20.Nd2 Qg4 21.Nf3 Qxh4 22.Nxh4 Bd7 23.Rad1 Rae8 Wei,Y (2758)-Gukesh, D (2787) Stavanger 2025 1-0 (56)]
9...Ng6 10.Ba3 Nce7N
[RR 10...Bxa3 11.Nxa3 Qa5 12.Qc1 Bd7 13.Qb2 Rac8 14.Re3 Nce7 15.c4 dxc4 16.bxc4 Rfd8 17.Ne5 Nc6 18.Nxg6 hxg6 19.Be4 Qb6 20.Qxb6 axb6 21.d5 Na5 22.Rd1 Re8 23.h3 Nxc4 24.Nxc4 Rxc4 25.dxe6 Ubiennykh,E (2125)-Voit,D (2356) Khanty-Mansiysk 2024 0-1 (57)]
[RR 10...a6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.a4 Bd7 13.Nbd2 f6 14.b4 Nf4 15.Bf1 a5 16.b5 Ne7 17.g3 Nfg6 18.c4 b6 19.Qb3 Rfc8 20.Rac1 dxc4 21.Nxc4 Qb8 22.Bh3 Nf8 23.Qa3 Nd5 24.Qd6 Qxd6 25.Nxd6 Balint,P

(2354)-Fus,J (2438) Balatonlelle 2025 ½-½ (31)]
[RR 10...a6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.Qd3 Qf4 14.Nbd2 Bd7 15.b4 Rfc8 16.a4 b6 17.Re3 Qf5 18.Qe2 Qc2 19.Ne1 Qb2 20.Qd1 Ne7 21.Nd3 Qxc3 22.Nc5 Qxd4 23.Nxd7 Nf5 24.Re1 Rc7 25.Ne5 Solodovnichenko,Y (2507)-Vlachos,A (2443) Cap d'Agde 2023 ½-½ (39)]
11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.a4 Bd7 13.Na3 Rac8 14.c4 dxc4 15.bxc4 b6 0.44/18
[15...Bc6= 0.05/18 should be considered.]
16.Nb5± Qb8 17.Ne5 -0.22/21
[17.g3± 0.56/17]
17...Rfd8= 18.Qf3 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Bxb5 20.axb5 Ng6 21.Bxg6 hxg6 22.Re4 Rc5 23.Qe2 Rd7 24.h4 Qd8 25.Ra3 Rd1+ 26.Kh2 Rd2 27.Qe3 Rc7 28.Qf4 Rcd7 29.Rf3 Qe7 30.Qe3 Qb4 31.Ref4 Rd1



32.Rxf7! Decoy **32...Rxf7 33.Rxf7** Remove Defender **33...Kxf7** The position is equal. **34.Qf3+ Ke8 35.Qxd1 Qxc4** Endgame KQ-KQ **36.Qd6** and Qb8+ should not be overlooked **36...Qxh4+ 37.Kg1 Qe7 38.Qb8+ Kf7 39.Qc8 g5 40.g4 Qe8 41.Qc7+ Kg6 42.Qc6 Qe7**
[Not 42...Qxc6? 43.bxc6 Kf7 44.c7+-]
43.Qc2+
[43.Qh1!? Kf7□ 44.Qf3+ Kg8 45.Qc6=]
43...Kf7 44.Qc8 Repels Qd7 **44...Kg6 45.Qh8**



Kf7 46.Qc8 Qe8 47.Qc7+ Kf8 48.Qxa7 Qxb5 49.Qb8+ Kf7 50.Qb7+ Kf8 51.Qb8+ Ke7 52.Qd6+ Kf7 53.Qc7+ Kg6 54.Qc2+ Kh6 55.Qc8 Intending Qh8+ and mate. **55...Qxe5 56.Qh8+ Kg6 57.Qe8+ Kf6 58.Qf8+ Kg6** And now ...Qc5 would win. **59.Qe8+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
59...Kf6
½-½

6 **C43**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
■ **Wei Yi** **2753**
FIDE World Cup 2025 (4.2) 12.11.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

C43: Petroff Defence: 3 d4
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.dxe5
[4.Nxe5 d6 5.Nf3 d5 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 c6 9.Qc2 h6

10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Qxe4 Re8 12.Qd3 Na6 13.a3 Nc5 14.Qc2 Ne4 15.Be3 Bg4 16.Ne5 Bf5 17.Qb3 c5 18.Qxb7 Qf6 ½-½ (50) Xu,G (2221)-Korley,K (2460) New York Fischer GM 2022 (1)]

4...d5 5.Nbd2 Be7N

[5...Nxd2 6.Bxd2 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 c5 9.Bf4 Nc6 10.Qd2 Be6 11.c3 Qd7 12.h3 Rad8 13.Rfd1 h6 14.Bd3 Bf5 15.Bg3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qe6 17.a3 b6 18.b4 d4 19.cxd4 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 (31) Model Games-Ian Nepomniachtchi - Shakhriy,R Rxd4 21.Qa6 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 cxb4 23.axb4 Bxb4 24.Qxa7 Bc5 25.Kh2 h5 26.h4 Rc8 27.Qb7 Qf5 28.Rd2 Re8 29.Qc6 Rc8 30.Qb7 Re8 31.Qc6 ½-½ Nepomniachtchi,I (2751)-Mamedyarov,S (2809) 11th Tal Mem Rapid 2018 (9.5)]

6.Nxe4 dxe4 7.Qxd8+ Bxd8 8.Nd4 White has an edge. **8...Nd7 9.Bf4 g5 10.Bg3 h5! 11.h3! h4 12.Bh2 Nc5 13.Bc4N**

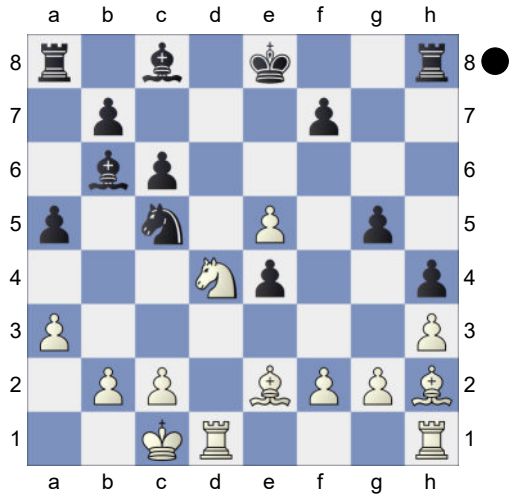
[RR 13.0-0-0 c6 14.Bc4 Be7 15.Be2 Ne6 16.Nf5 Nf4 17.Bg4 Nxg2 18.Rhg1 Nf4 19.Rge1 Bxf5 20.Bxf5 Rd8 21.Bxf4 gxf4 22.Rxe4 Rh5 23.Rxd8+ Bxd8 24.Bc8 b6 25.Kd2 Bc7 26.Rxf4 Bxe5 27.Re4 Rg5 Grischuk,A (2654)-Grebnev,A (2611) Sochi 2025 1-0 (31)]

[RR 13.0-0-0 c6 14.Bc4 Bb6 15.Rhe1 a5 16.e6 Bxe6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Bd6 0-0-0 19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Nxe6 Bxf2 21.Rxe4 Rde8 22.Rf1 Rh6 23.Rxf2 Rhxe6 24.Rxe6 Rxe6 25.Rf5 g4 26.Rf4 gxh3 27.gxh3 Re2 Ma,Q (2630)-Abasov,N (2594) Tashkent 2025 ½-½ (56)]

13...c6 14.a3 a5

[14...Bb6 feels hotter. 15.0-0-0 Ke7 16.Rhf1 g4]

15.Be2 Bb6 16.0-0-0



Nd3+! Discovered Attack **17.Bxd3 Bxd4 18.Bxe4 Bxf2 19.Rd3 Be6 20.g4** -0.50/21

[20.Rf3= -0.04/19 Bb6 21.Re1]

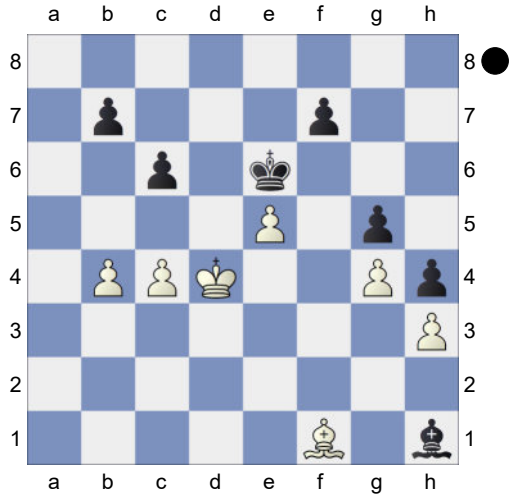
20...Ke7 21.Bg1 Bxg1 22.Rxg1 Rhd8 23.Re1 Rxd3 24.Bxd3∓ Endgame KRB-KRB **24...Rd8 25.Kd2 Rd4 26.Ke3 Rf4 27.Rf1 Rxf1 28.Bxf1** KB-KB **28...Bd5** Inhibits Bg2. **29.c4** -1.53/29

[⌓29.b4 -0.76/28]

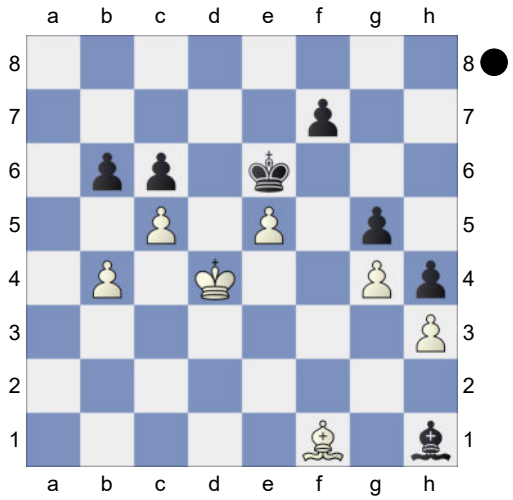
29...Bh1 30.b4 axb4 31.axb4 Ke6 -1.16/26

[31...f6-+ -1.64/30 32.exf6+ Kxf6]

32.Kd4



b6! 33.c5



bxc5+! 34.bxc5 Ke7 35.Ke3 -2.03/35
[35.Kd3∓ -1.48/37 was necessary.]
35...Ke6? 0.01/27
[35...f6-+ -2.03/35 36.Kd4 Bd5 37.exf6+ Kxf6]
36.Kd4= Ke7? -0.01/32
[36...f6∓ -1.58/34 37.Bc4+ Ke7]
37.Ke3! f6 38.Kd4 -1.91/34
[38.exf6+∓ -1.50/33 Kxf6 39.Kd4]
38...Bd5-+ 39.Bd3 -1.82/30
[39.exf6+∓ -1.42/32 Kxf6 40.Bd3]
39...Bg2 40.Be4 -1.22/31
[40.exf6+-+ -2.54/34 Kxf6 41.Be4 Bxh3 42.Bxc6 Bxg4 43.Bb7]
40...Bxh3∓ 41.exf6+ Kxf6 42.Bxc6 Bxg4 43.Bb7 Ke7 44.Ke5? -10.29/24
[44.Ke4∓ -1.29/28]
44...Be6? -1.31/28
[44...h3-+ -10.29/24 and Black stays clearly on top. aiming for ...h2. 45.Bh1 h2]
45.Bh1 g4 46.Kf4 g3 0.00/34
[46...h3∓ -1.37/31 47.Kg3 Kd8]
47.Be4 The position is equal. **47...Kd7 48.Bg2 Kc7 49.c6 Kd6 50.Bh1 Kc5 51.Bg2 Kb6 52.Be4 Bf5** (-> ...Bxe4). Promotion **53.Bg2**
[53.Bxf5? perishes. g2 *(53...Kxc6 54.Bh3=)* 54.Bh7 g1Q-+ *(54...g1R? 55.Kf3-+)*]
[53.Kxf5 h3 54.Kg4 g2 55.Kxh3 g1Q-+ *(55...g1R 56.c7=)*]
53...Bc8 54.Be4 Kb5 55.Bg2 Kc5 56.c7 Kd6 57.Kg5! h3 58.Bxh3 Bxh3 59.Kh4 g2 60.Kxh3 White happily takes the draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)
60...g1N+
[60...g1Q!? 61.c8Q□ Qe3+ 62.Kh4 Qh6+ 63.Kg4 Qg6+ 64.Kf4 Qh6+ 65.Kg4=]
½-½

7 **B12**
□ **Saric,Iv** **2660**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
FIDE World Cup 2025 (3.2) 08.11.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.dxc5 Bg4 6.c3 a6 Inhibits Bb5. **7.Nbd2 Nxe5 8.Be2** White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Nxf3 Nf6 11.Be3 e6 12.b4 g6 13.0-0 Bg7 14.Rc1N**
[14.Nd4 0-0 15.a4 Ne4 16.Rc1 Qf6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.c4 Nc3 19.Qd3 Nxa4 20.cxd5 exd5 21.Ra1 Nc3 22.Rxa6 Rxa6 23.Qxa6 Nxe2+ 24.Qxe2 Rb8 25.Qa6 h5 26.Rb1 Qf5 27.Rc1 Qd7 28.Bd2 Kh7 ½-½ (32) Brkic,A (2565)-Edouard,R (2646) Olympiad-43 Batumi 2018 (10.4) 29.Re1 Bh6 30.Bc3 Bg7 31.Bd2 Bh6 32.Bc3 Bg7 ½-½ Brkic,A (2608)-Matamoros Franco,C (2441) FIDE World Cup 2023 (1.2)]
[RR 14.Nd4 0-0 15.a4 Ne4 16.Rc1 Qf6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.c4 Nc3

19.Qd3 Nxa4 20.cxd5 exd5 21.Ra1 Nc3 22.Rxa6 Rxa6 23.Qxa6 Nxe2+ 24.Qxe2 Rb8 25.Qa6 h5 26.Rb1 Qf5 27.Rc1 Qd7 28.Bd2 Kh7 Brkic,A (2608)-Matamoros Franco,C (2441) Baku 2023 ½-½ (32)]

14...Ne4 15.Qb3 0-0 16.a4 Qc7 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.Nd4 Qe5 19.Qc2 Rac8 0.90/20

[19...Qf6± 0.37/17]

20.Nxc6± Rxc6 21.Bd4 Qf4 22.Bd3! Nf6 23.Qe2 Nh5 1.39/20

[Black should play 23...Qh4 0.77/17]

24.g3 0.86/19

[24.g4 1.39/20 Nf6 25.Be3]

24...Qb8 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.c4 d4! 27.Be4 Rcc8 28.Qf3 0.01/20

[28.a5± 0.54/19]

28...Rc7= 29.g4 Nf6 30.a5

[30.g5 seems wilder. Nh5 31.Rb1 Qc8 32.h4]

30...Rcd7 0.41/19

[30...Re7= -0.20/19]

31.Rd3 -0.01/19

[31.c6± 0.41/19 bxc6 32.Bxc6]

31...h6 32.Re1 Re7 33.Kf1 -0.33/20

[33.h4= 0.22/19]

33...Qc7 34.Qg3 -0.52/22

[34.Qd1= -0.01/20]

34...e5∓ 35.Bg2 Rde8 0.01/20

[35...Re6∓ -0.46/21 feels stronger.]

36.Rd2 Qd7 37.Qb3 -1.14/20

[37.Qd3= -0.01/19]

37...e4∓ 38.Qb2 -1.36/20

[⌓38.Kg1 -0.75/21]

38...d3 39.Re3 Qc7 40.Kg1 Qf4! 41.Rd1 h5 42.gxh5 g5 43.b5 Kh7! 44.c6 -1.34/18

[Better is 44.h6 -0.96/17]

44...bxc6

[44...Nxh5? 45.cxb7 Rxb7 46.Rdxd3+-]

45.bxa6 g4 Black is more active.

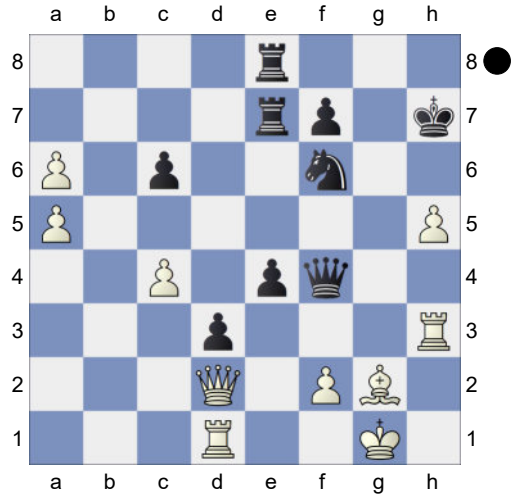
[45...Nxh5 46.Qb6∓]

46.Qd2 And now Rxd3! would win.

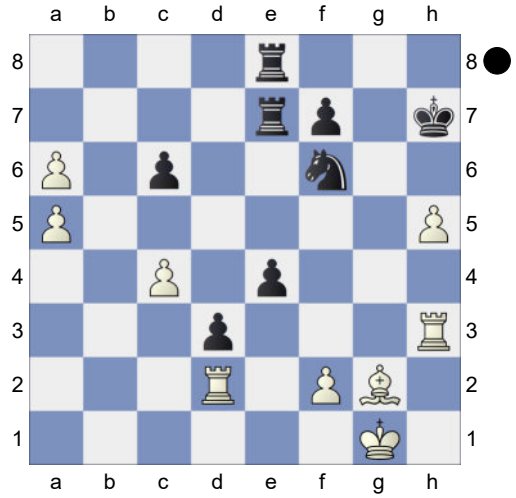
46...gxh3

[46...Nxh5 47.hxg4 Qxg4 48.f3+-]

47.Rxh3



Qxd2 48.Rxd2



Nd7 -0.97/20

[48...Ra7!-+ -1.84/20 49.Kf1 *(49.f3? e3-+)* 49...Rxa6]

49.Re3

[49.a7? Nc5 50.Rh4 Kh6 *(50...Rxa7 51.Rf4∓)* 51.Bxe4 Nxe4 52.Rxd3 Rxa7-+]

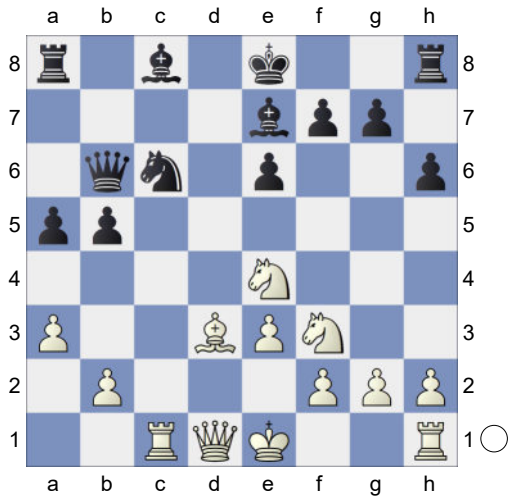
49...f5 50.Bh3 Rf7

[50...f4 51.Rxe4 Rxe4 *(51...Rg7+? 52.Kf1+-)* 52.Bf5+ Kh6 53.Bxe4 Rxe4 54.Rxd3=]

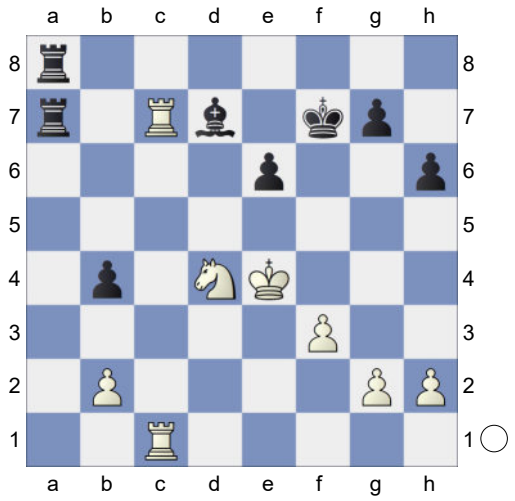
This costs White the game. **51.Kf1?** -3.30/20
[51.f3∓ -1.11/19]
51...f4-+ 52.Rxe4 -5.09/21
[Much worse is 52.Rdxd3 Nc5∓ *(52...fxe3 53.Rxd7 Rg7 54.fxe3±)*]
[52.Re1 -2.81/20 Nc5 53.Bg4]
52...Rxe4 Black is clearly winning. **53.a7 Re8** Strongly threatening ...Ne5.
[53...Rxc4? 54.a8Q *(54.a8B?* loses. *Rc1+ 55.Kg2 Ne5-+)* 54...Rc1+ 55.Kg2+-]
54.Rxd3 Ne5 55.Rd4 f3 56.Re4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.10 (very precise)
56...Rxa7
0-1

8 **D02**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
■ **Motylev,A** **2586**
FIDE World Cup 2025 (2.2) 05.11.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

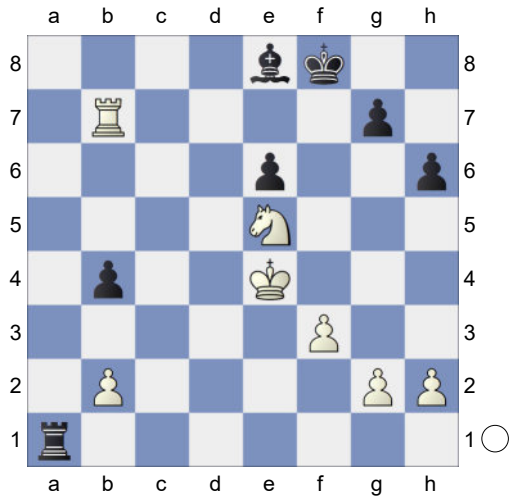
D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4N
[3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Bd5 12.e3 f5 13.Ned2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 D 02/08 2003]
[3.e3 c5 4.c4 *(4.b3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.c4 Qe7 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Rfd8 15.Rad1* D 04/01 2003 *)* 4...cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ (28) Klugel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]
[3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.Ne5 c5 11.cxd5 Bxd5 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Qg4 g6 15.Bc2 Rc8 16.Rac1 Qe7 17.Rfd1 b5 ½-½ (39) Mitsis,G (2412)-Kupervaser,E (2262) Belgrade Serbia op 2023 (8)]
3...c5 4.e3 e6 5.Nbd2 Qb6 6.Rb1 Bd6 7.dxc5 Qxc5 8.Bg5 The position is equal.
[RR 8.Bd3 0-0 9.b4 Qc7 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.0-0 a5 12.a3 axb4 13.axb4 Nbd7 14.e4 b6 15.Re1 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Qc7 17.Nxf6+ Nxf6 18.c4 Bb7 19.Ne5 Rfd8 20.Qc2 g6 21.f3 Nd7 22.Ng4 Qf4 Maghsoodloo,P (2730)-Vidit,S (2731) Berlin 2023 1-0 (50)]
8...Be7
[RR 8...Nbd7 9.Bd3 h6 10.Bh4 e5 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Nb6 14.b4 Qc3+ 15.Kf1 Qc7 16.Kg1 Na4 17.Qd3 Nc3 18.Re1 0-0 19.Bg3 Bd7 20.Bh7+ Kh8 21.Rxe5 Bb5 22.Rxb5 Nxb5 23.Qxb5 Theodorou,N (2646)-Kantor, G (2569) Fujairah 2025 1-0 (38)]
9.Bd3 Nc6 10.a3N
[RR 10.0-0 0-0 11.c3 h6 12.b4 Qd6 13.Bh4 Qd8 14.a3 b6 15.Qe2 Bb7 16.Rfd1 Nh5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.c4 Rfd8 19.cxd5 Rxd5 20.Rbc1 Nf6 21.Ne4 Rad8 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Be4 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 a5 Xu,Y (2526)-Xu,Y (2496) Fuling 2024 ½-½ (31)]
10...a5 11.c4 dxc4 12.Nxc4 b5 13.Ncd2 Qb6 14.Rc1 h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 1.08/22
[15...gxf6± 0.53/20 16.Qe2 Ba6]
16.Ne4!± aiming for Rxc6!. **16...Be7**



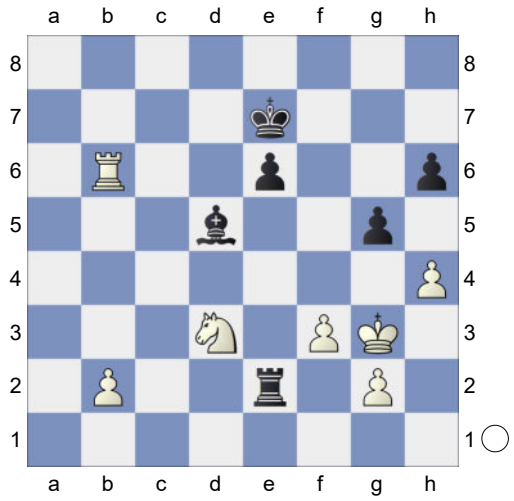
17.Nd6+! Bxd6 18.Be4! Discovered Attack **18...Bc5 19.Qc2 f5 20.Bxc6+**
[20.Qxc5 Qxc5 21.Bxc6+ Qxc6 22.Rxc6 0-0]
20...Qxc6 21.Qxc5 Qxc5 22.Rxc5 b4 23.axb4 axb4 24.Kd2 0.26/19
[24.0-0± 0.67/20]
24...0-0= 25.Nd4! f4 0.68/21
[25...Rd8= 0.29/19 should be considered.]
26.exf4± Rxf4 27.Ke3 Rf7 28.f3 Rb7 29.Rhc1 Bd7 30.Rc7 Rba7 31.Ke4 White has more active pieces. **31...Kf7**



32.Nc6 0.70/20 **Rxc7 33.Ne5+** Discovered Attack **33...Kf8 34.Rxc7±** Endgame KRB-KRN **34...Be8 35.Rb7 Ra1**



36.Kf4! Re1 and ...g5+ should not be overlooked **37.Nd3**
[37.Rxb4? g5+ 38.Kg3 Rxe5-+]
37...Rd1 1.35/23
[⌓37...Re2 0.88/22]
38.Nc5
[Don't play 38.Nxb4?! Rd2=]
38...Re1 39.Rxb4 Bc6 Dodges Re4 **40.h4 Ke7 41.Nd3 Re2 42.Rb6 g5+ 43.Kg3** Loses the game. **43...Bd5** 3.05/23
[43...Rd2± 1.15/21]



44.h5!+- e5 45.Nf2 Be6 46.b4 Rd2 47.b5 Rd6 5.05/26
[⌓47...Rb2 3.46/20 48.Nd3 Re2]
48.Ra6 Bc4 49.Ra7+ Kf8 50.Rb7

White is clearly winning.
[Less strong is 50.Ne4 Rb6 51.Ra4 *(51.Ra8+ Kf7±)* 51...Bd3+-]
50...Bd5 51.Ne4 Re6 52.Rb8+ Kg7 53.b6 Bxe4 54.fxe4 Rf6 55.b7 Intending Ra8 and mate. **55...Rb6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.36
56.Kg4
1-0

9 **E71**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2697**
■ **Rapport,R** **2724**
40th ECC Open 2025 (5.45) 23.10.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

E71: King's Indian: 4 e4 d6 5 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 Nbd7N
[5...e5 6.dxe5 dxe5 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Be3 Be6 9.0-0-0+ Kc8 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Ng5 b6 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.c5 Kb7 14.Bc4 Rhe8 15.Kb1 Re7 16.Rd2 Rd8 17.Rxd8 Nxd8 18.b4 a6 19.Rd1 Nc6 20.cxb6 1-0 (51) Petrosyan,M (2609)-Van Dael,S (2359) Santiago de Compostela Bicapawn GP B3 blitz 2022 (2)]
[5...0-0
A) 6.Be3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Nf3 *(8.Bd3 exd5 9.exd5 Re8 10.Nf3 Rxe3+ 11.fxe3 Qe7 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Qe1 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Rd1 Bd7 16.Rf3 Rf8 17.Qh4 g5 18.Qg3 Qxg3 19.Rxg3 g4 20.hxg4 Nxg4 21.Ne4 Be5 22.Rf3 f5* ½-½ (61) Cuenca Jimenez,J (2555)-Silva Lucena,C (2234) Linares 2022 (5)*)* 8...exd5 9.cxd5 Re8 *(9...b5 10.e5 dxe5 11.Bxb5 Nbd7 12.0-0 Rb8 13.Qe2 Nh5 14.Rfe1 Re8 15.Rad1 Qb6 16.Nd2 f5 17.Nc4 Qf6 18.Bxc5 Rxb5 19.Nxb5 Nxc5 20.Ncd6 Rd8 21.Qc4 Bf8 22.Nxc8 Rxc8 23.b4 Nf4 24.g3* 0-1 (39) Odegov,A (2286)-Harsha,B (2582) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (6)*)* 10.Nd2 a6 11.a4 Nxe4 12.Ncxe4 f5 13.Be2 fxe4 14.Nc4 b6 15.0-0 Qc7 16.Bf4 Bf8 17.Qb3 Nd7 18.Rfd1 e3 19.fxe3 Rb8 20.Bg4 b5 1-0 (40) Brenk,B (2375)-Kalashikov 5.Ne2 - 6.Nbc3 #3 (2090) 36/242 Bor 1983 (3);
B) 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Bd3 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 Qc7 11.Nf3 c4 12.Bc2 Nbd7 13.0-0 Re8 14.Re1 b6 15.Rc1 Bb7 16.Bb1 Rac8 17.Bf4 Qb8 18.b4 cxb3 19.Qxb3 Nc5 20.Qxb6 1-0 (72) Bareev,E (2665)-Jussupow,A (2665) Ubeda_147831 1997 (10)]
6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 exd4 Nowadays more popular than 7...0-0.Heutzutage beliebter als 7...0-0. **8.Nxd4** White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Qd2 Re8 10.f3 c6 11.0-0-0 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Bh6N**
[13.cxd5 Nb6=]
[RR 13.Bg5 Nb6 14.c5 Nbd7 15.Nb3 Ne5 16.f4 Nc6 17.g4 d4 18.Qf2 Be6 19.Bg2 Bxb3 20.axb3 Qa5 21.Na4 Ne4 22.Qc2 Nb4 23.Qxe4 Rxe4 24.Bxe4 Re8 25.Bxb7 Qb5 26.Bf3 h6 27.Bh4 Re3 Jacobson,A (2353)-Lin,B (2316) New York 2025 0-1]
13...Bxh6N
[13...dxc4 14.Bxc4 0.14/18 *(14.Bxg7± 0.69/19 Kxg7 15.Ndb5)* 14...Qc7 0.98/20 *(14...Bxh6=* 0.14/18 *15.Qxh6 Qb6)* 15.Bxf7+ 0.25/20 *(15.Nf5!±* 0.98/20 *Bf8 16.Bxf8 Rxf8*

17.Nd6) 15...Kxf7= 16.Ndb5 Qc6 0.86/20 *(16...Bxh6=* 0.07/22 remains equal. *17.Qxh6 Qb6)* 17.Nd6+± Kg8? 2.53/23 *(17...Qxd6±* 0.79/21 *18.Qxd6 Bxh6+ 19.Kb1 Re6)* 18.Nxe8? 0.31/20 *(18.Bxg7+-* 2.53/23 *Kxg7 19.Nxe8+ Nxe8 20.Rhe1)* 18...Nxe8± 19.Bxg7 Kxg7? 2.54/19 (Black should play *19...Nxg7±* 0.33/21 *20.Rhe1 Nf8)* 20.Rhe1+- Ndf6 21.Re7+ Kf8 22.Rde1! Bd7 4.80/20 *(⌓22...b5* 3.36/21 *23.Qh6+ Kg8 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.Rxe8+ Nxe8)* 23.g4+- Qd6 9.15/22 *(⌓23...Qc4* 4.54/19 *24.g5 Qh4 25.gxf6 Nxf6)* 24.Rxe8+ 1-0 Lobanov, S (2507)-Carlsen,M (2830) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th May Late blitz 2024 (5)]

14.Qxh6 Qe7 15.cxd5 Nb6 16.Nc2 0.06/19

[16.d6!± 0.65/19 Qxd6 17.Bb5]

16...Bd7 0.77/19

[16...Rd8= 0.06/19]

17.d6↑ Black is under strong pressure.

17...Qd8 18.Rd4 Rc8 19.Bd3 Re5 1.56/18

[⌓19...Re6 1.11/19]

20.Qd2± Be6 1.64/20

[20...Bc6± 1.13/18]

21.Kb1 1.21/19

[21.Rd1+- 1.64/20]

21...Rc6

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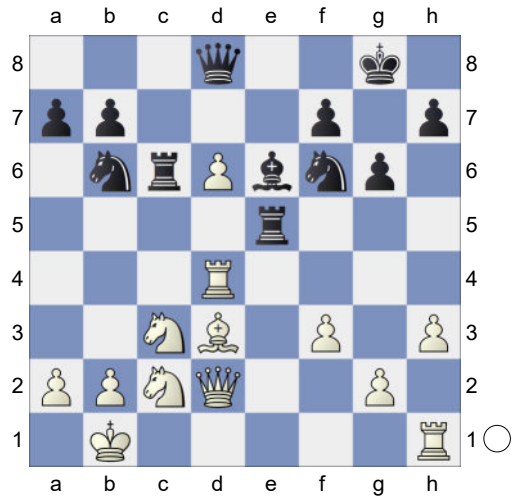
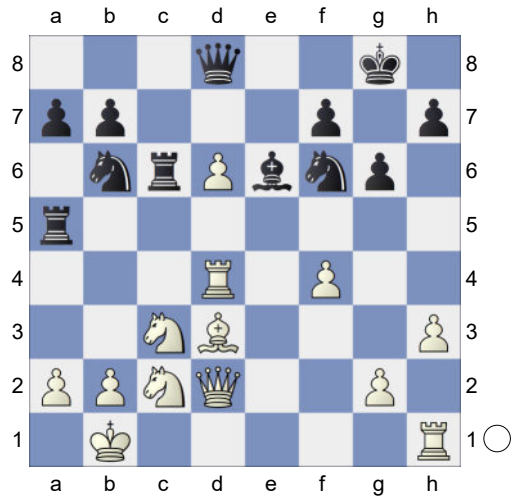


22.f4! Ra5



23.f5! Bxf5 1.71/19

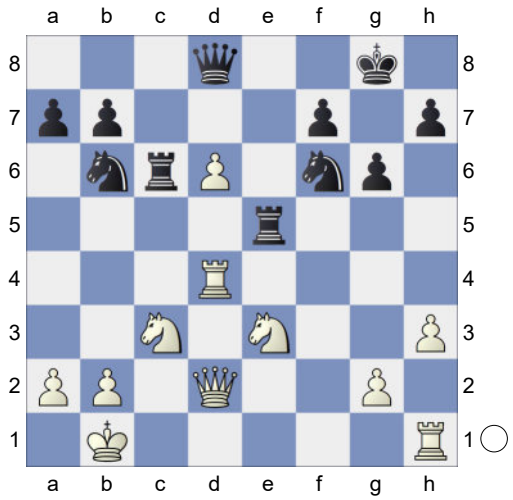
[23...Bc4± 1.24/19]

[23...gxf5 24.Qg5+]

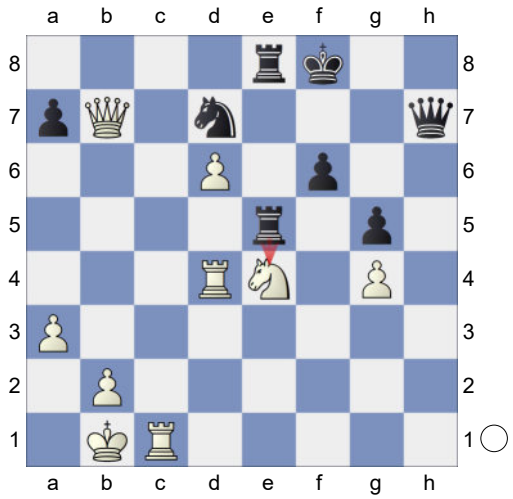
24.Bxf5+- Rxf5 25.Ne3 Re5 1.83/19

[25...Rfc5± 1.45/20 26.Rd1 Re5]

(Diagram)



26.Ng4! Nxg4 27.hxg4 Nd7 28.Ne4 Qf8 2.61/19
[⌓28...Ra6 1.75/17 29.Qh6 Nf8]
29.g5 Re6 30.g4 Rc8 31.Qh2 1.47/20
[White should play 31.a3+- 1.84/19]
Black cannot hold the game after this.
31...h6? 3.02/19
[31...Qg7± 1.47/20]
32.gxh6
[32.Qxh6?! Qxh6 33.gxh6 Rce8+-]
32...Rce8 33.Qf4 f6 34.a3 Re5 4.59/20
[34...Rc8 3.14/18 35.Qe3 Kh8]
35.Rc1 g5 36.Qf3 Qxh6 37.Qb3+ Kf8
Threatens to win with ...Qg6. **38.Qxb7 Qh7**



39.Ka1! a5
[39...Rxe4 40.Rxe4 Qxe4 *(40...Rxe4? loses. 41.Rc8+ Kg7 42.Qxd7+ Kh6 43.Qxh7+ Kxh7 44.d7+-)* 41.Qxd7]
[39...a6 40.Rdc4]
40.Ng3 Re1? 5.38/23
[40...Rb8 2.75/19 was called for. 41.Rc8+ Re8 42.Rxe8+ Rxe8]
41.Rdd1 Rxd1 42.Rxd1 Rb8 43.Qc7
Strongly threatening Rh1!. **43...Qh2 44.Qc3** Active counter play! **44...Qh3 45.Rh1 Qxg4 46.Qd3 f5 47.Nxf5 Qg2 48.Rb1**
[48.Rh8+ Kf7 49.Rh7+ Kf6 50.Qd4+ *(50.Rxd7? Qxb2#; 50.Rh6+ Ke5+-)* 50...Kxf5]
48...Qf2 49.Qh3 Rb7 50.Ne7 Kg7 51.Qc3+ Nf6 52.Qxa5 Qf4 53.Qc3
Prevents g4. **53...Kf7 54.Rd1 g4** 8.56/19
[⌓54...Rd7 4.94/20 55.Qb3+ Kg7]
55.Nd5 Qxd6 56.Rf1 Qxd5 57.Qxf6+
Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **57...Kg8 58.Rc1** White wants to mate with Rc8+. **58...Rg7 59.Rc8+ Kh7 60.Qh4+ Kg6 61.Qxg4+** White is clearly winning. **61...Kh7 62.Qh4+ Kg6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.56
63.Qc4
1-0

10 **C47**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2816**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2697**
Titled Tue 21. Oct 2025 (9) 21.10.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four Knights with 4 g3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nd5 h6N
[4...Nxe4 5.d4 d6 6.Bb5 a6 7.Ba4

b5 8.Bb3 Na5 9.Qe2 f5 10.0-0 c6 56) Four Knights − Other 4t-4.Nd5 Nxe4 5.d4]
[4...Bc5 5.c3 Nxe4 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nxb4 Nxb4 9.a3 Nd5 10.Bd3 Nef6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bd2 d6 13.h3 h6 14.Qc1 Re8 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ne4 17.Bxe4 Rxe4 18.Ng5 Bf5 19.Nxe4 ½-½ (44) Bartel,M (2657)-Nguyen,T (2632) Bundesliga 2023/2024 (6.10)]
[4...Bd6 5.Bc4 Nxe4 6.d3 Nf6 7.Ng5 0-0 8.h4 Nd4 9.Rh3 Ne6 10.Qf3 c6 11.Nxf6+ Qxf6 12.Qg4 Bb4+ 13.c3 d5 14.Qh5 Qg6 15.Qxg6 hxg6 16.cxb4 Nxg5 17.Rh1 Ne6 18.Bb3 Nd4 19.Be3 0-1 (46) Zherebukh,Y (2560)-Khairullin,I (2634) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (6)]

5.c3 a6 6.Bd3 Bc5 7.Bc2 d6 8.Ne3N The position is equal.
[RR 8.d4 Ba7 9.h3 0-0 10.0-0 b5 11.a4 Bb7 12.axb5 axb5 13.Qd3 b4 14.Qb5 Bb6 15.Rxa8 Bxa8 16.Nxb6 cxb6 17.d5 Nb8 18.Qxb4 Na6 19.Qc4 Bb7 20.b4 Qd7 21.Bd2 Rc8 22.Qb3 b5 Lascar,R (1972)-Obrycki,A (1801) Wroclaw 2025 1-0 (43)]

8...0-0 9.0-0 b5 10.b4 -0.39/19
[10.d4= 0.27/17 Bb6 11.d5]

10...Bb6 0.16/18
[10...Bxe3∓ -0.39/19 11.dxe3 Bg4]

11.a4= With the idea axb5. **11...Bd7 12.Re1 Re8 13.h3 Ne7 14.Nf1** -0.20/19
[⌓14.d4 0.28/19]

14...Ng6 15.Ng3 -0.62/19
[15.a5!= 0.15/19 Ba7 16.Ng3]

15...c5 0.09/19
[15...a5∓ -0.62/19]

16.bxc5 -0.34/19
[16.a5= 0.09/19 should be considered. Bc7 17.Bb2]

16...dxc5∓ 17.d3 c4 18.dxc4 -0.60/20
[18.d4= -0.19/18]

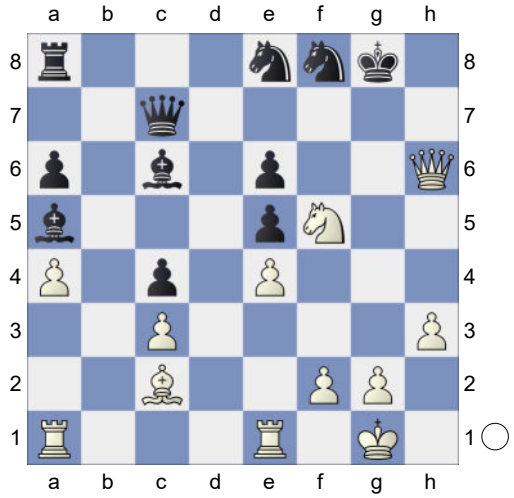
18...bxc4 19.Be3 Ba5 20.Bd2 -1.09/19
[20.Qd2∓ -0.62/19]

20...Bc6 -0.01/21
[20...Qc7∓ -1.09/19 21.Nf5 Rad8]

21.Nf5= Qc7 22.Qc1! Re6 1.41/19
[22...Nh5= -0.01/19 keeps the balance.]

23.Bxh6!± Demolition **23...gxh6** 2.00/19
[23...Nh5± 0.95/20]

24.Qxh6+- Ne8 Prevents Qg7+ **25.Ng5 Nf8 26.Nxe6 fxe6**



27.Re3! 0.35/22 **exf5± 28.Rg3+! Kf7 29.exf5** White is more active. **29...Qd6** 8.48/19 Repels Rd1
[29...Bd5± 0.63/20]

30.Qh4? -0.52/21
[30.Rg7+!+- 8.48/19 Nxg7 31.Qxd6]

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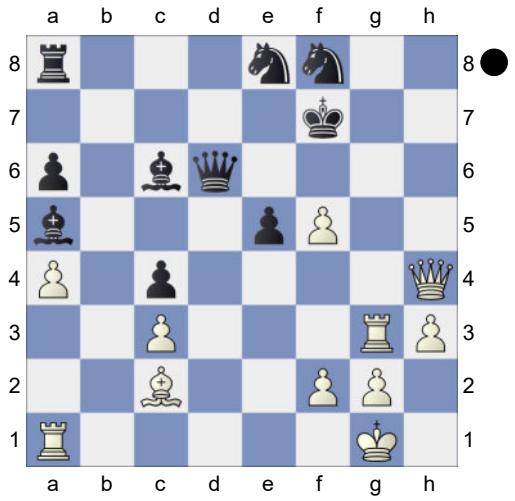
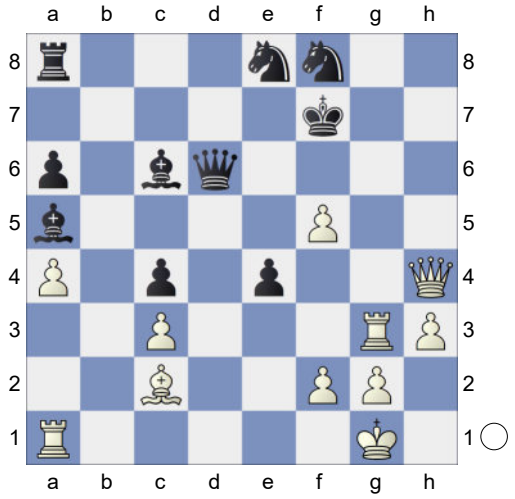


30...e4? 2.77/21



31.Qh5+!+-
[31.Bxe4 Bxe4 32.Qxe4 Rc8=]
31...Ke7
[31...Kf6 32.Rd1 Qf4 33.Rg4 *(33.Rg6+ Nxg6 34.Qxg6+ Ke7+-)* 33...Qxf5 34.Qh4+ Ke6 35.Bxe4+- *(35.Rg5 Qf6+-)*]

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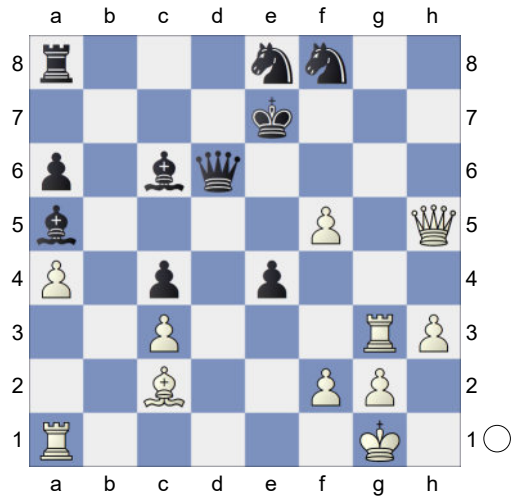
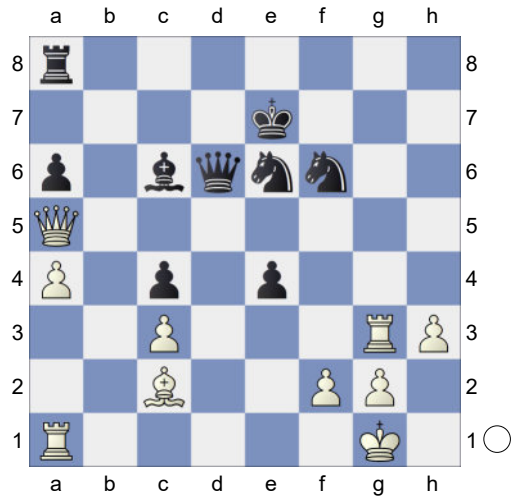


And now ...Bb6 would win. **32.f6+!**
Discovered Attack **32...Nxf6**
[32...Qxf6 33.Qxa5]
33.Qxa5 Ne6 2.49/21
[33...Bd5± 1.37/21]



34.Rd1! Qc5

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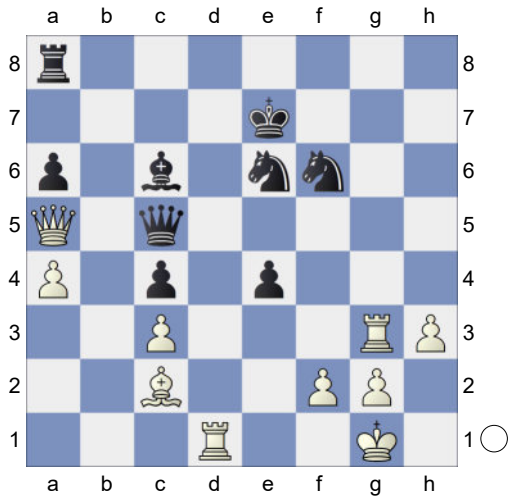
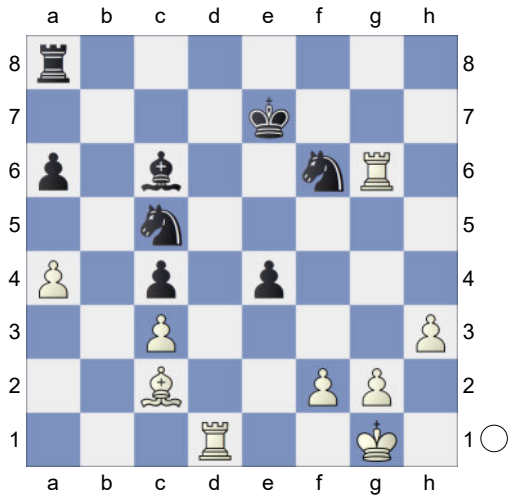


35.Rg7+!! Deflection **35...Kf8 36.Qxc5+ Nxc5 37.Rg6 Ke7**



38.Rxf6! Decoy **38...Kxf6 39.Rd6+ Ke5 40.Rxc6** Endgame KRB-KRN. White is two pawns up. **40...Kd5 41.Rb6 Re8** 2.73/22

[⌓41...Rf8 1.85/21 42.Bd1 Nd3]

42.h4 e3? 4.37/22

[42...Rh8 2.49/21 43.g3 Nd3 44.Rxa6 Rf8]

43.fxe3 Rxe3 5.53/21

[43...Rh8 3.83/19 might work better. 44.g3 Ne4]

44.h5 Nd3 45.h6

[45.Rxa6 Re2±]

45...Re7 46.Rxa6 Ke4 47.Rf6 Ke3 48.Bd1 Kd2 49.Bh5 Kxc3 7.08/21

[⌓49...Ne5 4.33/19 50.Rf5 *(50.a5 Kxc3 51.a6 Kd4+-)* 50...Kxc3]

50.Bg6 Ne5 51.Bf5 Re8 52.h7 Rh8 53.a5 a6 would now be deadly. **53...Kd4 54.a6 c3 55.a7 Nc4 56.Rg6** Rg8 would kill now. **56...Rxh7 57.Rg4+ Kc5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.64

58.Rxc4+ Promotion, Double Attack

[Less strong is 58.a8B Ra7+-]

1-0

11 **D02**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2697**

■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2693**

Titled Tue 21st Oct 2025 (7) 21.10.2025

[Kitty Kat]*

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4N

[3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Bd5 12.e3 f5 13.Ned2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 D 02/08 2003]

[3.e3 c5 4.c4 *(4.b3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.c4 Qe7 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Rfd8 15.Rad1* D 04/01 2003 *)* 4...cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ (28) Klugel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]

[3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.Ne5 c5 11.cxd5 Bxd5

12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Qg4 g6 15.Bc2 Rc8 16.Rac1 Qe7 17.Rfd1 b5 ½-½ (39) Mitsis,G (2412)-Kupervaser,E (2262) Belgrade Serbia op 2023 (8)]

3...c5 4.e3 e6 5.Nbd2 Qb6 6.Rb1 Bd6 7.dxc5 Qxc5 8.b4 The position is equal. **8...Qc7 9.Bxd6 Qxd6 10.c4 0-0 11.Bd3 b6 12.0-0**

[RR 12.Qe2 Bb7 13.0-0 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Qe7 15.Rfd1 Rd8 16.h3 Nbd7 17.Nfe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Rac8 19.a3 g6 20.Ba6 Nd5 21.Bxb7 Qxb7 22.Rbc1 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rc8 24.Rc4 Rxc4 25.Qxc4 Qc7 26.Nc6 a6 Sheehan,E (2323)-Saydaliev,S (2455) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (38)]

12...Qe7N

[RR 12...Bb7 13.cxd5 Qxd5 14.Nc4 Rd8 15.Qe2 Qh5 16.Rfd1 Nc6 17.a3 Ne7 18.Nfe5 Qxe2 19.Bxe2 Ne4 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Rd1 Rxd1+ 22.Bxd1 f6 23.Nd3 Bd5 24.Ndb2 e5 25.Bc2 Nc8 26.Kf1 ½-½ (26) Xiong,J (2686)-Vidit,S (2727) Chess.com INT 2022]

[RR 12...Nbd7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Qb3 Bb7 15.Nc4 Qe7 16.a3 Rac8 17.Rbc1 Rc7 18.Nd4 a6 19.Nd2 ½-½ (19) Van den Doel,E (2576)-Bok,B (2615) Helmond 2023]

13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Qb3 Prevents Nc3. **14...Bb7 15.Rfc1 Nd7 16.Rc2 Rfc8 17.Nc4 h6 18.a3 Rc7 19.Rbc1** -1.19/21

[19.Nd4= 0.01/20]

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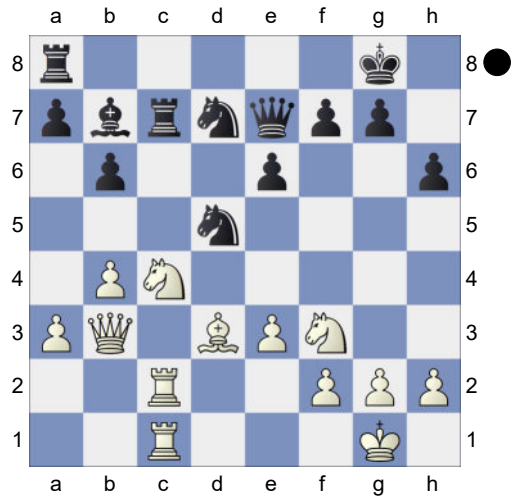


19...Rac8 0.03/20

[Black should try 19...a5!∓ -1.19/21 20.Rb1 Ba6]

20.Nd4= a6 Repels Nb5 **21.h3 N5f6 22.Qb2 Bd5 23.Nd2 Rxc2 24.Rxc2 Rxc2 25.Qxc2 a5 26.Qc8+**

[26.e4 simplifies Ba8 27.Qc8+ Qf8 28.Qxf8+ Kxf8 29.bxa5 bxa5 30.f3]

26...Nf8 27.Qc3 axb4 28.Qxb4 Qc7 29.Qb2 N8d7 30.Nb5 Qc8 31.Bf1 Qb8 32.Nc3 Bc6 33.Nb3 Qe5 34.Nd4 Bb7 35.Qb5 Qxb5 36.Bxb5 Kf8 37.Na4 Ke7 38.f3 g6 39.e4 e5 0.91/23

[39...Kd6= 0.07/21 remains equal.]

Black is on the road to losing. **40.Nc2± Kd6 41.Nb4** Against Bc6 **41...Kc7** 1.44/21

[⌓41...Nf8 0.77/23]

42.Kf2 White is more active. **42...Bc8 43.Bc4 g5 44.Bxf7 b5** 2.92/23

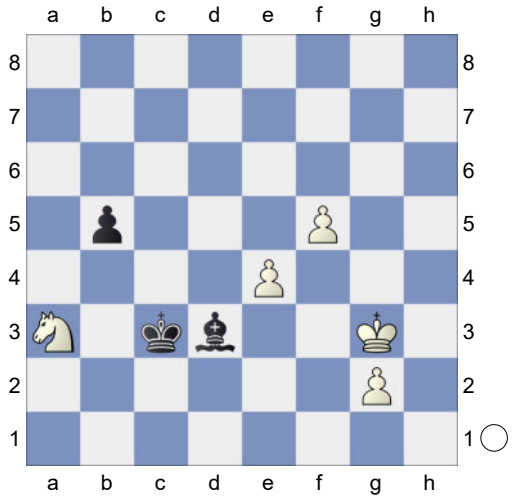
[44...h5 1.82/20 45.Nc3 Kd6]

45.Nc3+- Kb6 46.Be6 Bb7 47.Bxd7 Nxd7 Endgame KBN-KNN. White is a pawn up. **48.Nd3 Bc6?** 4.22/24

[48...Bc8 2.33/23 49.Kg3 Kc6]

49.Kg3 Nc5 50.Nxe5 Be8 51.Ng4 h5 52.Nf6 Bf7 53.h4 gxh4+ 54.Kxh4 Nd3 55.Nxh5 Kc5 56.Nf6 Kc4 57.Nfd5 Ne1 58.Kg3 Nc2 59.Nb1 Kb3

60.Ndc3 Bc4 5.29/21
[60...Kb2 3.51/21 was called for. 61.Nxb5 Kxb1]
61.f4 Nxa3 7.32/22
[⌓61...Ne1 4.80/18 62.f5 Nd3]
62.Nxa3 Kxc3 KB-KN. White is two pawns up. **63.f5 Bd3?** 15.33/22
[63...b4 3.41/21 64.Nxc4 Kxc4]



64.Nxb5+! Bxb5 65.Kf4 Kd4 66.g4 Bd3 67.e5 White threatens e6 and mate. **67...Kd5 68.g5 Kc6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
69.g6
1-0

12 **A46**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2697**
■ **Nemec,Jachym** **2448**
40th ECC Open 2025 (3.57) 21.10.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4
Inf 56/(42) **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4N**
[3.c4 c5
A) 4.g3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qb6 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.Nb3 *(7.Nb5 d5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Be3 d4 10.Bxd4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Bc5 12.Qf4 Bxb5 13.cxb5 Qxb5 14.Nc3 Qxb2 15.Na4 Qd4 16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.Rfc1 Qa5 18.Bxb7 Rd8 19.Bc6+ Kf8 20.Rab1* Schlosser,P (2500)-Van der Wiel,J (2545) Baden-Baden II 56/(42) 1992*)* 7...Ne5 8.c5 Bxc5 9.Nxc5 Qxc5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Nc3 d5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Rc1 Qe7 15.Qd2 Kf8 16.Nb5 Kg7 17.e4 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Rd8 1-0 (28) Bogdanov,E (2389)-Le Pen,S (2110) Sautron op 18th 2018 (3.8);
B) 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qb6 *(5...a6 6.g3 Qc7 7.Bg2 Qxc4 8.Bf4 Nc6 9.Nb3 d5 10.0-0 Qb4 11.e4 d4 12.Nd5 exd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.Re1 Bg4 15.Qd3 Rd8 16.h3 Bc8 17.Rac1 g5 18.Bd2 Qd6 19.Qxd4 Nfxd5 20.Qxh8* 0-1 (23) Adianto,U (2598)-Kasparov,G (2838) EUR-ASIA m 30' rapid 2001 (5) *)* 6.Nb3 Bb4 7.Bd2 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Ne4 9.Qd4 Nxc3 10.Qxc3 0-0 11.c5 Qc7 12.Nd4 b6 13.Nb5 Qc6 14.e4 a6 15.Nd6 bxc5 16.Rd1 Qb6 17.Be2 Nc6 1-0 (37) Marchand,M-Weenink,H Amsterdam Zevenkamp 1920 (3)]
3...d5 4.Nbd2 c5 5.e3 Nc6 6.c3 cxd4 6...Nh5 is becoming the main line. 6...Sh5 wird zur Hauptvariante. **7.exd4 Nh5 8.Be3 Bd6 9.Bb5** The position is equal. **9...Bd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 Rc8 12.a4 h6N** 0.70/17
[12...f6 13.Nb3 b6 Repels Nc5 14.g3 g6 15.a5 Ne7 16.Qe2 aiming for Bh6. Ng7 17.axb6 axb6 18.Ra6 Bc7 ½-½ (45) Tologontegin,S (2359)-Gharibyan,M (2473) Moscow Ivi GP op 2025 (4)]

[12...Be8= 0.13/19]
[RR 12...f6 13.Nb3 b6 14.g3 g6 15.a5 Ne7 16.Qe2 Ng7 17.axb6 axb6 18.Ra6 Bc7 19.Bh6 Nef5 20.Bxg7 Nxg7 21.Ra7 Rf7 22.Rea1 Bb8 23.Rxd7 Rxd7 24.Bxd7 Qxd7 25.Qa6 Qc6 26.Nc1 Bd6 27.Nd3 Tologontegin,S (2359)-Gharibyan,M (2473) Moscow 2025 ½-½ (45)]

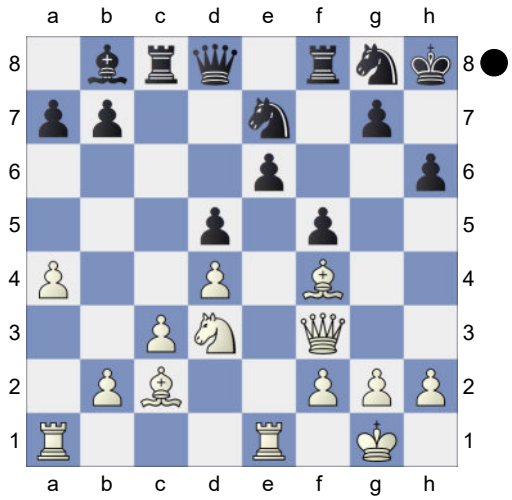
13.Ne5!± Nf6 14.Bf4 Bb8 15.Bd3 Kh8 16.Ndf3 White has more active pieces.

16...Be8 17.Qd2 Ng8 18.Bc2 Nce7 19.Qd3 0.63/19
[19.a5± 1.24/18]

19...f5 1.27/18
[19...Nf6± 0.63/19]

20.Qe3± Bh5 2.26/20
[20...Bxe5± 1.17/18 keeps fighting. 21.Bxe5 *(21.Nxe5 g5∓)* 21...Qb6]

21.Nd3+- Bxf3 22.Qxf3



Rf6 23.Bxb8 Rxb8 24.Nc5 Qc8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.24 (precise)

25.Qe3
1-0

13 **D49**
□ **Risting,Eivind Olav** **2265**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2697**
40th ECC Open 2025 (1.20) 19.10.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

D49: Semi-Slav: Meran System: Main line with 9 e4 c5 10 e5 cxd4 11 Nxb5

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Nd7 5.Bd3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bd3 a6 8.Nf3 Ngf6N
[8...c5 9.d5 exd5 10.Nxd5 Bb7 11.Be4 Ne7 12.Nc3 Nc6 13.a4 b4 14.Ne2 Nf6 15.Bd3 Na5 16.0-0 c4 17.Bc2 b3 18.Bf5 g6 19.Bh3 Ne4 20.Bd2 Nxd2 21.Nxd2 Bg7 22.Rc1 Bxb2 23.Rxc4 0-1 (29) Peralta,F (2606)-Giri,A (2711) Olympiad 0:03.24-0:35.21 2012 (11)]

9.e4 c5 10.e5 cxd4 11.Nxb5 axb5 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Nxd4
[RR 13.0-0 b4 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Bg3 Bd6 16.Be4 Ra7 17.Nxd4 Bxg3 18.hxg3 Bb7 19.Bxb7 Rxb7 20.Qg4 Kf8 21.Rac1 Ne5 22.Qe4 Kg7 23.Rfd1 Rd7 24.Nf3 Nxf3+ 25.gxf3 Rhd8 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Qg4+ Kf8 Lautier,J (2680)-Luther,T (2577) Playchess.com INT 2004 1-0 (49)]

13...Bb7 14.0-0
[14.Nxb5 Rg8 15.Bf4 Qa5+ *(15...Rxg2 16.Nc7+ Ke7 17.Be4±; 15...Bb4+ 16.Ke2∓)* 16.Ke2 Bc5=]

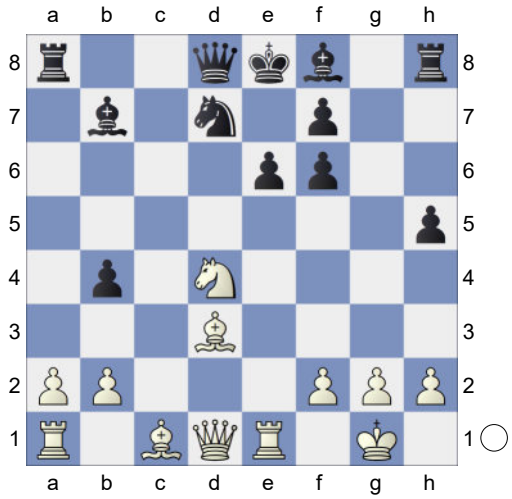
14...b4 1.78/18 Exploring less charted territory .Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
[14...Rg8= 0.23/18 and Black is okay. 15.g3 *(15.Bxh7? Rxg2+ 16.Kh1 Qc7-+)* 15...Ne5 16.Bxb5+ *(16.Bxh7? Rg4-+* Remove Defender, Decoy *)* 16...Ke7]

15.Re1? 0.01/20
[15.Bb5+- 1.78/18]

[RR 15.Nf3 Ra5 16.Qe2 Bc6 17.Rd1 Qa8 18.Ne1 Rg8 19.g3 Ne5 20.Bxh7 Rh8 21.Qc2 f5 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Bf4 Ng4 24.h4 Bc5 25.Nd3 Bd4 26.Re1+ Kf8 27.Bd6+ Kg8 28.Nf4 Bxf2+ 29.Kf1 Bxg3 Nezamyatin,R (2070)-Ljukin,S (2362) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (35)]

15...Qb6N 0.77/20

[15...h5? 2.53/20 15...Rg8 0.34



16.Qb3 1.39/20 *(16.Bb5!+- 2.53/20)* 16...e5? 3.33/20 *(16...Rg8± 1.39/20 17.g3 Rg4)* 17.Bc4+- Rh7 18.Nf5 Prevents Rg7. Qa5 4.73/20 *(⌓18...Qb6 3.14/19 19.Rd1 Nc5)* 19.Be3 h4? 5.54/21 *(19...Be4* 3.16/18 keeps fighting.*)* 20.Qd3 Qc7? 6.28/21 *(20...e4 3.41/19 21.Nd6+ Bxd6 22.Qxd6 Qe5 23.Qxb4 Bc6)* 21.Rac1+- e4 22.Bb5 Qd8 23.Bb6 Qe7 24.Nxe7 29.52/23 1-0 Abhay,B (1820)-Nayan Kumar,M (2005) BANchT2 Dhaka 2022 (4.2) *(⌓24.Bxd7+* #8/17 *Qxd7 25.Rxe4+ Bxe4 26.Qxe4+ Be7 27.Qxa8+ Bd8 28.Re1+* Deflection *Kf8 29.Bxd8 Qxf5 30.Bxf6+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Qc8 31.Qxc8#)*]

[15...Rg8!= 0.01/20 16.Be4 *(16.Bxh7? Rxg2+ 17.Kf1 Nc5-+)* 16...Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Ra5]

[RR 15...Bd5 16.Be4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Nc5 18.Re1 Bg7 19.Qg4 Bf8 20.Be3 h5 21.Qf3 Ra6 22.Red1 Qa8 23.Qxf6 Rg8 24.Qf3 Qxf3 25.Nxf3 Na4 26.Rd2 Bg7 27.Rad1 Ra8 28.Bd4 Ke7 29.Bxg7 Rxg7 30.Ne5 Houli,A-Bahji,H Cairo 2001 1-0 (32)]

[RR 15...h5 16.Qb3 e5 17.Bc4 Rh7 18.Nf5 Qa5 19.Be3 h4 20.Qd3 Qc7 21.Rac1 e4 22.Bb5 Qd8 23.Bb6 Qe7 24.Nxe7 1-0 (24) Abhay,B (1820)-Nayan Kumar,M (2005) Dhaka 2022]

16.Be3 Bc5 1.01/19

[16...Rg8± 0.53/19]

17.Nb3 -0.21/19

[17.Bf1± 1.01/19]

17...Rg8= 18.Bf1 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Ne5→ Black attacks. **20.Rg3** Inhibits Ng4. **20...Rxg3**

[20...Ke7 feels hotter. 21.a4 bxa3 22.Rxa3 Rad8]

21.hxg3 Bd5 22.Nd4 Bxa2 ...Rd8! is in the air **23.Nb5! b3** 0.38/23

[23...Rd8!= 0.01/21 24.Qc1 b3]

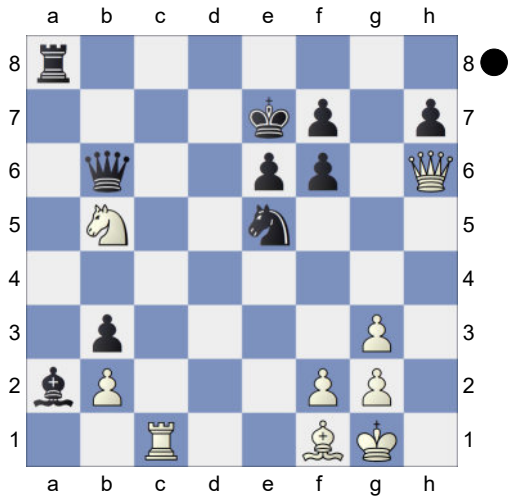
24.Qd2± And now Qb4 would win.

24...Kf8 25.Qh6+ Ke7 26.Rc1? -1.92/22

[26.Qxh7? is the wrong capture. Ng4 27.Kh1 Qxf2-+]

[26.Qf4!± 0.50/21 stays ahead. Rc8 27.Rd1]

(Diagram)

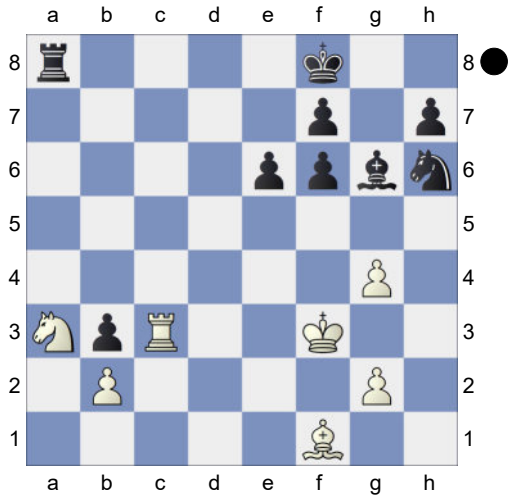


26...Qxf2+!!-+ Decoy **27.Kxf2** Rc7+ would kill now. **27...Ng4+ 28.Kf3** -2.32/19

[⌓28.Ke1 -1.93/20 Nxh6 29.Rc7+ Kf8 30.Be2]

28...Nxh6 29.Rc7+ Kf8 30.g4 Bb1 31.Na3 Bg6 White must now prevent ... Rxa3!. **32.Rc3?** -5.78/20

[32.Rb7 -2.66/20 is tougher.]



32...Rxa3! Promotion **33.bxa3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.23 (precise)

33...b2

0-1

14 **A10**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2697**

■ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2721**

Comet Open Titled Losers (4.3) 18.10.25

[Kitty Kat]*

A24: English Opening vs King's Indian: Lines without ...Nc6

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 0-0 5.e3

[5.Nf3 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nxd5 Qxd5 9.d3 Qb5 10.Rb1 a5 11.a4 Qa6 12.Be3 Bg4 13.Qd2 Rfd8 14.Rfc1 Rac8 15.Rc5 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Ne5 17.Rxa5 Nxf3+ 18.exf3 Qxd3 19.Qxd3 Rxd3 1-0 (44) Anastasian,A (2602)-Sakaev,K (2649) 7th ch-Euro Kusadasi TUR 2006 (2)]

5...d6 6.Nge2 e5N

[6...Nbd7 7.Rb1 e5 8.b4 Re8 9.d3 h5 10.h3 a6 11.0-0 Rb8 12.e4 b5 13.Bg5 c6 14.a4 Nf8 15.cxb5 cxb5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Be3 Be6 18.f4 Qd7 19.Kh2 Rec8 20.Qd2 Ne8 21.f5 1-0 (60) Laurusas,T (2566)-Shnurov,D (1941) Viljandi Raud Memorial 57th 2023 (6) gxf5 22.exf5 Bxf5 23.Nd5 Bg6 24.Nb6 Rxb6 25.Bxb6 d5 26.Rbc1 Rb8 27.Bc5 Ne6 28.d4 e4 29.Ra1 Nxc5 30.bxc5 b4 31.Qe3 Nc7 32.Ra7 Qc8 33.Rb1 Nb5 34.Ra4 Na3 35.Rb3 Nc2 36.Qd2 1-0 (60) Lilja,R (2566)-Sanna,G (1941) Deutschland 75/237 1999 (6)]

[6...Nc6 7.0-0 Bd7 8.h3 e5 9.Kh2 Re8 10.d3 Rb8 11.Rb1 a6 12.b4 b5 13.cxb5 axb5 14.a4 bxa4 15.b5 Ne7 16.Qxa4 d5 17.f4 exf4 18.Qxf4 Bf5 19.e4 Be6 20.Qf2 Nh5 21.Bg5 ½-½ (41) Moehring,G-Shagalovich,A Match/Nation DDR-BLR 21,0-19,0 1967 (2.6)]

7.d3 c6 The main line 7...c6 scores better than 7...Nc6.Die Hauptvariante 7...c6 punktet besser als 7...Sc6. **8.0-0 Re8 9.h3** -0.32/18

[9.e4= 0.10/18]

[RR 9.b4 d5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.d4 e4 12.b5 Nbd7 13.Qb3 Nb6 14.a4 Bg4 15.h3 Bf3 16.a5 Nc4 17.Bxf3 exf3 18.Nf4 Rc8 19.a6 b6 20.Ra4 Qd7 21.Kh2 Na5 22.Rxa5 bxa5 23.Ba3 Rxc3 Malakhatko,V (2542)-Onyshchuk,V (2637) Riadh 2017 0-1 (42)]

[RR 9.Qb3 Nbd7 10.Rb1 Nf8 11.e4 Rb8 12.Be3 b6 13.h3 h5 14.d4 Qc7 15.Qc2 a6 16.Rbc1 exd4 17.Nxd4 Bb7 18.b4 c5 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Nb3 N8d7 21.Rfd1 Ne5 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.cxd5 Qd8 Maghsoodloo,P (2447)-Ghaziolsharif,K (2186) Tehran 2015 1-0 (60)]

9...d5∓

[RR 9...Nbd7 10.Kh2 Nf8 11.e4 h5 12.Be3 b6 13.b4 Bb7 14.b5 c5 15.Qd2 Ne6 16.f4 Nd4 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Rf2 Nd7 19.Raf1 f6 20.a4 Kh7 21.h4 Nf8 22.Nd5 Re6 23.Nec3 Rd6 24.Bh3 Kersten,A (1907)-Schlaefer,R (1916) Mittelrhein 2024 1-0 (53)]

10.cxd5 cxd5 11.g4N The position is equal.

[11.d4 e4 12.b4 Nbd7 13.Nf4 Nb6 14.Qb3 -1.84/20 *(14.a4∓ -0.61/19)* 14...g5-+ 15.Nfe2 Be6 16.a4 Qd7 17.Kh2 1-0 (55) Kulon,K (2335)-Mirzoev,E (2474) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2021 (11)]

[RR 11.Qb3 d4 12.Nd5 dxe3 13.Bxe3 Nc6 14.Bg5 Qd6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nec3 Qd8 17.f4 Nd4 18.Qb4 Bg7 19.fxe5 Nc2 20.Qf4 Nxa1 21.Ne4 Nc2 22.Ndf6+ Kh8 23.Nxe8 Qxe8 24.Nd6 Qe7 25.Rc1 Kg8 Karlsson,L (2465)-Martinovic,S (2475) Vrnjacka Banja 1981 1-0 (42)]

[RR 11.d4 e4 12.Bd2 Nc6 13.Rc1 h5 14.Nf4 Bf5 15.Na4 Rc8 16.b4 b6 17.h4 Qd7 18.Qb3 Bh6 19.b5 Ne7 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Rc1 Bxf4 22.exf4 Bh3 23.f5 Rxc1+ 24.Bxc1 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 Nxf5 Kulon,K (2364)-Morgunov,M (2203) Neustadt an der Weinstrasse 2018 0-1 (58)]

[RR 11.d4 e4 12.b4 Nbd7 13.Nf4 Nb6 14.Qb3 g5 15.Nfe2 Be6 16.a4 Qd7 17.Kh2 Rac8 18.a5 Nc4 19.Na4 b6 20.axb6 axb6 21.b5 Ra8 22.Nec3 h5 23.Ra2 h4 24.Ba3 Qc7 25.Ne2 Ra7 Kulon,K (2335)-Mirzoev,E (2474) Katowice 2021 1-0 (55)]

11...h6 12.Ng3 Nc6 13.Nce2 Qd6 14.Kh1 -0.88/16

[14.Bd2∓ -0.34/16]

14...Bd7 15.a3 Rad8 16.Bd2 Bc8 -0.36/17

[16...d4∓ -0.74/16]

17.Rc1 a6 -0.01/18

[17...d4∓ -0.55/18]

18.b4 -0.57/18

[18.Qb3= -0.01/18]

18...Qe7 19.Qb3 e4 20.dxe4 -0.65/20

[20.d4= -0.14/18]

20...Nxe4∓ 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Bc3 Ne5 -0.08/19

[22...Bxc3∓ -0.55/19 23.Rxc3 Ne5]

23.Bxe5 -1.07/20

[23.Nf4!= -0.08/19]

23...Bxe5∓

[23...Qxe5 24.Rc5 Be6 25.Rxe5=]

24.Rfd1

[24.Bxe4? Bxg4 25.Ng1 Be6-+]

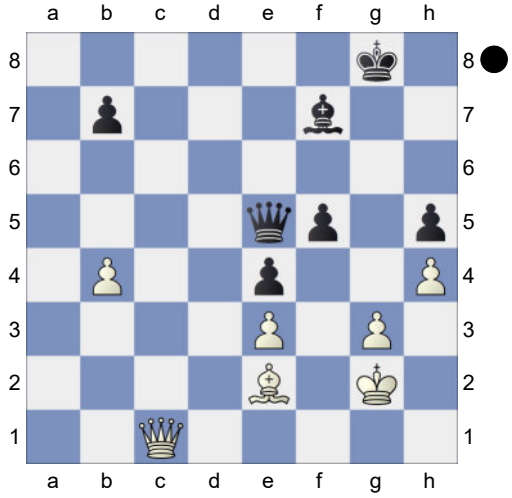
24...h5 -0.07/22

[24...Qh4∓ -0.95/20 25.Rxd8 Rxd8]

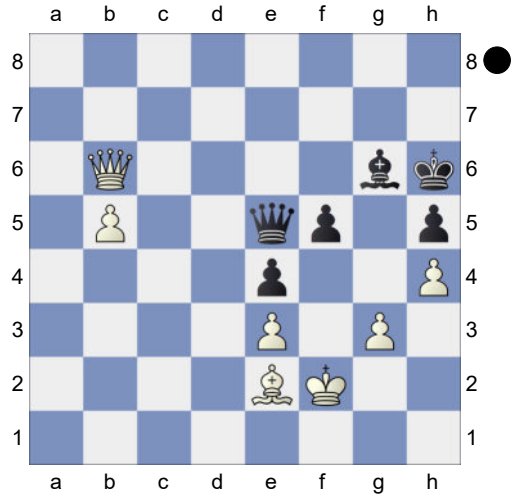
25.gxh5=

[25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.gxh5 Qh4

27.Rd1]
25...gxh5
[25...Rxd1+ 26.Rxd1 Qh4 27.Nf4 Bxf4 28.exf4 Qxh5 29.Bxe4 Qh4]
26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Rd1 Rxd1+ 0.08/20
[⌓27...Be6 -0.29/19 28.Rxd8+ Qxd8]
28.Qxd1 Be6 29.Ng3 -0.54/22
[29.Nd4= 0.22/22]
29...Bxg3 0.01/20
[29...Qh4∓ -0.54/22 30.Qf1 f5 *(30...Bxg3 31.fxg3 Qxg3 32.Bxe4∓)*]
30.fxg3∓ Endgame KQB-KQB **30...Qg5 31.Qe1**
[31.Bxe4 with more complications. Qxe3 32.Bxb7 Qxa3 33.Qd8+]
31...f5 0.46/20
[31...Qe5= -0.01/20]
32.h4± Qf6 33.Qc1! Repels Qb2
33...Bf7 34.Bf1 Qe5 35.Kg2 a5 36.Be2 0.43/23
[White should play 36.bxa5± 0.96/23 and Qc8+ should not be overlooked Qxa5 37.Be2]
36...axb4 37.axb4



Kg7 0.53/24
[37...Qe6± 0.95/26 38.Qd1 Kg7]
38.Kf2 b6 39.Qd2 Qe7 Against Qd7
40.Qd4+ Qf6 41.Qd7 Kh6 42.Qc7 Bg6 43.Qb8 White is more active.
43...Kg7 44.Qa7+ Kh6 45.Qc7 Bf7 46.Qf4+ Kg7 47.b5 Bg6 48.Qc7+ Kh6 49.Qc6 Kg7 50.Qd7+ Kh6 51.Qd2 Kg7 52.Qd1 Kh6 53.Qc1 Kh7 54.Qd2 -0.01/25
[54.Kg1± 0.48/26 deserves consideration.]
54...Kg7!= 55.Qc2 Kh6 56.Qd1 Qb2? 5.65/25
[Black should try 56...Be8± 0.49/25]
57.Qd8 White is clearly winning.
57...Qe5 6.75/24
[⌓57...Qa1 4.51/24 58.Qxb6 Qh1]
58.Qxb6+-



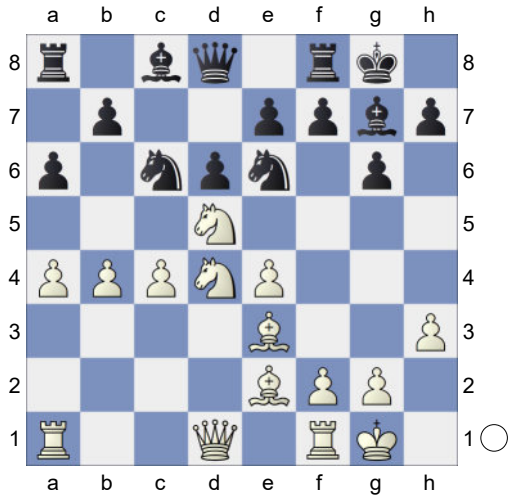
Kg7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.47
59.Qd4
1-0

15 **B54**
□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2721**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2697**
Comet Open Titled Losers (4.2) 18.10.25
[Kitty Kat]*

B55: Sicilian: 2...d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 f3
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4

Nf6 5.Bd3 Nc6

[5...Nbd7 0.52/17 5...Nc6 0.11 6.c4 Nc5 7.Nc3 g6 8.h3 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.a4 0.37/18 *(11.Bc2± 0.85/17)* 11...Nfd7 0.75/18 *(11...b6± 0.37/18)* 12.Be2 Ne5 1.27/20 *(⌓12...a5 0.71/18)* 13.b4± Ne6 14.Nd5 Nc6 1.77/19 *(14...a5± 1.20/19)*



15.Nb3 1.27/19 *(15.Nxe6!+- 1.77/19 Bxe6 16.Rb1)* 15...Bxa1± 16.Qxa1 1-0 (46) Sindarov,J (2658)-Maghsoodloo,P (2707) Asian Games Hangzhou rapid 2023 (7)]

6.Be3N

[6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.c4 g6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qc2 *(10.Re1 a5 11.h3 Nd7 12.Be3 Nc5 13.Bc2 Rb8 14.Rb1 Rxb2 15.Rxb2 Bxc3 16.Rb8 Qc7 17.Rb1 Bxe1 18.Qxe1 Be6 19.Qc3 f6 20.e5 fxe5 21.Bxc5 dxc5 22.Re1 Bf5 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.g4 Rf4* 1-0 (45) Pedersen,P (2670)-Grube,J (2764) FIDE GP Moscow rapid 2002 (1.13)*; 10.Be2 Rb8 11.Qc2 Be6 12.Be3 Qa5 13.b3 Nd7 14.Rac1 Nc5 15.Bf3 Be5 16.Rfe1 f5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Na4 Qa5 19.c5 f4 20.Qe2 Bd7 21.Red1 Be8 22.Qc2 Rf6 23.a3 Qc7 24.cxd6 Rxd6* ½-½ (47) Burden,D (2132)-Ould Ahmed,S (1833) corr FICGS CHESS 2007 (1) *)* 10...Qa5 11.Rb1 Ng4 12.h3 Ne5 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bd2 f5 15.b4 Qc7 16.f4 Nf7 17.Be3 e5 18.Bd3 exf4 19.Bxf4 g5 20.Bh2 f4 0-1 (32) Baxter,D-Birks,J GBR corr 1890 21.e5 Nxe5 22.Bxh7+ Kh8 23.Be4 Be6 24.h4 d5 25.Bd3 Nxd3 26.Qxd3 Bf5 27.Qf3 g4 28.Bxf4 gxf3 29.Bxc7 Bxc3 30.Bxb8 Bd4+ 31.Kh2 Bxb1 32.Rxb1 f2 0-1 Hue,V-Ortiz Suarez,I 68/190 Reno 1996 (2)]

6...Ng4 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd2

The position is equal. **8...Rb8!?** Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[RR 8...g6 9.Bc3 Nf6 10.e5 Nd5 11.Be4 Nxc3 12.Bxc6+ Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Nxc3 Bg7 15.exd6 Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 0-0 17.0-0 Qxd6 18.Qxd6 exd6 19.Rfd1 Rfc8 20.Rxd6 Rxc3 21.Ra6 Rxc2 22.g3 Rd8 23.Rxa7 Matlakov,M (2673)-Giri,A (2775) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½]

[RR 8...g6 9.Bc3 Nf6 10.0-0 Bg7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Kh1 Nd7 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.f4 a5 15.Qe1 Ba6 16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.Rf3 a4 18.Rd1 Qb8 19.Nc4 Qb5 20.Qc3+ Kg8 21.e5 d5 22.Ne3 Rb6 23.b3 Sindarov,J (2707)-Kosakowski,J (2515) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (46)]

9.0-0 Rxb2N

[9...e5 10.b3 Be7 11.c4 0-0 12.Nc3 Be6 13.h3 Nf6 14.Qe2 Nd7 15.Rad1 Nc5 1-0 (55) Maurizzi,M (2604)-Keymer,V (2730) FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (5)]

[RR 9...e5 10.b3 Be7 11.c4 0-0 12.Nc3 Be6 13.h3 Nf6 14.Qe2 Nd7 15.Rad1 Nc5 16.Bc2 a5 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxf4 a4 19.e5 axb3 20.axb3 d5

21.Qf3 Nxb3 22.cxd5 cxd5 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5 Maurizzi,M (2604)-Keymer,V (2730) Samarkand 2025 1-0 (55)]

10.Na3 Ne5 0.46/19

[10...d5= -0.01/19]

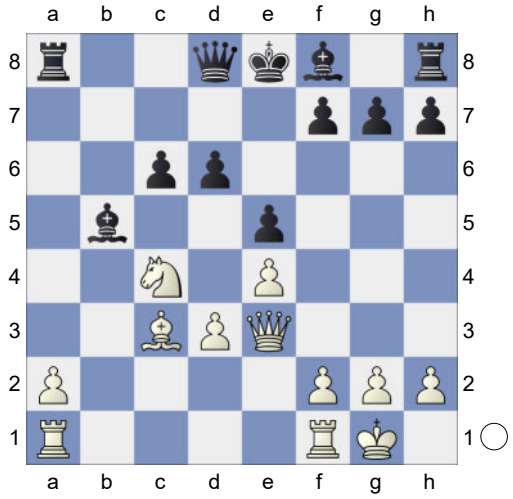
11.Bc3 -0.11/19

[11.Nc4± 0.46/19 Nxd3 12.cxd3]

11...Rb8= 12.Nc4 Nxd3 13.cxd3 Ba6 0.88/21

[13...e5= -0.01/17 remains equal.]

14.Qa4± Bb5 15.Qxa7 Ra8 16.Qe3 e5



17.a4! Bxc4 18.dxc4 Be7 19.a5 Ra6 2.05/20

[19...Qc8± 1.20/18 keeps fighting. 20.c5 0-0]

20.c5+- 0-0 2.39/20

[⌓20...dxc5 1.99/19 21.Rfb1 *(21.Bxe5 0-0+-)* 21...0-0]

21.Qd3 Ra7 22.cxd6 0.92/21

[⌓22.Rfd1 1.44/20 dxc5 23.Qg3 *(23.Bxe5 Qxd3 24.Rxd3 c4±)*]

22...Qxd6± 23.Qc4

[23.Qxd6 Bxd6 24.Rfd1 Bc7 25.h4]

23...Rfa8 1.23/22

[23...Qc5± 0.66/20 24.Qxc5 Bxc5]

24.Rfd1 Qc5 25.Qxc5 Bxc5 26.Bxe5 Bb4 Against Bc3 **27.a6** Strongly threatening Ra4. **27...f6 28.Bd6 c5**

[28...Bxd6 simplifies 29.Rxd6 Rxa6 30.Rxa6 Rxa6 31.h4 h5]

29.Rac1 Rc8 0.49/19

[29...Rd7= 0.01/21 is superior.]

30.e5 0.10/20

[30.Rd5± 0.49/19]

30...fxe5 0.62/21

[30...Rxa6= 0.10/20 31.f3 fxe5]

31.Bxe5±

[31.Ra1 Bc3 32.Ra3 Bb2±]

31...Rxa6 32.Rc4 Re6 33.f4 Re7 Repels Rd7 **34.h4 Kf7 35.Kf2 h5 36.Kf3 Rc6 37.Rd8** 0.01/21

[37.g4± 0.37/19]

37...Ra6= 38.Rh8 Kg6 39.Ke4 Ra2 40.g3 Ra3 41.Rc1 Rxg3 42.Rd1 Threatening Rd6+. **42...c4 43.Rdd8** -0.35/23

[43.Ra1= 0.01/18]

43...Rg4∓ 44.Rb8 -1.04/22

[White should try 44.Rhe8∓ -0.40/22]

44...Bd6∓ 45.Rb6? -10.48/22

[45.Rbe8∓ -1.01/24]

45...Rxe5+-+ Black is clearly winning.

46.Kf3 Rd5 47.Rd8 Quite a comeback for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.17 (very precise)

47...Rxf4+

0-1

16 **E46**

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■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2816**

Comet Open Titled Winners (3.5)

[Kitty Kat]*

E46: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4 e3 0-0 5 Ne2 without early Bd3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 c6N

[5...d5 6.a3 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5

(7...Nxd5 8.Bd2 Nd7 9.g3 b6 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Bg2 Bb7 12.Bb4 Nf6 13.0-0 Re8 14.Rc1 c6 15.Bxe7 Rxe7 16.Re1 Qd6 17.Nf4 Bc8 18.Qa4 Rc7 19.f3 Be6 20.e4 dxe4 21.fxe4 Qd7 22.d5 1-0 (29) 7.3) Carlsen,M (2864)-Anand,V (2786) Moscow Tal Memorial 8th 2013 (5)*)* 8.g3 a5 *(8...Nbd7 9.Bg2 Nb6 10.Qc2 a5 11.0-0 Re8 12.Bd2 a4 13.Rae1 Bd7 14.Nf4 c6 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 g6 18.h4 Bd6 19.Kh2 Qf6 20.Qd3 Bg4 21.Bg2 Bc7 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Rc1* (49) 5) The Carlsbad Formation-Yuriy Kuzubov vs. Zahar Efime *)* 9.Bg2 Re8 10.0-0 Na6 B3.3) 8.g3 #1-7a) Rubinstein Variation 4.e3 Playing the Nimzo-Indian (11.34)]

6.a3 Ba5 7.b4 Bc7 8.e4 White has an edge. 8.e4 scores better than 8.Ng3. 8.e4 punktet besser als 8.Sg3. **8...d6 9.g3 e5 10.Bg2 a5** Hoping for ...axb4. **11.Rb1** -0.03/21

[11.b5± 0.34/18]

[RR 11.b5 Be6 12.d5 cxd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.cxd5 Nbd7 15.h3 Bb6 16.0-0 Nc5 17.Nc3 Rc8 18.Kh2 Ncd7 19.Ne2 Rc4 20.Qd3 Qc7 21.g4 Rc2 22.Bd2 Qc4 23.Qxc4 Rxc4 24.Ng3 Rc2 25.Rad1 g6 Garkauskas,O (2263)-Xiong,J (2636) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1]

11...axb4= 12.axb4 Nbd7 13.0-0 -0.15/21

[13.d5± 0.31/21]

13...Re8N 0.44/18

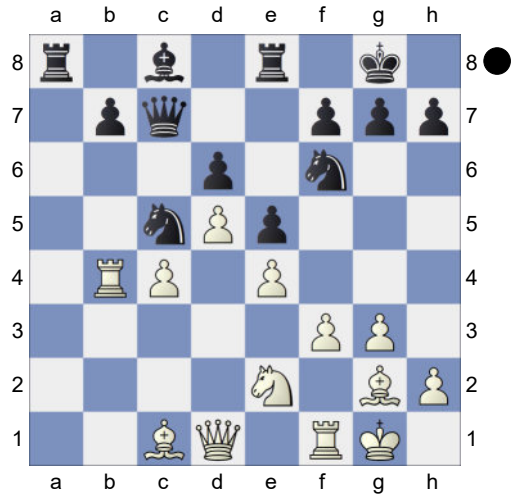
[13...exd4! 14.Nxd4 Ne5 15.c5 Dodges Bb6 dxc5 16.bxc5 Qe7! 17.f4 -1.33/21 *(17.Qc2!∓ -0.42/18)* 17...Rd8 -0.25/19 *(17...Bg4!∓ -1.33/21 18.Nce2 Qxc5)* 18.fxe5= Bxe5 19.Nce2 Bg4! ½-½ (49) Vasilov,A (2171)-Ivanov,S (2072) Izhevsk op-A 2010 (4)]

[13...exd4!= -0.15/21 14.Nxd4 Ne5]

[RR 13...exd4 14.Nxd4 Ne5 15.c5 dxc5 16.bxc5 Qe7 17.f4 Rd8 18.fxe5 Bxe5 19.Nce2 Bg4 20.Qc2 Bxd4+ 21.Nxd4 Rxd4 22.Bb2 Rd7 23.h3 Bh5 24.Rf5 Bg6 25.Re5 Qd8 26.Bc3 h6 27.Kh2 Ra3 28.Qb2 Vasilov,A (2171)-Ivanov,S (2072) Izhevsk 2010 ½-½ (49)]

14.d5 c5 15.Nb5 cxb4 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Rxb4 Nc5 18.f3 -1.63/20

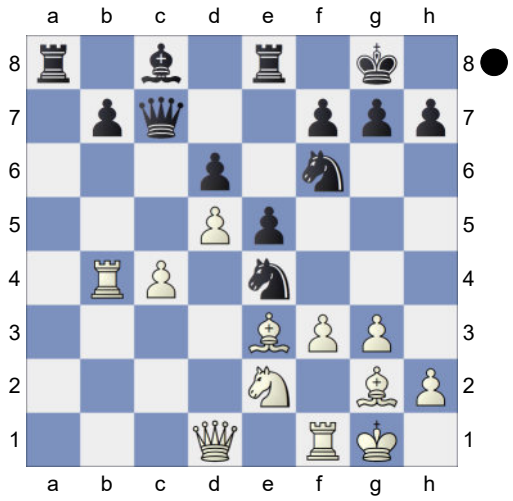
[18.Qc2!= -0.01/20]



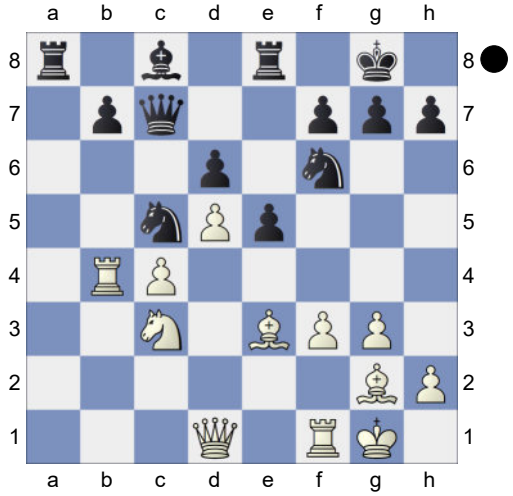
18...Ncxe4!-+ Clearance. Excellent horsemanship. **19.Be3**

[19.fxe4? Qc5+ 20.Kh1 Qxb4-+]

(Diagram)

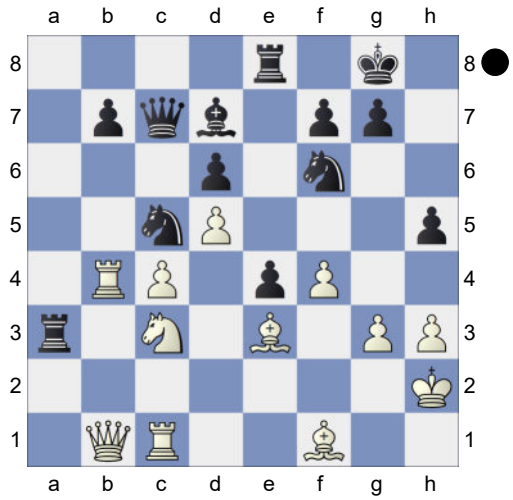


Dodges Qc5 **19...Nc5! 20.Nc3** -1.82/20
[20.Qc2∓ -1.45/18]



20...Bd7 -1.06/19
[20...Qa5!-+ -1.82/20 21.Qb1 Bf5]
21.Qb1 -1.54/19
[⌓21.Qd2 -1.06/19]
21...Ra3∓ 22.Rc1 Rea8 Black is more active. **23.Bf1 h5** -1.32/19
[23...e4-+ -1.85/19 24.f4 Qc8]
24.h3 -2.44/18
[24.Qc2∓ -1.32/19 might work better.]
24...Re8 -1.25/19
[24...Qc8-+ -2.44/18 25.Qb2 Bxh3]
25.Kh2 -2.08/21
[25.Qb2∓ -1.25/19 Rea8 26.Bf2]

25...e4-+ 26.f4



Nd3! Prevents Qb2. **27.Bxd3 exd3 28.Qxd3 Qc8 29.Bd4 Ne4** Deflection **30.g4** -3.22/21 Inhibits Bf5. **30...hxg4 31.hxg4 Nxc3 32.Bxc3?** -6.26/20
[32.Rxc3 -2.78/23 Ra2+ 33.Rc2 Rxc2+ 34.Qxc2 Bxg4 35.Qd3]
32...Bxg4 33.Rg1 Re2+ 34.Rg2 White is weak on the light squares **34...Rxg2+ 35.Kxg2 Bf5 36.Qd4 f6 37.Rb6?** -6.13/22
[37.Kf1 -2.95/20]
37...Qe8 38.Rb2 -15.05/24 Prevents Qe2+
[⌓38.Kf2 -4.35/26 Qh5 39.Rxb7 Qh4+ *(39...Ra2+ 40.Bb2∓)* 40.Ke2]
38...Qe4+ -4.31/24
[⌓38...Ra1 -15.05/24 (-> ...Qh5) 39.Rf2 Be4+ 40.Rf3 Qg6+ *(40...Bxf3+? 41.Kxf3 Rf1+ 42.Qf2-+)* 41.Kf2 Qg1+ 42.Ke2 Ra2+ *(42...Bxf3+? 43.Kxf3 Rf1+ 44.Ke4-+)* 43.Qd2 Rxd2+ *(43...Bxf3+? 44.Kxf3 Rxd2 45.Bxd2-+)* 44.Bxd2 Qg4 Pin *(44...Bxf3+? 45.Kxf3 Qf1+ 46.Ke3-+)* 45.Ke1 Qxf3 *(45...Bxf3* gets mated. *46.Be3 Bd1 47.Kf2 Qf3+* Deflection *48.Kg1 Qxe3+ 49.Kg2 Qf3+ 50.Kg1 Bc2 51.Kh2*

Qf2+ 52.Kh3 Bf5#) 46.Bc1 Bd3 47.Kd2 Bxc4 *(47...Qe2+ 48.Kc3 Qc2+ 49.Kd4 Bxc4 50.Ke3 Qe2+ 51.Kd4 Qd3#)* 48.Ba3 Qd3+ *(48...Qxa3 49.Kc2 f5 50.Kd2 Qb2+ 51.Kd1 b5 52.Ke1 Qe2#)* 49.Kc1 Bb3 *(49...Qxa3+ 50.Kc2 f5 51.Kd2 Qb2+ 52.Kd1 b5 53.Ke1 Qe2#)* 50.Kb2 Qc2+ 51.Ka1 Qa2#]

39.Kf2 Qh1 (-> ...Ra1) **40.Re2** -8.30/25

[⌓40.Rxb7 -4.40/25 Qh2+ 41.Ke1 Qh1+ 42.Kf2]

40...Qh2+ 41.Ke1 Qg3+ 42.Kd2 Ra2+

Skewer **43.Bb2 Qb3 44.Kc1** -14.05/26

[44.Ke1 -3.90/23]

44...Ra4 45.Re8+

Weighted Error Value: White=1.00/ Black=0.57

45...Kf7

0-1

17 **A29**

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■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2816**

Comet Open Titled Winners (3.4)

[Kitty Kat]*

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3

[4.a3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxe5 Nxc3 10.Nxc6 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 bxc6 12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.d3 Bh3 14.Re1 Rb6 15.Qc2 Be6 16.Be4 Qd7 17.Qc5 Bd4 18.Qa5 Rb5 ½-½ (22) Ruck,R (2550)-Romanishin,O (2561) 11th GM Lippstadt GER 2003 (3)]

4...Nd4N

[4...d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nde7 *(6...Nb6 7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Rc1 f5 10.Na4 e4 11.Qb3+ Kh8 12.dxe4 fxe4 13.Nd2 Nd4 14.Qd1 Nf5* A 29/15 2000*)* 7.0-0 g6 8.d3 Bg7 9.Bd2 0-0 10.Qc1 Nf5 11.Re1 h6 12.Rb1 g5 13.h4 Rb8 14.b4 Nfd4 15.b5 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Nd4 17.Bg2 Be6 18.Kh2 b6 19.Rb4 0-1 (33) 7.a4 Nbd7 8.Be3 (1998)-Campos,J (2365) USSR 21/(563) 1976 (8)]

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Re1 h6 10.Bb2 Be6 11.Rc1 Qd7 12.a3 a5 13.Nb5 Rac8 14.e4 Bh3 15.d4 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 exd4 17.Nbxd4 Nxe4 0-1 Khin Maung Tun-Al Modiahki,M (2425) Asia-chT Genting Highlands 1998]

5.Bg2 Nxf3+ 6.Bxf3 Bb4 7.Qc2 a5N

[RR 7...0-0 8.0-0 Re8 9.d3 c6 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Qxc3 d5 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Qc2 Nc7 14.b4 Bh3 15.Rd1 Ne6 16.Bb2 Qf6 17.Rab1 Rad8 18.Rdc1 Rd7 19.Qd2 a6 20.Qe3 Nd4 21.Bxd4 Rxd4 22.Rc5 Smejkal,J-Kortschnoj,V Palma de Mallorca 1972 ½-½]

[RR 7...0-0 8.d3 c6 9.a3 Be7 10.0-0 d5 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Bg5 Be6 13.Rfc1 Qd7 14.Qa4 Qxa4 15.Nxa4 Rac8 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.e3 f5 18.Bg2 Rfd8 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Nc3 e4 21.d4 Kf8 22.Bf1 Bareev,E (2709)-Gelfand,B (2696) Monte Carlo 2005 ½-½ (80)]

[RR 7...0-0 8.a3 Be7 9.0-0 c6 10.d3 d5 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Bg5 Be6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.e4 d4 15.Nd5 Bg5 16.Qe2 Qd7 17.Bg2 Bh6 18.Rae1 Rae8 19.Qd1 f5 20.Qb3 f4 21.f3 fxg3 22.hxg3 Wu,L (2270)-Hong,A (2547) London 2025 0-1 (36)]

[RR 7...c6 8.a3 Be7 9.0-0 d6 10.Rd1 Qd7 11.d4 Qh3 12.Bg5 Qf5 13.Qxf5 Bxf5 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.b4 Nd7 16.Be3 Nb6 17.b5 Bd7

18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Nb5 cxb5 20.Bxa8 Nxa8 21.cxb5 Nb6 22.a4 Hernandez Onna,R (2435)-Makarichev,S (2515) Vrsac 1977 ½-½]
[RR 7...0-0 8.0-0 Re8 9.d3 h6 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Qxc3 d5 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Qc5 Nf6 14.Qc2 c6 15.b4 Bg4 16.Bh1 Qd7 17.Bb2 Rad8 18.Rfe1 a6 19.Rad1 Qe6 20.f3 Bh3 21.e4 Rd7 22.d4 Farago,I (2510)-Zeitlein,M (2510) Polanica Zdroj 1978 ½-½]

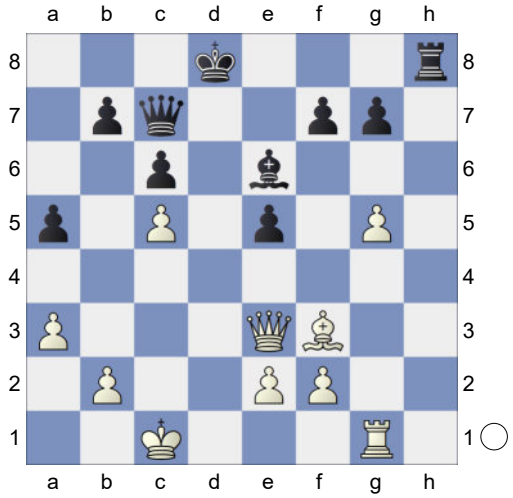
8.g4 h6 9.h4 c6 10.g5 Ng8 1.14/18
[10...hxg5= 0.01/20 11.hxg5 Rxh1+ 12.Bxh1 Ng4]

11.Rg1 0.25/19
[11.d4!± 1.14/18]

11...hxg5= 12.hxg5 Ne7 13.a3 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 d6 15.d4 Qc7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Be3 Nf5 18.0-0-0 Nxe3 19.Qxe3
[19.fxe3 Be6±]

19...Be6 1.15/20
[19...Rh4 0.72/20]

20.c5± White is more active. **20...Rd8** Prevents Rd6 **21.Rxd8+! Kxd8**



22.Rd1+! Ke7 23.Rd6 f6 4.52/25
[23...Rd8± 1.09/21 is a better chance.]

24.gxf6+? 0.58/20
[24.Qe4+- 4.52/25 Qc8 25.Qg6]

24...gxf6± 25.Be4 Rd8? 13.11/22
[25...Qc8± 0.72/21]

26.Rxd8? 0.01/23
[26.Rxe6++- 13.11/22 Kxe6 27.Qh3+ f5 28.Qxf5+ Ke7 29.Qh7+ Skewer Kf6 30.Qg6+ *(30.Qxc7 Rd4+-)* 30...Ke7 31.Qg7+ Ke6 32.Qxc7]

26...Qxd8= 27.Qd2 Qxd2+
[27...f5 looks sharper. 28.Bf3 Qd4 29.Qg5+ Kf8]

28.Kxd2 Endgame KB-KB **28...f5**

29.Bc2 Kf6 0.41/25
[29...f4= 0.01/26]

30.Kc3!± With the idea b4. **30...Ke7** 0.74/27
[30...Kg5= 0.01/25 remains equal.]

31.e3± f4 1.93/29
[31...e4± 0.85/26]

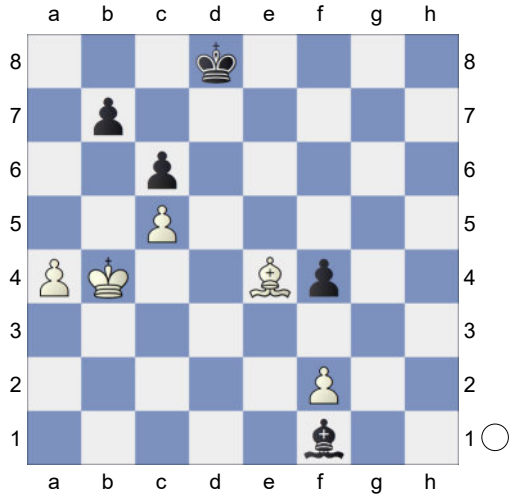
32.exf4+- exf4 33.b4 axb4+ 2.23/31
[⌓33...Kf6 1.79/29 34.bxa5 Ke5]

34.Kxb4 Kd8 35.Be4 0.61/27
[35.a4+- 1.95/29]

35...Bh3 1.23/26
[35...Kc7± 0.61/27]

36.a4 0.39/30
[36.Kc4± 1.23/26]

36...Bf1 1.79/31
[Black should play 36...Kc7± 0.39/30]



37.Bf5 0.44/32

[Only move: 37.Kc3!+- 1.79/31]
37...Be2? 2.13/31
[37...Kc7± 0.44/32]
38.Kc3 Kc7 39.a5 0.01/31
[39.Bd3+- 2.03/30 Bd1 40.a5]
39...Kb8!= The position is equal. **40.Bd3 Bxd3 41.Kxd3** K3P-K3P **41...Ka7 42.Ke4 Ka6 43.Kxf4 Kxa5** KPP-KPP **44.Ke4**
[44.Ke5!? b5□ 45.cxb6 Kxb6 46.f4=]
44...b5! 45.f4 b4 (-> ...b3) **46.f5 b3** (-> ...b2) **47.Kd3! Kb4** (-> ...Ka3!) **48.f6 Ka3!** ...b2 would now be deadly.
[48...b2 49.Kc2 Kxc5 50.f7 *(50.Kxb2 Kd6=)* 50...Kd4 51.Kxb2 *(51.f8R Ke5+-; 51.f8Q Ke5+-)* 51...Ke5 52.f8Q *(52.f8R Ke6+-)* 52...Ke6 53.Qc5]
49.f7
[49.Kd2!? b2□ 50.f7∓ *(50.Kc2* leads to mate. *Ka2 51.f7 b1Q+ 52.Kc3 Qc1+ 53.Kd4 Qf4+ 54.Kd3 Qxf7 55.Ke4 Qd5+ 56.Kf4 Kb2 57.Kg3 Qg5+ 58.Kf3 Kb3 59.Ke4 Kc2 60.Kf3 Kd3 61.Kf2 Qg4 62.Kf1 Ke3 63.Ke1 Qg1#)*]
49...b2 50.f8Q Qb8 would kill now.
[50.f8R? too greedy. b1Q+ *(50...b1R 51.Ra8+ Kb2 52.Rb8+ Ka2 53.Rxb1 Kxb1 54.Ke4 Kb2 55.Ke5)* 51.Ke3 Qg1+ 52.Ke4 Qxc5-+]
[50.Kc2!? Ka2□ 51.f8Q b1Q+ *(51...b1R 52.Qa8#)* 52.Kc3 Qe1+ 53.Kd3∓]
50...b1Q+ KQ-KQ
[50...b1R 51.Qa8+ Kb3 52.Qb7+ *(52.Qxc6 Rd1+ 53.Ke2 Rd4+-)* 52...Ka2 53.Qxc6 Rb3+ 54.Kc4+-]
51.Kd4 Qd1+ 52.Kc4 Qc2+ 53.Kd4 Qd2+ 54.Kc4 And now Qf3+ would win.
54...Qc2+ 55.Kd4 Qd1+ 56.Kc4 Qg4+ 57.Kc3 Qb4+ 58.Kd3 Qb3+ 59.Kd4 Qd5+ 60.Kc3 Qb3+ 61.Kd4 Qd5+ 62.Kc3 Qb3+ Black defended with fortune.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.45
63.Kd4
½-½

18 **B50**
□ **Nakamura,Hi** **2816**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2697**
Comet Open Titled Winners (3.3)
[Kitty Kat]*

B50: Sicilian: 2...d6, Miscellaneous
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3
[4.g3 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a4 Rb8 9.Re1 e5 10.Nbd2 a6 11.Nc4 h6 12.a5 Be6 13.Nfd2 Re8 14.h3 Rc8 15.Kh2 d5 16.Nb6 Rc7 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Ndc4 Nxb6 0-1 (30) Ferragut,A (2708)-Mendez Fortes,E (2646) 69/11 Madrid 1997 (1. 11)]
4...g6N
[4...b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 a5 19.Ng5 1-0 (34) Hazai,L (2440)-Perenyi,B (2270) Hungarian Championship 1977 h6 20.Nh7 Rfd8 21.Rac1 Nc6 22.Nh5 Bf8 23.Re3 Qe7 24.Rg3 Kh8 25.Nxf8 Qxf8 26.Rxg7 Qxg7 27.Nxg7 Kxg7 28.Qf4 Nxd4 29.Qf6+ Kg8 30.Rc7 Rd7 31.Rxc8+ Bxc8 32.Qxh6 Nf5 33.Bxf5 exf5 34.Qc6 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6 37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]

5.Bc2 Bg7 6.h3 0-0 7.0-0 b5 8.d4 Bb7 9.Re1 cxd4!? White has an edge. Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[RR 9...Nc6 10.Nbd2 cxd4 11.cxd4 Rc8 12.a3 Qb6 13.Nb3 Na5 14.Nbd2 Rfd8 15.Bd3 a6 16.Nf1 d5 17.e5 Ne4 18.Ne3 Nc4 19.Qe2 f6 20.Ng4 h5 21.Nh6+ Kh7 22.Nf7 Rf8 23.e6 Kg8 24.Nh6+ Martinez Alcantara,J (2603)-Steinberg,N (2554) Chess.com INT 2024 ½-½]

10.cxd4 b4N A top novelty.Eine Top Neuerung.

[10...Nbd7 11.a3 0.16/18 *(11.a4± 0.58/18)* 11...a5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bf4 e5! 14.Bh2 d5 0.67/20 *(14...Re8= -0.26/18)* 15.dxe5± Nxe4 16.Nbd2 Ndc5 ½-½ (48) Andreikin,D (2736)-Dubov,D (2648) RUS-ch blitz 2016 (21.2)]

[RR 10...e6 11.Bf4 Qb6 12.Nc3 Nbd7 13.Bd3 a6 14.Qb3 e5 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nxe5 Nc5 17.Qc2 Nh5 18.Bh2 Qd6 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Qxd5 21.Bxb5 axb5 22.Red1 Qe4 23.Qxc5 Nf4 24.Bxf4 Qxf4 25.Rd5 Bakre,T (2453)-Papadakis,M (2123) Rethymno 2009 1-0 (36)]

[RR 10...Nc6 11.a3 Rc8 12.Nc3 a6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Be3 Na5 15.Bd3 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.Nd2 Rc8 18.Rc1 e5 19.d5 Nd7 20.b4 f5 21.f3 f4 22.Bf2 Bf6 23.Nb3 Bh4 24.Bxh4 Qxh4 25.Na5 Yanev,T (2354)-Manvelyan,M (2362) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (64)]

[RR 10...d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Nc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nc6 14.Rb1 Ba6 15.a4 bxa4 16.Bxa4 Na5 17.Bb5 Bc8 18.Qa4 a6 19.Bd3 Bd7 20.Qc2 Qc7 21.Ba3 Rfe8 22.Bc5 Nc4 23.Nd2 Nxe5 24.Bf1 Nc6 25.Rb6 Nikulina,A (1844)-Bach,N (2231) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (50)]

[RR 10...Nc6 11.a3 Nd7 12.Nc3 a6 13.Be3 Rc8 14.Bd3 Nb6 15.Rc1 e6 16.b3 Re8 17.Qd2 d5 18.e5 Bf8 19.Nb1 Qd7 20.Nh2 Bg7 21.Bh6 f5 22.Bxg7 Qxg7 23.Bf1 Rc7 24.Rc3 Rec8 25.Rec1 Pridorozhni,A (2540)-Shtyka,S (2281) Voronezh 2017 1-0 (43)]

11.Bg5 h6 12.Bf4 a5 13.Nbd2 Nbd7 14.Be3 Ba6 15.Nf1 e5 16.Ng3 Rc8 0.69/18

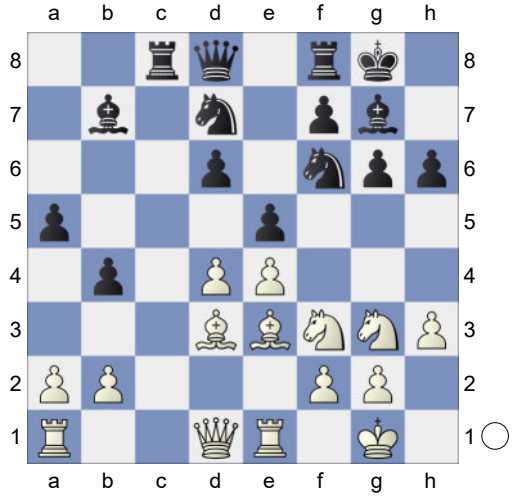
[16...exd4! 0.31/17 17.Bxd4 Bc4]

17.Bd3 -0.01/19

[17.Qd2± 0.69/18]

17...Bb7 0.85/19

[17...Bxd3= -0.01/19 18.Qxd3 exd4 19.Bxd4 Re8]



18.Qd2 0.30/20

[18.d5!± 0.85/19]

18...Kh7 19.Rad1 Qc7 1.09/19

[19...d5= 0.24/19]

20.Rc1± Qb8 21.a3 0.19/20

[21.d5± 0.97/20]

21...exd4 22.Bxd4 Nc5 23.Bxc5

[23.axb4 Nb3 24.Rxc8 Bxc8∓]

23...dxc5 1.01/20

[23...Rxc5= 0.22/20 24.Rxc5 *(24.axb4 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 axb4=)* 24...dxc5]

24.e5 Nd5 25.Ne4 0.47/19

[25.Nh5± 0.92/19]

25...Nb6± Dodges Rc4 26.axb4

[26.Rxc5 Rxc5 27.Nxc5 Bxf3 28.gxf3 bxa3=]

[26.Nxc5 Bxf3 27.Na6 Qb7 28.gxf3 bxa3= *(28...Qxf3 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.axb4∓)*]

26...axb4 27.Qf4 c4 28.Bb1 Bxe4 0.48/20

[28...Nd7= -0.11/16]

29.Rxe4 -0.01/18

[29.Qxe4± 0.48/20 should be considered. Kg8 30.b3]

29...Rc5 30.Qe3 -0.38/18

[30.h4= 0.03/19]

30...Qc7 31.e6 -1.08/20

[31.Qe2= -0.19/19 keeps the balance.]

31...Nd5

[31...Bxb2 32.Rh4 Bxc1 33.Qxc1∓]

[31...f5 is interesting. 32.Rh4 Nd5 33.Qe2 Bf6]

32.Qe1 -2.13/19

[32.Qe2∓ -0.84/19]

32...Bxb2-+ 33.Rd1 Bc3 34.Qe2 Bf6

[34...Nf4 35.Qc2 Nd3 *(35...fxe6? 36.Rxf4 Rff5 37.Rg4+-; 35...Nxe6 36.Rxe6 fxe6 37.Qxg6+ Kh8 38.Qxh6+ Kg8 39.Qxe6+ Qf7 40.Qg4+ Bg7 41.Qe4=)* 36.Ba2∓]

35.Rc1 Nc3 36.Rxc3 bxc3 37.exf7 Qxf7 38.Rg4 Rg8 39.h4 -2.09/19

[⌓39.Bc2 -1.65/20]

39...h5 40.Rf4 -2.61/20

[40.Re4 -1.94/21 is a better defense.]

40...Qe7 41.Re4 Qd8 -0.57/19

[41...Qd7-+ -1.75/19 Hoping for ... Rg7. 42.g3 Kg7]

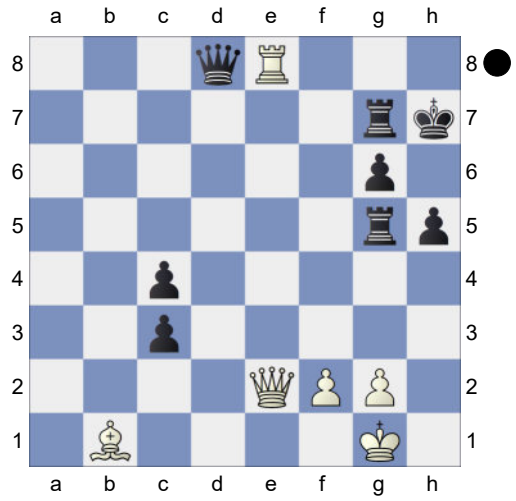
42.Ng5+? -3.99/21

[White should play 42.Re6!∓ -0.57/19]

42...Bxg5 43.hxg5 Rxg5 44.Re7+ -5.56/22

[⌓44.Rxc4 -3.84/21 Re8 45.Be4]

44...Rg7 45.Re8



Bxg6+ is the strong threat. **45...Qd2 46.Qe4 Rf5 47.Qa8 Qxf2+**

[Worse is 47...Rxf2 48.Rh8#]

48.Kh2 Qh4+ 49.Kg1 Qd4+ 50.Kh2 Ra7 51.Qb8 Rf1 52.Bxg6+ Kxg6 53.Qg3+ Kh6 -12.49/20

[⌓53...Kf6 -#21/21 54.Rf8+ Rf7 55.Rc8 Qg1+ 56.Kh3 Qh1+ 57.Qh2 c2 *(57...Qxh2+ 58.Kxh2 c2 59.Rxc4 c1Q 60.Rxc1 Rxc1 61.Kh3 Kg5 62.Kg3 h4+ 63.Kh2 Kg4 64.g3 Rf2#)* 58.Rxc4 Qxh2+ *(58...c1B? 59.Qxh1 Rxh1+ 60.Kg3-+)* 59.Kxh2 c1Q *(59...c1B? 60.Rc3-+)* 60.Rxc1 Rxc1 61.Kh3 Kg5 62.Kg3 h4+ 63.Kh2 Kg4 64.g3 Rf2#]

54.Re6+ Rf6 55.Re8 Qf4 -13.56/24

[⌓55...c2 -#13/19 56.Rd8 Qxd8 *(56...c1R 57.Rxd4 Rcf1 58.Rxc4=)* 57.Qe3+ Kg6 58.Qg3+ Kh7 59.Qe5 c1Q *(59...c1B? 60.Qe1-+; 59...Qc7* gets mated. *60.Qxc7+ Rxc7 61.Kg3 c1Q 62.Kh2 Qf1 63.Kh3 Qh1+ 64.Kg3 Rg7#)* 60.Qg3 Ra1 *(60...Rf1*

61.Kh3 Qc8+ 62.Qg4 Qxg4+ 63.Kh2 Qh4#) 61.Kh3 Qc8+ *(61...Qh1+? 62.Qh2 Qd7+ 63.Kh4 Qg4#)* 62.Kh4 Qh1+ 63.Qh3 Qg4#]

56.Rh8+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.48

56...Rh7

0-1

19 **A05**

□ **Pranesh M** **2630**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2697**

Comet Open Titled Winners (2.3)

[Kitty Kat]*

A05: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 Nf6

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b5 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.0-0 e6 5.b3 d6N

[5...c5 6.c4 bxc4 7.bxc4 Be7 8.Nc3 *(8.d3 0-0 9.Nbd2 Nc6 10.Rb1 Rb8 11.Qa4 Qc7 12.Nb3 d6 13.Bd2 Nd7 14.Rfc1 Nb6 15.Qa3 Ba8 16.Na5 Qd7 17.Rb5 f5 18.Bc3 e5 19.Nxc6 Bxc6 20.Ra5 Nc8 21.Ne1 e4 22.Bh3 Bd8* 0-1 (49) Damljanovic,B (2555)-Agdestein,S (2605) Belgrade Investbank 1989 (7)*)* 8...0-0 *(8...Nc6 9.Rb1 Rb8 10.d3 0-0 11.Qa4 Qc8 12.Bf4 d6 13.Nd2 Nb4 14.Nde4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bxe4 16.Nxe4 e5 17.Bd2 Qa6 18.Rxb4* 1-0 Kleberger,L (2516)-Rozsa,J (2136) SLO-chT 30th 2020 (2) *)* 9.Rb1 Bc6 10.Re1 d6 11.e4 Nbd7 12.d4 Nb6 13.d5 exd5 14.cxd5 Bb7 15.a4 Rb8 16.a5 Nc4 17.Qa4 Ba6 18.Bf1 Qd7 19.Qa2 Rxb1 20.Nxb1 1-0 (40) Bedouin,X (2563)-7. ♗c4 ♗f5 8.00 e6 9. ♖e1 (2409) Merida 2000 (6)]

[5...Be7 6.c4 bxc4 7.bxc4 Qc8 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Rb1 d6 10.Qa4 Nbd7 11.d3 Nb6 12.Qa5 Nfd7 13.Be3 c5 Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO A4 2000]

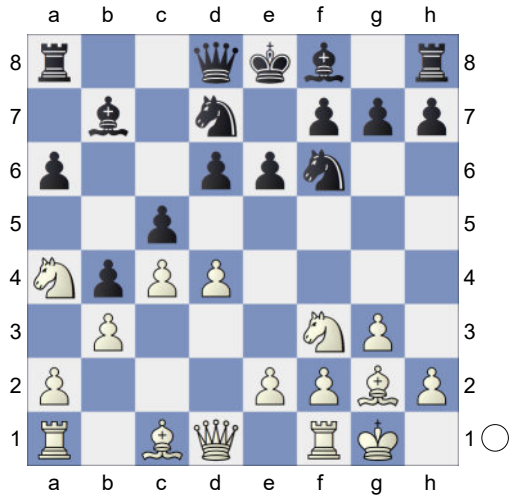
[RR 5...Be7 6.Na3 a6 7.c4 bxc4 8.Nxc4 a5 9.d3 d5 10.Nce5 0-0 11.Qc2 c5 12.Bb2 Na6 13.a3 Ne8 14.Nd2 Nd6 15.e4 Rc8 16.Rfe1 Re8 17.Rac1 Bf8 18.h4 Nb5 19.Qd1 Rc7 20.exd5 Artemiev,V (2704)-Firouzja,A (2759) chess24.com INT 2021 ½-½ (96)]

6.c4 a6 7.d4N

[RR 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Na3 b4 9.Nc2 c5 10.a3 a5 11.axb4 axb4 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.d4 Be7 14.Ne3 0-0 15.d5 exd5 16.cxd5 Re8 17.Nd2 g6 18.Ndc4 Bf8 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.Ra1 Bh6 21.f4 Bb7 Gromak,I (1894)-Yeletsky,I (2144) Kazan 2013 ½-½ (38)]

7...Nbd7 8.Nc3 White is slightly better.

8...b4 9.Na4 c5



10.d5 -0.13/19 **exd5= 11.Nh4 g6** Prevents Nf5 **12.cxd5 Bg7 13.Bb2 0-0 14.e4 Re8 15.Re1 Nb6 16.Nxb6 Qxb6 17.Qc2 a5 18.Nf3 Nd7** 0.23/17

[⌓18...a4 -0.19/19]

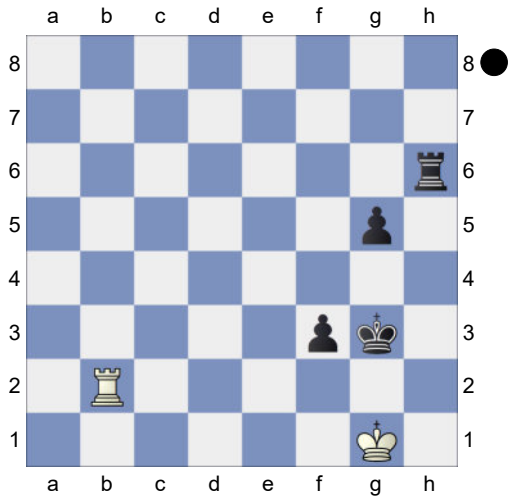
19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Nd2 -0.23/19

[20.h4 0.22/16]

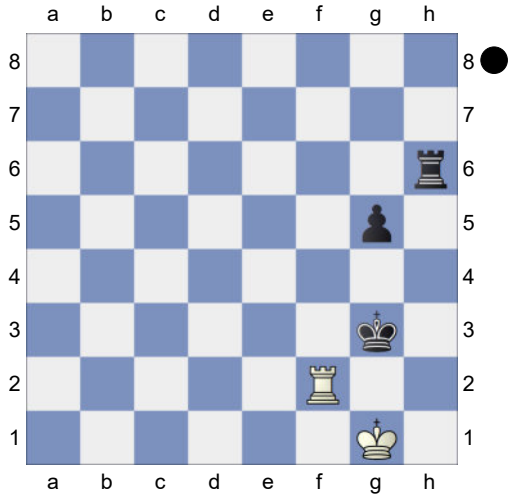
20...Ba6 21.Kh1 -0.40/18

[21.a4= -0.01/18]
21...Rac8 0.01/18
[21...a4∓ -0.40/18]
22.f4 Rc7 23.Nc4 Bxc4 24.Qxc4 f6 25.Bh3 Nf8 Black is weak on the light squares **26.Re2 Rce7** 0.49/19
[26...a4= 0.01/19]
27.Rae1± Qc7 28.Bg2 Nd7 29.Bh3 -0.01/18
[29.h4± 0.36/19 should be considered.]
29...Nf8= 30.Kg1 Qb6 31.Kf1 Qa7 32.Bg2 -0.01/20
[32.Qb5± 0.37/19]
32...a4 33.Bf3 axb3 34.axb3 Nd7 35.Kg2 Nb6 0.44/19
[35...Ra8= 0.00/18]
36.Qc2 -0.01/17
[36.Qb5± 0.44/19]
36...Qc7 0.42/19
[36...Qa5= -0.01/17]
37.Qb2
[37.Qd2 simplifies Nd7 38.h4 Ra8 39.Rc1]
37...c4 38.bxc4 Qxc4 39.Rc1 Qb5 40.Rec2 -0.01/19
[40.Rb1?! Nxd5 41.Rc1 Rc7=]
[40.Qd4± 0.82/20]
40...Na4 41.Qb3 -1.56/18
[White must play 41.Qd4= 0.01/19]
41...Nc5∓ 42.Qc4 -1.94/19
[42.Qe3∓ -1.39/19 is a better defense.]
42...Qxc4 43.Rxc4 b3
[43...Nxe4 44.Rxb4 Nc5 45.Rb6=]
44.Rb1 Nxe4? 0.01/24
[44...Rb7-+ -1.61/20 45.Bd1 b2 *(45...Rxe4 46.Rxe4 Nxe4 47.Rxb3=; 45...Nxe4 46.Rxb3 Rxb3 47.Rc7+ Kf8 48.Bxb3∓)*]
45.Bxe4= Rxe4 46.Rxe4 Rxe4 47.Rxb3-+ Endgame KR-KR **47...Rd4 48.Rb7+ Kh6 49.Rf7 f5 50.h4 Rxd5 51.Rd7 Rd2+ 52.Kh3 d5 53.Re7 d4 54.Rf7 d3 55.Rd7 Rd1 56.Kg2 Kh5 57.Kf3 h6** ...d2 poses a challenge White is on the road to losing. **58.Rd5?** -5.15/30
[58.Rd6!= -0.01/28]
58...d2 59.Kg2 Repels Rf1 **59...Kg4 60.Rd6 Re1** -2.59/22
[60...g5 61.fxg5 hxg5 62.hxg5=]
[⌓60...Rb1 -5.35/31 61.Rxd2 Rb3]
61.Rxd2 Re3 62.h5 Rxg3+
[62...gxh5 63.Rd6 Re2+ *(63...Rxg3+ 64.Kh2∓)* 64.Kf1∓]
63.Kf2 g5
[63...Kxf4? 64.Rd4+ Ke5 65.Kxg3+-]
[63...gxh5 64.Rd6∓]
64.fxg5 hxg5 65.h6 Rh3 66.Rd6 f4 67.Rg6 -8.39/24
[⌓67.Ra6 -4.37/30 Rf3+ 68.Kg1]
67...Rh5 68.Rb6 Rh2+ 69.Kg1 Rh4 70.Kf2 Rh5 71.Kg1? -7.90/28
[71.Ra6 -2.77/27]
71...Kg3? -2.92/21
[71...f3 -7.90/28 aiming for ...Kg3. 72.Rf6 Rh3]
72.Rb2? -#20/24
[72.Rb5-+ -2.92/21]
72...f3
[Inferior is 72...Rxh6 73.Rg2+ Kf3 74.Rxg5=]
73.Rc2 Rxh6 74.Rb2

(Diagram)

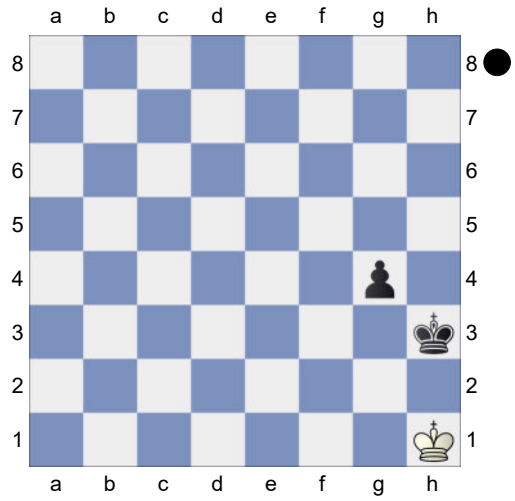


f2+! 75.Rxf2



Rh1+!! Deflection **76.Kxh1 Kxf2** KP-K. Black is a pawn up. **77.Kh2 g4** (-> ...g3+) **78.Kh1 Kg3 79.Kg1 Kh3 80.Kh1**

(Diagram)



g3! 81.Kg1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.21 (precise)

81...g2

0-1

20 **A27**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2697**

■ **Pranesh M** **2630**

Comet Open Titled Winners (2.2)

[Kitty Kat]*

A27: English Opening: Three Knights Variation

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6N

[3...Bb4 4.Qc2 Nf6 5.Nd5 Nd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd5 7.Nf5 Nf6 8.Nxg7+ Kf8 9.Nf5 d6 10.g3 Bxf5 11.Qxf5 Qd7 12.Qxf6 1-0 Summers,M-Schultz, M Bernard Partridge Memorial #04 1995]

[3...Nf6 4.g3 g6 *(4...d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Rc1 f5 10.Na4 e4 11.Qb3+ Kh8 12.dxe4 fxe4 13.Nd2 Nd4 14.Qd1 Nf5* A 29/15 2000*)* 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Re1 h6 10.Bb2 Be6 11.Rc1 Qd7 12.a3 a5 13.Nb5 Rac8 14.e4 Bh3

15.d4 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 exd4 17.Nbxd4 Nxe4 0-1 Livanez-Litvin,A (2425) (m/1) 96/87 Khanty Mansiysk 2005]

4.Rb1 Bg7 5.b4 d6 6.e3 f5 0.48/19

[6...Nf6= 0.12/18]

7.b5± Nce7 8.d4N White is slightly better.

[RR 8.Ba3 Nf6 9.c5 Be6 10.Qa4 b6 11.cxd6 cxd6 12.Qb4 Nc8 13.d4 e4 14.d5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Nd4 0-0 17.g3 h6 18.Rd1 Qc7 19.Be2 Bxa2 20.0-0 Kh7 21.h4 Rf6 22.h5 Ne7 Podzielny,K (2459)-Gohla,U (2206) Muelheim 2006 1-0 (40)]

8...e4 9.Nd2 Nf6 10.a4 0-0 11.a5 -0.11/18

[11.Be2± 0.44/16]

11...c5= 12.bxc6 bxc6 13.Qa4 -0.64/16

[13.Nb3= -0.03/18]

13...Kh8 0.52/18

[13...f4!∓ -0.64/16 14.Ndxe4 *(14.Ncxe4 fxe3 15.fxe3 Nxe4=)* 14...Nxe4 15.Nxe4 fxe3 16.fxe3 c5]

14.Be2± f4 15.exf4 0.01/20

[15.Ndxe4 fxe3 16.Bxe3 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Bf5∓]

[15.Ncxe4 fxe3 16.fxe3 Bf5]

[15.0-0!± 0.60/20]

15...Nf5= 16.Nb3

[16.Qxc6 Bd7 17.Qa6 e3 18.fxe3 Nxe3+-]

16...Nh5 0.84/17

[16...e3= -0.22/18 remains equal.]

17.Be3 -0.46/20

[17.Nxe4 Qe8 18.f3 d5 19.cxd5 cxd5±]

[17.0-0!± 0.84/17]

17...Bd7 0.30/18

[17...c5∓ -0.46/20 18.Bd2 Re8 *(18...Nxd4 19.Bxh5 Nc2+ 20.Kf1∓)* 19.Bxh5 *(19.dxc5 e3=)* 19...cxd4]

18.Qa3 -0.54/19

[18.Nxe4 Qe8 *(18...c5 19.Qa3∓)* 19.Bf3 c5∓ *(19...d5 20.Nec5∓)*]

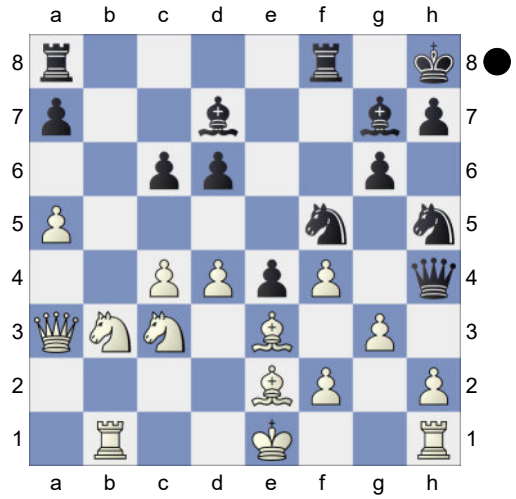
[White should play 18.c5= 0.30/18]

18...Qh4 0.01/21

[18...c5∓ -0.54/19 19.Bd2 cxd4]

19.g3

[19.Kd2 seems wilder. c5 20.g3 Qh3 21.Bf1]



19...Nxe3! 20.fxe3

[20.Kd2 Nxc4+ 21.Bxc4 Qh3 *(21...Qe7 22.Rhe1∓)* 22.Qxd6 Nf6±]

20...Nxg3 21.hxg3 Qxh1+ 22.Kd2 Qh2 Threatens to win with ...c5.

23.Qxd6 Bg4 0.57/17

[23...Bf5= -0.01/21]

24.Qxc6? -1.00/17

[24.Nc5± 0.57/17 was the only good move.]

24...Rac8 -0.22/19

[Better is 24...Bf5!∓ -1.00/17]

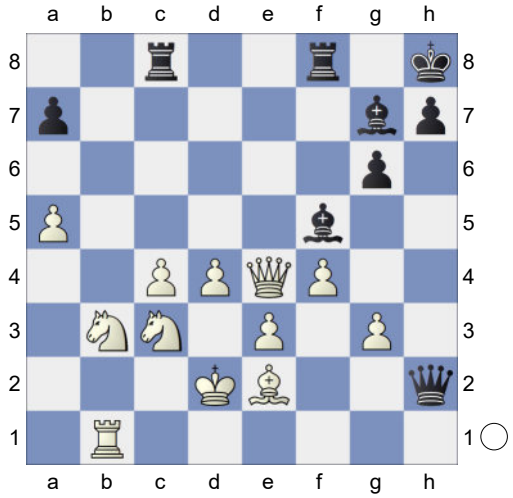
25.Qxe4 This costs Black the game.

25...Bf5? 2.20/22

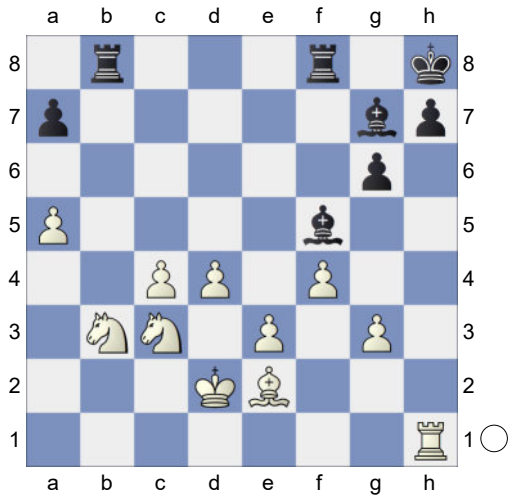
[25...Rxc4? 26.Rh1+-]

[25...Rfe8!∓ -0.36/18 stays ahead. 26.Qd3 Qg2]

(Diagram)



26.Qh1!+- Qxh1 27.Rxh1 g4 is the strong threat. **27...Rb8**



28.g4! Rxb3 29.gxf5 gxf5 2.53/20
[29...Rxf5 1.65/19 was worth a try. 30.Kc2 Ra3]
30.c5 Rb2+ 31.Kd3 Re8 32.Bh5 Reb8 33.Bg6 h6? 5.09/21
[33...R2b3 3.09/20 34.Bxh7 *(34.Rxh7+ Kg8+-)* 34...Bf6 35.Bxf5+ Discovered Attack (Check) Kg8 36.Be6+ Kg7 37.Bxb3 Rxb3]
34.Bxf5 R8b3 35.Ra1 Bf8 36.Be6 Rb8 37.f5 Rf2 7.83/19
[⌓37...h5 4.62/17 38.Rh1 Rg2 39.Rxh5+ Kg7]
38.Ne4 Rfb2 39.Nf6 Rd8 40.Nd7 Be7 41.f6 Rxd7 42.Bxd7 Bxf6 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is two pawns up. **43.c6 Rb3+ 44.Kc4** White threatens c7 and mate. **44...Rb2 45.Rf1 Kg7 46.e4 Rc2+ 47.Kd5 Bd8 48.Ke6 Re2** 8.07/22
[⌓48...Rc4 4.47/19 49.Rg1+ Kf8]
49.e5 Bxa5 50.d5 Bc3 51.Rf5 10.39/21
[⌓51.Rg1+ #11/19 Kh7 52.c7 Bxe5 53.c8Q *(53.c8B?* perishes. *Bh2+* Discovered Attack (Check) *54.Kf7 Bxg1-+)* 53...Bg7+ 54.Kf7 Rf2+ 55.Bf5+ Rxf5+ 56.Qxf5+ Kh8 57.Qg6 Deflection Be5 58.Qxh6#]
51...Rc2 52.d6 Ba5 53.Be8 h5 54.Rxh5
[54.Bxh5 Rxc6 55.Rf7+ Kh6+-]
54...Bb6 55.Kd7 Rd2 56.e6 Be3 57.c7 White mates. **57...Bf4 58.c8Q Rxd6+ 59.Ke7 Rd4 60.Qc3 Kg8 61.Bf7+ Kg7 62.Qxd4+ Be5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/ Black=0.86
63.Qxe5#
1-0

21 **D35**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2697**
■ **Rasulov,Vu** **2525**
Titled Tue 14th Oct 2025 blitz (4)
[Kitty Kat]*

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation
1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Bf5 7.Qf3 Bg6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Qxf6 gxf6 10.h4 Nd7 11.h5 Bf5 12.Nf3 a5 White is slightly better. **13.Nh4 Be6 14.Bd3 Nb6 15.f3N**
[15.Ne2 Bb4+ 16.Kd1 Nc4 17.Kc2 Be7 11.♗d2 ♘gf6 12.000 ♗e7 (2539)-Jekabs Georgs,I (2371) 85/(150)

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15...a4N

[RR 15...h6 16.Kf2 Rg8 17.g4 Bb4 18.Rac1 a4 19.Ne2 Bd6 20.Rc2 Ra5 21.Nf5 Bf8 22.Neg3 Nc8 23.Rb1 Kd8 24.b4 axb3 25.Rxb3 Kc7 26.Rcb2 Ra7 27.a4 Nd6 28.Nxd6 Bxd6 29.Ne2 Rg5 30.a5 Jussupow,A (2628)-Bellini,F (2484) Switzerland 2000 ½-½ (50)]

16.a3 Nc4 17.Bxc4 dxc4 18.g4 Be7 0.95/19

[18...b5= 0.28/18]

19.Ne4 0.25/19

[White should try 19.0-0-0± 0.95/19]

19...Rg8 20.Kd2 -0.16/21

[20.Kf2± 0.48/20]

20...Ra5= 21.Rag1 Rb5 0.01/22

[21...f5!∓ -0.36/22 22.Nxf5 *(22.gxf5 Rxg1 23.Rxg1 Bxf5=)* 22...Bxf5 23.gxf5 Rxg1 24.Rxg1 Rxf5]

22.Kc2! Rb3 23.Nc3 b5 24.e4 Bd8 25.d5 Bd7 1.54/20

[25...cxd5= 0.25/22 26.exd5 Bd7]

26.Rd1? -0.59/21

[26.dxc6± 1.54/20 Bxc6 27.Nf5]

26...c5!∓ 27.d6 b4 28.Nd5 c3? 1.59/22

[28...Be6∓ -0.83/19 and life is bright. 29.axb4 cxb4]

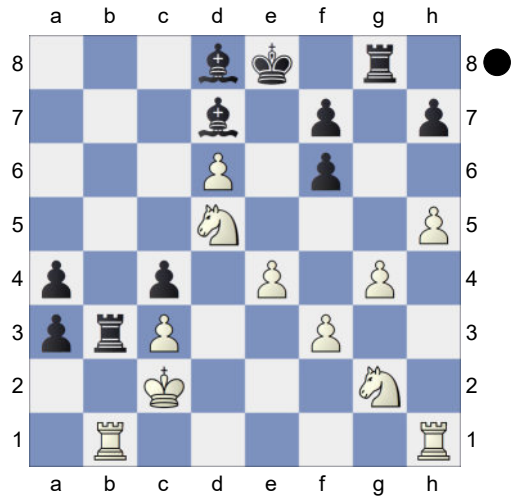
29.bxc3 0.63/20

[29.axb4± 1.59/22 cxb2 30.bxc5]

29...bxa3± 30.Rb1 White has more active pieces. **30...c4 31.Ng2?** -1.41/21

[31.Rhd1!± 0.69/20]

(Diagram)

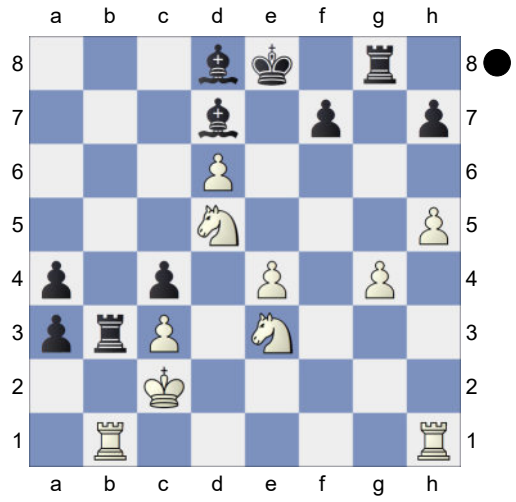


31...f5!↑ Black has some pressure.

32.Nge3 fxe4 -0.90/19

[32...fxg4-+ -1.67/23 33.Nxc4 gxf3 34.Rxb3 Rg2+ Deflection, Zwischenzug *(34...axb3+ 35.Kxb3 f2 36.Rf1-+)* 35.Kd3 axb3 36.Nxa3 f2]

33.fxe4



Be6 -0.56/20

[33...Rxg4!∓ -1.39/20 34.Nc7+ *(34.Nxc4? Rxe4 35.Rxb3 axb3+ 36.Kxb3 Be6-+; 34.Nxg4 Bxg4 35.h6 Kd7∓)* 34...Kf8 *(34...Bxc7 35.Nxg4 Bxd6 36.Nf6+ Ke7 37.Nxd7=)* 35.Nxg4 *(35.Nxc4? a2-+)* 35...Bxg4]

34.Nxc4? -2.45/21

[34.Rhd1∓ -0.56/20]

34...Rxg4-+ 35.Rxb3? -5.16/22

[35.Kd3 -2.43/19]
35...Rg2+? -0.57/21
[Black should play 35...axb3+-+ -5.16/22 36.Kxb3 Rxe4]
36.Kd3∓ axb3 37.Nxa3 Ra2 0.42/22
[37...Kd7∓ -0.80/20 ...f5! would now be deadly. 38.Kd4 Kc6 *(38...Kxd6 39.Nc4+ Kc6 40.Rb1=)*]
38.Nc4± Black is on the road to losing.
38...Bg4? 3.43/22
[38...f5= 0.19/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]
39.Kd4+- Be2 40.Ne5 f6? 4.97/21
[40...Ra4+ 2.98/19 41.c4 f6 42.d7+ Kf8]
41.d7+ Kf8 42.Nc6 A dynamic duo of knights. **42...Ra8 43.Rb1 Bg4 44.Rxb3 Bxd7 45.Nxd8 Rxd8** Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **46.Rb6**
[46.Nxf6? Ba4+ 47.Kc4 Rc8+ 48.Kb4 Bxb3 49.Kxb3 Kg7∓]
46...f5 47.exf5 And now Rd6 would win. **47...Kg7 48.h6+ Kf7 49.Rd6 Ke8 50.Nf6+** White mates. **50...Ke7 51.Rxd7+ Rxd7+ 52.Nxd7 Kxd7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.71
53.Ke5
1-0

22 **B51**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2692**
Titled Tue 30th Sep 2025 blitz (5)
[Kitty Kat]*

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 (34) Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 e5 7.Be3 Nge7 8.c4 0-0 9.Qd2 f5 10.Nc3 Nd4 11.Nh4 f4 12.gxf4 Nec6 13.Nf3 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 exf4 15.Bxf4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qf6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 0-1 (23) Asante,D (1908)-Ortega Amarelle,M (2453) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (4.63)]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 (30) Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4.a4 Ngf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Qxd4 Bg7 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.h3 a6 10.Be2 b6 11.Rd1** -0.36/19
[11.e5= 0.01/20 dxe5 12.Nxe5]
11...Bb7 12.Qe3 Qc7 13.Bd2N
[RR 13.Nd2 Nc5 14.f3 d5 15.e5 Nfd7 16.f4 Rad8 17.Nf3 Nb8 18.Nd4 Nc6 19.Bf3 Nxd4 20.Rxd4 e6 21.Qe1 Rfe8 22.Be3 f6 23.Rd2 fxe5 24.fxe5 Bxe5 25.Bg5 Rd7 26.Re2 Bg3 27.Qd2 d4 Garifullina,L (2357)-Zhukenov,A (2144) Lichess.org INT 2020 1-0 (39)]
[RR 13.Nd2 Nc5 14.Bf1 Rad8

15.Re1 Rfe8 16.g3 d5 17.exd5 e6 18.Qf4 e5 19.Qc4 Nxd5 20.Nce4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Qxc4 22.Be2 Qd3 23.Bxd3 Nb4 24.Bc4 Bd5 25.Bb3 Bxb3 26.Bg5 Nxc2 27.Bxd8 Bf6 Kakavand,R (2106)-Cao,Q (2421) Poti 2025 0-1]

13...Rac8 14.Rac1 -0.92/19

[14.Bd3= -0.24/18]

14...Qb8 -0.31/17

[14...Nc5!∓ -0.92/19 15.Bd3 d5]

15.Nd4 Ne5 16.b3 Rc5 17.Nf3 Ned7 18.Bd3 Qa8 19.Re1 Rfc8 20.Nb1 b5 0.01/22

[20...Rh5∓ -0.51/19]

21.axb5 axb5 22.Bb4 R5c7 0.49/20

[22...Rh5= -0.03/20 23.Nbd2 Qb8]

23.Na3±

[23.Bxb5 Nxe4 *(23...Rxc2 24.Rxc2 Rxc2 25.Nc3=)* 24.c4 Ndf6]

23...Ba6 24.Nxb5 Bxb5 25.Bxb5 Rxc2 0.66/22

[25...Rb8= 0.27/22 26.c4 Nxe4]

26.Rxc2 Rxc2 27.e5 Nxe5 28.Nxe5 dxe5 29.Bxe7 Qb7 1.84/23

[29...Nd5± 0.70/21 30.Qe4 Rd2]

30.Qxe5? 0.15/25

[30.Qd3!+- 1.84/23 Qd8+ would kill now. Qc7 31.Bd6]

30...Rxf2 0.83/23

[30...Nd5= 0.15/25 remains equal. 31.Qe4 *(31.Ba6? Qb6-+)* 31...Qxe7 32.Qxe7 Nxe7 33.Rxe7 Bf8]

31.Bf1 -0.47/19 A strong pair of Bishops.

[31.Kxf2 Ng4+ 32.hxg4 Bxe5 33.Rxe5 Qb8∓]

[31.Bc6± 0.83/23 Qc8 32.Bf3 *(32.Kxf2? Ng4+* Discovered Attack *33.hxg4 Bxe5∓)*]

31...Nd5 0.37/22

[31...Rf5!∓ -0.47/19 32.Qd6 h6]

32.Qd6! Rxf1+! 33.Kxf1 h5 0.81/23

[33...Qb5+!± 0.40/24 34.Kg1 Nxe7 35.Rxe7 Bf8]

34.Bg5± Bd4 35.Re2? -0.71/24

[35.Re8+± 1.16/23 is necessary to keep the advantage. Kh7 36.Rb8 Deflection]

35...Qxb3∓ 36.Bd2! Qb1+ 37.Be1! Ne3+ -0.19/25

[37...Qf5+∓ -0.62/26 38.Bf2 Kh7]

38.Rxe3!= Bxe3 Endgame KQB-KQB. Black is a pawn up. **39.Qd8+! Kh7 40.Qd5** Wards off Qb5+ **40...Kg8** 0.01/23

[40...f6∓ -0.36/22]

41.Ke2 -0.66/23

[41.Qd8+!= 0.01/23 Kg7 42.Ke2]

41...Bh6∓ 42.Qd8+ Kh7 43.Qd5 Repels Qe4+ **43...Qb2+ 44.Kf1 Qf6+ 45.Bf2** -1.32/22

[45.Qf3∓ -0.62/22 Qe6 46.Qe2]

45...Qe7 -0.51/22

[45...Be3∓ -1.32/22 46.Qf3 Qa6+ 47.Kg1 Bxf2+ 48.Qxf2 Qa1+ 49.Kh2 Qe5+ 50.Kg1 Kg7]

46.Qf3 Bg7 47.g3 Qd7 48.Kg2 Kg8 49.g4 hxg4 50.hxg4 Qe8 51.Qh3 Bf8 52.Qf3 Bg7 0.01/22

[52...Qa4∓ -0.60/24]

53.Qh3!= Qe6 54.Qf3 Be5 55.Qh3 f6 56.Qf3 Kf7 57.g5 -0.64/24

[57.Qb7+= -0.16/24 is superior. Ke8 58.Qe4]

57...f5!∓ 58.Be3 -1.14/21

[58.Qb7+∓ -0.52/22 Kg8 59.Qa8+ Kh7 60.Qb7+ Kg8]

58...Ke7 -0.53/21

[58...Qc4∓ -1.14/21 and ...Ke6 would now be decisive 59.Bf2 Qg4+ 60.Qxg4 fxg4]

59.Bf2 -1.04/21

[White should play 59.Qb7+∓ -0.53/21 Qd7 60.Qb4+ Kf7 61.Kf2]

59...Kd6 -0.51/22

[59...Qc4∓ -1.04/21 60.Qb7+ Ke6

61.Qb6+ Bd6]

60.Bh4? -4.73/25

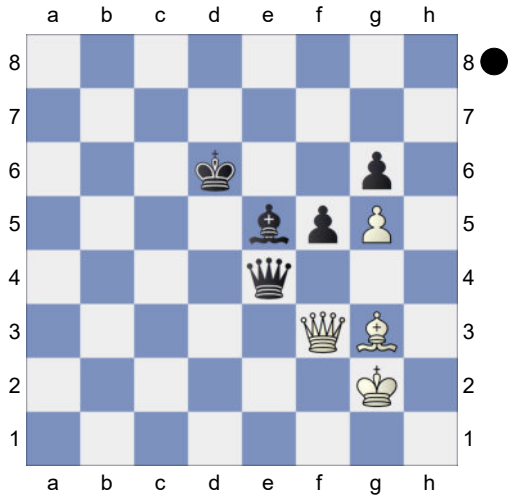
[60.Qd3+∓ -0.51/22 Qd5+ 61.Qxd5+ Kxd5 62.Kf3]

60...Qd5-+ 61.Bf2 Qe4 -2.38/25

[⌓61...Bf4 -1.92/22 62.Bh4 Qxf3+ 63.Kxf3 Ke5]

62.Bg3? -#20/28

[62.Be3-+ -2.38/25]



62...Bf4?? 10.22/30 **63.Bf2??** -9.92/34

[63.Qxe4+- 10.22/30 fxe4 64.Bxf4+ Kd5 65.Kf2]

63...Qxf3+

[63...Bxg5 64.Ba7-+]

64.Kxf3 KB-KB. Black is a pawn up.

64...Be5? -0.50/35

[64...Bxg5-+ -12.32/30 65.Be1 Be7]

65.Bh4 Kd5 66.Bg3? -#18/27

[66.Be1∓ -0.50/30]

66...Ke6? -0.59/31

[66...Bxg3 -#18/27 67.Kxg3 Ke4 68.Kf2 Kf4 69.Ke2 Kg3 *(69...Kxg5 70.Ke3 f4+ 71.Ke4 Kg4 72.Kd5 f3 73.Ke5 f2 74.Kd6 f1Q 75.Kc5 Qc1+ 76.Kb4 Kf5 77.Kb5 Ke6 78.Kb6 Qc3 79.Kb5 Kd6 80.Ka6 Kc6 81.Ka7 Qg7+ 82.Kb8 Qb7#)* 70.Ke1 Kg2 71.Kd2 f4 72.Ke2 f3+ 73.Ke3 f2 74.Ke4 f1Q *(74...f1B? 75.Kf4-+)* 75.Kd5 Kf3 76.Ke5 Qc4 77.Kf6 Kf4 *(77...Qg8 78.Ke7 Qd5 79.Kf6 Kf4 80.Kxg6 Qf5+ 81.Kh6 Qxg5+ 82.Kh7 Kf5 83.Kh8 Kg6 84.Kg8 Qd8#)* 78.Kxg6 Qe6+ *(78...Qg8+ 79.Kf6 Qxg5+ 80.Ke6 Qd8 81.Kf7 Kf5 82.Kg7 Qd7+ 83.Kh6 Kf6 84.Kh5 Qh3#)* 79.Kh7 Kxg5 80.Kh8 Kf6 81.Kh7 Qf7+ 82.Kh8 Qg7#]

67.Bf4? -#20/29

[67.Bf2∓ -0.59/31]

67...Bd6? -0.60/31

[67...Bxf4 -#20/29 68.Kxf4 Kd6 69.Ke3 Ke5 70.Kf3 f4 71.Ke2 Kf5 72.Kf3 Kxg5 73.Ke4 Kg4 74.Kd4 f3 75.Kd3 Kg3 *(75...f2 76.Ke2 Kg3 77.Kf1 g5 78.Ke2 Kg2 79.Ke3 f1Q 80.Kd4 Qb5 81.Kc3 g4 82.Kd4 Kf3 83.Kc3 Ke3 84.Kc2 Qb4 85.Kc1 Kd3 86.Kd1 Qd2#)* 76.Ke3 f2 77.Ke2 Kg2 *(77...f1Q+ 78.Kxf1 g5 79.Kg1 g4 80.Kf1 Kh2 81.Ke2 g3 82.Ke3 g2 83.Ke4 g1Q 84.Kd5 Qg5+ 85.Kd6 Kg3 86.Kc6 Qa5 87.Kd6 Kf4 88.Kd7 Ke5 89.Kc6 Ke6 90.Kb7 Kd7 91.Kb8 Kc6 92.Kc8 Qc7#)* 78.Ke3 f1Q *(78...f1B? 79.Kf4-+)* 79.Kd4 Qb5 80.Kc3 g5 81.Kc2 Kf2 82.Kc3 Ke3 83.Kc2 Qb4 84.Kc1 Kd3 85.Kd1 Qd2#]

68.Bg3? -#19/27

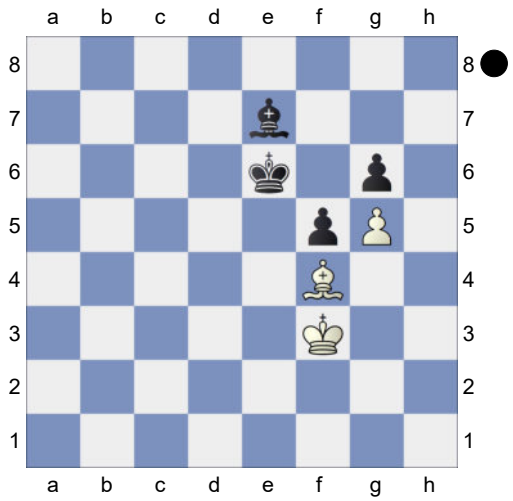
[68.Bc1∓ -0.60/31]

68...Be7? -0.50/30

[68...Bxg3 -#19/27 mates 69.Kxg3 Ke5 70.Kf3 f4 71.Kg2 Kf5 72.Kf3 Kxg5 73.Ke4 Kg4 74.Kd4 f3 75.Ke3 g5 *(75...f2 76.Kxf2 Kh3 77.Kf3 g5 78.Kf2 g4 79.Kg1 Kg3 80.Kf1 Kh2 81.Kf2 g3+ 82.Kf3 g2 83.Ke4 g1Q 84.Kd5 Qg5+ 85.Kd6 Kg3 86.Ke6 Kg4 87.Kd6 Qb5 88.Ke6 Kg5 89.Kd6 Kf6 90.Kc7 Ke7 91.Kc8 Kd6 92.Kd8 Qd7#)* 76.Kd4 f2 77.Kd5

f1Q *(77...f1B* gets mated. *78.Ke4 Kg3 79.Ke3 g4 80.Ke4 Kh3 81.Kf5 g3 82.Ke4 g2 83.Kf5 g1Q 84.Kf6 Qb6+ 85.Ke5 Be2 86.Ke4 Qd6 87.Ke3 Bc4 88.Ke4 Kg4 89.Ke3 Qf4#)* 78.Kc5 Qc1+ 79.Kd5 Kf5 80.Kd4 g4 81.Kd5 g3 82.Kd6 g2 83.Kd5 g1Q *(83...g1R? 84.Kd6 Rg7 85.Kd5 Rd7#)* 84.Kd6 Qg7 85.Kd5 Qe5#]

69.Bf4‡

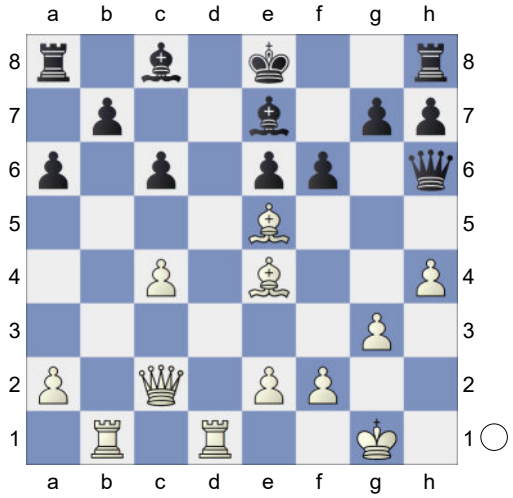


Bxg5 0.00/26 **70.Bg3?** -13.12/25
[70.Bxg5= 0.00/26 Ke5 71.Ke3]
70...Bf6-+ 71.Bf4 Kf7 72.Bg5 Bxg5 Black mates. **73.Kg3 Bf6 74.Kf3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.25 (precise)
74...g5
0-1

23 **E04**
□ **Woodward,Andy** **2557**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (10.13) 14.09.25
[Kitty Kat]*

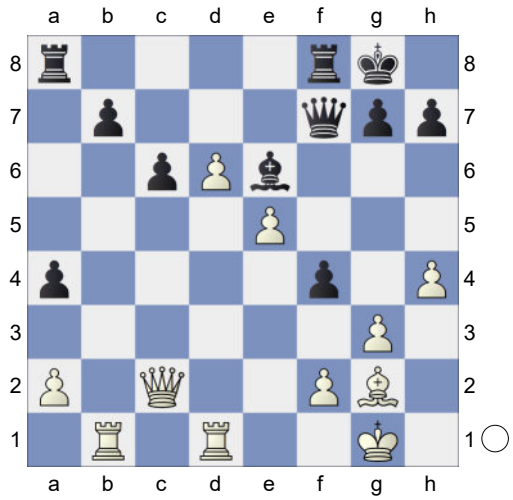
E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 a6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Qc2 Nxd4 8.Nxd4 Qxd4 9.Nd2** White has an edge. **9...c3 10.bxc3 Qc5 11.Rb1**
[RR 11.Ne4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Bd6 13.Rb1 f5 14.Bg2 0-0 15.Be3 Qa5 16.c4 f4 17.Bd4 Be5 18.Qb2 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 e5 20.Qd5+ Qxd5 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxb7 Rb8 23.Bxc8 Rfxc8 24.Rfd1 Kg8 25.Rxb8 Rxb8 Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Firouzja,A (2778) Saint Louis 2022 1-0 (50)]
11...Bd6N
[11...Be7 12.Ne4 *(12.c4 c6 13.Bb2 0-0 14.Rfd1 Rd8 15.h3 e5* 10) Catalan - 7th Move Sideli-Catalan Qc2 *)* 12...Nxe4 13.Bxe4 h6 14.c4 0-0 15.Be3 Qe5 16.Bxb7 Bxb7 17.Rxb7 Bg5 18.Ba7 Rfd8 19.f4 Qd6 20.fxg5 Rxa7 21.Rxa7 Qb6+ 22.e3 Qxa7 23.Qf2 ½-½ Ferragut,A (2683)-Ferri,S (2758) CSSR 28/323 1979]
12.c4 Qh5N 0.91/21
[12...0-0= 0.25/20]
[RR 12...0-0 13.Rb3 Qh5 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 c6 16.Rd1 Bc5 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rb8 19.c5 e5 20.Bf3 Qg5 21.Qc3 Be6 22.Rxe5 Qf6 23.a3 Rfd8 24.Rb1 g6 25.Kg2 Kg7 26.Rb4 Re8 27.Re3 Khlichkova, T (2188)-Getman,T (2216) Sochi 2023 ½-½ (36)]
13.Ne4± Nxe4 14.Bf3 Qa5 Hoping for ...f5. **15.Bxe4**
[15.Qxe4?! 0-0=]
15...c6 1.37/22
[15...h6!± 0.55/19]
16.Rd1! White has strong compensation.
[16.Bxh7? Qh5 17.h4 *(17.Rd1? Rxh7 18.h4 Be7-+)* 17...Qxh7-+]
16...Be7 17.Bb2!↑ White has strong initiative.
[17.Bxh7? Qh5 18.Be4 Qxh2+ 19.Kf1 e5-+]

17...Qg5 18.h4!
[18.Bxh7? f5 19.h4 Qh6 20.Bxf5 exf5-+]
18...Qh6 19.Be5 f6 1.84/20
[19...0-0± 1.24/16]



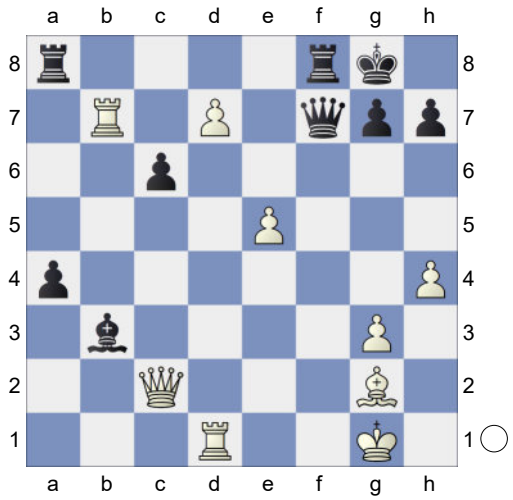
20.Bc7 0.97/17
[20.Bd6!+- 1.84/20]
20...f5 1.72/18
[20...0-0± 0.97/17]
21.Bg2+- 0-0 22.Qc3 0.52/17
[White should try 22.c5+- 1.62/18]
22...a5 1.56/17 **23.c5!±** White is much more active.
[23.Bxa5 f4∓]
23...Bf6 1.80/17
[23...Qf6± 1.33/18 was worth a try. 24.Be5 *(24.Bxa5 Qxc3 25.Bxc3 Rxa2∓)* 24...Qf7]
24.Qc4+- Qg6 1.96/18
[24...Rf7± 1.47/19]
25.e4 Qf7 2.29/22
[⌓25...fxe4 1.72/18 26.Bxe4 Qf7]
26.Bd6 e5 27.Qc2 Be7 28.Bxe5 a4 2.98/22
[⌓28...Re8 2.05/21 29.Rd4 Bxh4]
29.Bd6 Bxd6 3.34/23
[⌓29...fxe4 2.00/20 30.Bxe4 g6]
30.cxd6
[Not 30.Rxd6 Be6=]

30...Be6 31.e5 f4



32.d7? 0.19/25 **fxg3= 33.fxg3**
Black cannot hold the game after this.
33...Bxa2? 6.75/26
[33...Bf5± 0.35/21 34.Be4 Bxe4 35.Qxe4 Qf2+ 36.Kh1 Rad8]
34.Rxb7+- White is clearly winning.
34...Bb3 7.83/20
[⌓34...Rad8 4.26/20 35.Rf1 *(35.Qxc6 Qf2+ 36.Kh2 Qe2+-; 35.Bxc6 Be6±; 35.Qxa4 Qf2+ 36.Kh2 Qe2+-)* 35...Qe6 36.Rxf8+ *(36.Qxa4 Rxf1+ 37.Bxf1 Bd5±)* 36...Kxf8 37.Qf2+ *(37.Qxh7 Qxe5 38.Qd3 Be6=; 37.Qxa4 Bd5+-; 37.Bxc6 Qxe5 38.Qxa2 Qxg3+ 39.Qg2 Qxh4+-)* 37...Ke7 38.Qc5+ Kf7]

(Diagram)

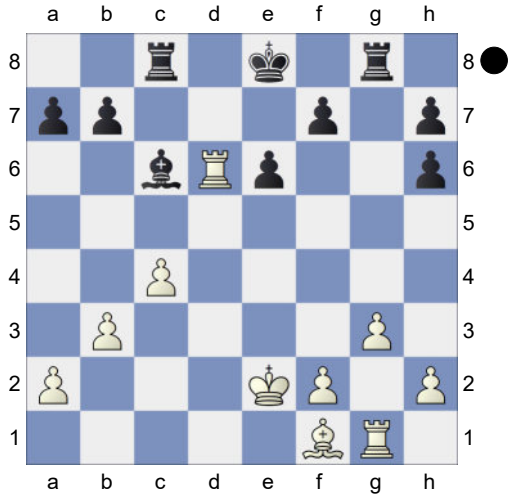


35.Rxb3! axb3
[35...Qxb3 36.Qxb3+]
36.Qxc6 Bd5! is the strong threat.
36...Qf2+ 37.Kh2 b2 38.Qd5+ Qf7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.84 **39.Qxa8** 14.62/27
[39.Qxf7+ Kxf7 40.Bxa8 Rxa8=]
[⌓39.Rf1 34.41/27 Rad8 40.Rxf7 Rxf7 41.e6]
1-0

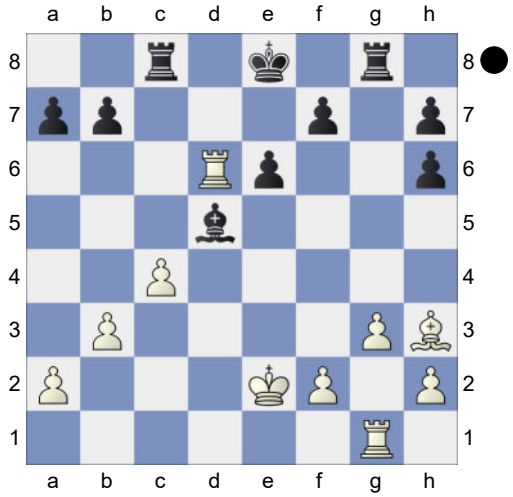
24 **A19**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
■ **Giri,A** **2748**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (8.4) 12.09.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

A19: English Opening: Flohr-Mikenas System with 3...c5
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 c5 4.e5 Ng8 5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nc6 7.Qf4 d6 8.Nf3 Nh6
[8...Nge7 9.exd6 Ng6 10.Qe4 *(10.Qg5 f6 11.Qh5 Bxd6 12.Be3 Bb4 13.Rc1 Qa5 14.Qxa5 Bxa5 15.a3 Bxc3+ 16.Rxc3 e5 17.Nd2 f5 18.g3 b6 19.Bg2 Bb7 20.c5 b5 21.0-0 0-0-0 22.Bh3 Nce7 23.c6 Nxc6 24.Bxf5+ Kb8* 1-0 (50) Horvath,D (2528)-Colbow,C (2429) Ceske Budejovice GM-A 2023 (5)*)* 10...Qxd6 11.Bd2 Be7 12.0-0-0 f5 13.Qe1 0-0 14.h4 Bf6 15.Kb1 Qe7 16.Bg5 Bd7 17.c5 Rad8 18.h5 Nge5 19.Nxe5 Bxg5 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.Rxd7 Qxd7 22.Bc4 Kh8 23.Qxe6 ½-½ (39) Dubov,D (2708)-Yu,Y (2716) Speed Chess Q2 blitz 2022 (6)]
9.Qe4N White is slightly better.
[9.Be2 Nf5 10.0-0 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Qc7 12.Nb5 Qxe5 13.Qxe5 Nxe5 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Nxa8 Bd7 16.Rd1 Kc8 17.g4 Nh4 18.Be3 Bc6 19.Bxa7 b6 20.Bxb6 Nef3+ 21.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 22.Kg2 Be7 23.Nc7 Kb7 (30) Chapter 8-English 1...Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4,3 24.c5 h5 25.g5 h4 26.a4 h3+ 27.Kf1 Nxh2+ 28.Ke1 Nf3+ 29.Ke2 Rd8 30.Rh1 Nd4+ 31.Kd3 Nb3+ 32.Kc4 Nxa1 33.Rxh3 e5 34.a5 Rd4+ 35.Kc3 Bxg5 36.a6+ Kc8 37.b4 Bd2+ 38.Kb2 Bxb4 1-0 (58) Yakubboev,N (2656)-Pichot,A (2641) 2nd President of UZB 2022 (10.2)]
9...dxe5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Bxh6 gxh6 12.Qxe5 Rg8 13.Rd1 Bd7
[RR 13...Qg5 14.Qe4 Bb4 15.g3 Qf6 16.Be2 Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 Rb8 18.Qd3 e5 19.0-0 Bf5 20.Qe3 b6 21.Rd5 Be6 22.Rxe5 Rg5 23.Re4 Kf8 24.Rd1 Rc8 25.h4 Ra5 26.Rd2 h5 27.Rf4 Qe5 28.Re4 Liu,Y (2536)-Xu,Y (2468) Shaoxing 2025 1-0 (37)]
14.Ne4 Bb4+N
[RR 14...Bg7 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.Qc5 Qe7 17.Nxb7 Rc8 18.Qd6 Bc6 19.Na5 Ba8 20.Qd2 Bf6 21.h4 Kg7 22.Rh3 Rgd8 23.Rg3+ Kh8 24.Qxh6 Qb4+ 25.Rd2 Be5 26.Bd3 f5 27.Nb3 Rc7 28.Re3 Bxb2 29.Ke2 Bazakutsa,S (2456)-Fernandez,D

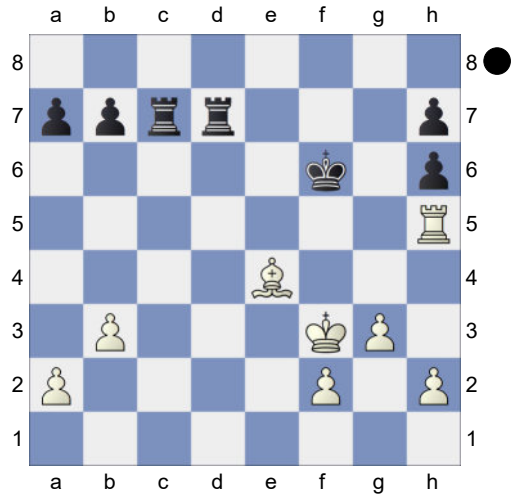
(2526) England 2024 0-1 (36)]
15.Ke2 Be7 Against Nf6+ **16.g3⇄** White is not keeping still **16...Rc8 17.b3** Threatening Bg2. **17...Qc7 18.Nd6+** -0.44/21
[18.Qxc7= 0.04/20 is superior. Rxc7 19.Nd6+ Bxd6 20.Rxd6]
18...Bxd6∓ 19.Qxd6
[19.Rxd6? Bc6-+]
19...Qxd6 20.Rxd6 Bc6 Prevents Bg2 **21.Rg1**



Bd5! 22.Bh3
[22.cxd5 Ke7 23.dxe6 Kxd6 24.exf7 Rgf8∓]



22...Rc7! 23.cxd5 Ke7 24.dxe6 -1.12/22 **Kxd6** Endgame KRR-KRB **25.Rd1+ Ke7 26.exf7 Kxf7 27.Bf5** Repels Rc2+ **27...Re8+ 28.Kf3 Kf6 29.Be4 Ree7 30.Rd5 Red7 31.Rh5**



Kg7! 32.g4 Rd2 33.g5 Rf7+ -0.78/24
[Don't do 33...Rxa2 34.Rxh6 Kg8 35.h4=]
[⌓33...Rc3+ -1.36/22 34.Kg2 hxg5 *(34...Rxa2 35.gxh6+ Kh8 36.Rf5=)* 35.Rxg5+ Kh8]
34.Ke3∓ Rfxf2
[34...Rdxf2 35.Rxh6 Rxa2 36.Rxh7+ Kg8 37.Rh6]
35.gxh6+ Kf6 36.h3 Rxa2 37.Bxh7 Rae2+ 38.Kd4 Rf4+ 39.Kd5 Re8 40.Bb1 Rd8+ 41.Kc5 Rf1 42.Be4 Rc1+ 43.Kb5 Rc7 -0.01/21
[43...Rc3∓ -0.60/20 44.b4 Re3 45.Bxb7 Kg6]
44.Rf5+= The position is equal. **44...Ke6 45.Rh5 Kf7 46.Rg5 Rc3 47.h7!** and Rg8 would now be decisive **47...Rxb3+ 48.Kc4! Rxh3 49.Rg8!** Inhibits Rh4. **49...Rf8**
[49...Rxg8? is the wrong capture. 50.Bd5+ Kf6 51.hxg8Q+- *(51.hxg8R Ke7±)*]
50.Bg6+ Ke7 ...Rf4+ is in the air **51.Kd5 Rf6 52.h8Q Rxh8 53.Rxh8 Rxg6 54.Rh7+ Kd8** White must now prevent ... Kc8.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
55.Rxb7
½-½

25 **B90**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (3.1) 06.09.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3N
[7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Bg5 *(13.Rac1 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Bxc4 15.Qd2 b5 16.b3 b4 17.Nb1 Bb5 18.Qxb4 d5 19.Qc3 Qxc3 20.Nxc3 d4 21.a4 Be8 22.Nxd4 exd4 23.Bxd4 Bc6 24.f3 Rac8 25.Bf2 Nd7 26.Ne2 Ne5 27.h3 f6* 0-1 (43) Betak,M (2417)-Lengyel,B (2351) New York Man-Machine m 2003 *28.Kf1 Rc7 29.Nf4 Rfc8 30.Bg3 Rb7 31.Rd2 Kf7 32.Rcd1 g5 33.Nd5 Bxd5 34.exd5 Bd6 35.Re2 Rbc7 36.Bxe5 Bxe5 37.c4 a5 38.h4 h6 39.hxg5 hxg5 40.Re3 Rb7 41.Rdd3 Rcb8 42.c5 Bf4* 0-1 Laub Laube,B (2417)-Laine,P (2351) corr WS/MN/047 2009*)* 13...Rac8 14.Rac1 *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rac1 Nxb3 16.axb3 Qc6 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.c4 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Qe8 21.Rc3 Qg6 22.Kh2 Kh8 23.b4 Be6 24.Re3 Qf7 25.b3 b5 26.Kh1 Qb7 27.Re4 Bf5 28.Re3 Be6* □-□ 9.♘d2 a5/ 14.□ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 1 (2732)-Grankin,F (2733) 5.Bd2 - Main line 10.Nc3 g5 11. Bc1 2018 (2.6)*)* 14...Nxb3 15.axb3 Nh5 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qg5 Nf6 19.Nh4 Nd5 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 9.♘c6 ♗c6 10.♗f4 ♘h5-N,NURS-ch Soviet Union 1983]
7...Be7 8.h3 Be6 9.Qd2 -0.11/19
[9.Qf3± 0.34/17]
9...0-0= 10.0-0-0 The position is equal.
10...a5 11.a4! Na6 12.f4 Rc8 13.fxe5 dxe5
[13...Nxe4? 14.Nxe4 Bxb3 15.Nc3± *(15.exd6? Rxc2+ 16.Qxc2 Bxc2-+)*]
14.Qxd8 Rfxd8 15.Rxd8+
[15.Nxa5? Rxc3 *(15...Rxd1+ 16.Kxd1∓)* 16.Rxd8+ Bxd8-+]
[15.Bxa6!? bxa6 16.Rxd8+ *(16.Nxa5 Rxc3* Deflection *17.bxc3 Ba3+ 18.Kb1 Rb8+ 19.Nb3 Nxe4=)* 16...Rxd8 17.Bc5 *(17.Nxa5 Rc8=)* 17...Bxc5 18.Nxc5±]
15...Bxd8 16.Bxa6 bxa6 17.Rd1 Be7 18.Nd5 -0.09/24
[18.Bc5± 0.33/22 Rxc5 *(18...Bxc5 19.Nxc5 Ne8 20.Nb7±)* 19.Nxc5 Bxc5 20.Rd8+ Bf8 21.Nd5]
18...Bb4 19.Bb6 Nxe4 ...Nd2! poses a challenge **20.Nxa5 Bd6**
[20...Bd2+? 21.Rxd2 Nxd2 22.Ne7+ Kf8 23.Nxc8 Bxc8 24.Kxd2+-]
21.Nb7 Bf8 22.a5 g6 23.c3 h5 24.Kc2 g5
[24...Rb8 25.Nd8 Bf5 26.Nc6 Nf2+ 27.Kb3= *(27.Kd2 Rc8±)*]
25.Nc7 Bf5 26.Kb3! Rb8! 27.Nd8 Nc5+ 28.Ka2 Bc2↑ Black is more active. **29.Rd2 Bb3+ 30.Kb1 e4 31.Nd5** -1.02/23
[31.Nc6= -0.17/23 Rc8 32.g4]
31...f5 -0.44/21
[31...Rc8∓ -1.02/23 ...f5 would now be deadly. 32.g4 hxg4 33.hxg4 Kg7]
32.g4 -0.83/20 **hxg4∓**
[32...fxg4 33.hxg4 e3 *(33...hxg4*

34.Nc6∓) 34.Nf6+ Kg7 35.Nxh5+ Kg6 36.Re2]

33.hxg4 f4 -0.48/23

[Better is 33...e3∓ -0.88/18 34.Nxe3 f4]

34.Bxc5∓ Bxc5 35.Nf6+ Kg7 36.Nxe4 Be7 A strong pair of Bishops. **37.Nc6 Rh8 38.Nf2** Inhibits Rh1+. **38...Bc5 39.Rd7+ Kg6 40.Rb7 Bxf2**

[40...Bd5 is more complex. 41.Ne5+ Kh6 42.Rd7 Be6]

41.Rxb3∓ Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **41...Kf6 42.Kc2 Rh4**

[42...Rc8!? 43.Nb4 f3 44.Nxa6 Bh4∓]

White does not recover from this.

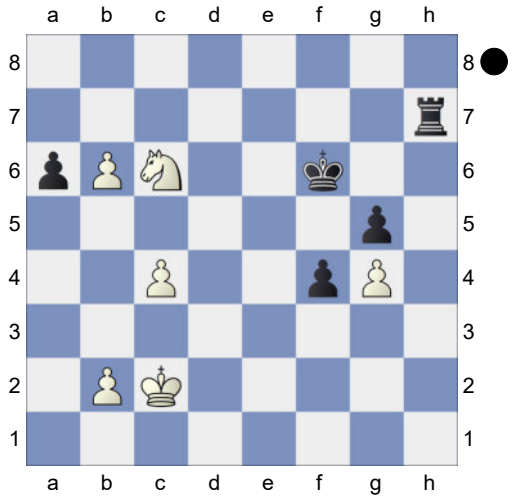
43.Rb6? -3.05/21 **Bxb6-+**

[43...Rxg4 44.Rxa6 Kf5 45.Ra8±]

44.axb6 and b7 would now be decisive. KR-KN **44...Rh7**

[44...Rxg4? 45.b7+-]

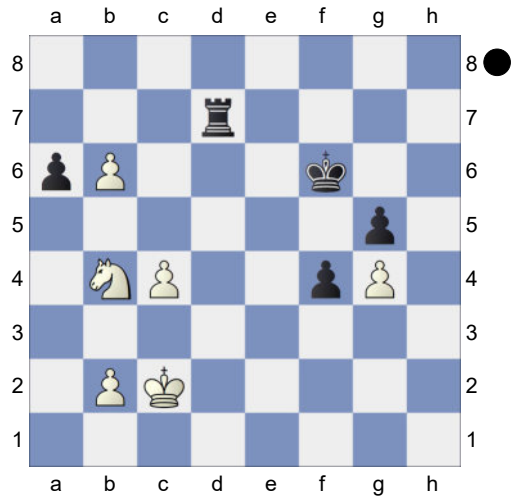
45.c4



Rd7! 46.Nb4? -4.26/21

[46.Nb8 -2.52/25 is a better defense. Rb7 47.Nxa6 Rxb6 48.Nc5]

(Diagram)



46...f3! 47.Nd3 Ke7 48.c5 Rd8 49.c6 -5.79/24

[Of course not 49.b7 Rb8 50.c6 Kd6]

[⌓49.Kc3 -3.75/21 Rf8 50.b7]

49...Kd6 Black is clearly winning. **50.c7 Re8 51.Kc3 Kc6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.07 (flawless)

52.Kd4N

0-1

26 **A21**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**

■ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2625**

FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (2.6) 05.09.2025

[Kitty Kat]*

A21: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3

I'm not sure of these moves as only one score sheet was provided and the play is obviously too absurd to be the actual game. **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nd5 Be7 4.Nf3 d6 5.d4 Nf6**

[5...e4 6.Nd2 f5 7.Nb1 Nf6 8.Nbc3 0-0 9.Nxe7+ Qxe7 10.Bg5 Qf7 11.e3 Nc6 12.Be2 Qg6 13.h4 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxg2 15.Kd2 Rxf6 16.Nd5 Rf7 17.Qg1 Qxg1 18.Rhxg1 f4

19.Bh5 Rf8 20.Nxc7 1-0 (40) Andreikin,D (2728)-Alekseenko,K (2710) 74th ch-RUS 2021 (4.5)]

6.dxe5

[6.Nc3 exd4 7.Nxd4 d5 8.Bf4 c6 9.e3 0-0 10.Be2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nbd7 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Bb3 Nbd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Bg3 Bf6 16.Qd2 Ne7 17.Rad1 Nf5 18.Nxf5 Bxf5 19.Qe2 Qe8 20.Bd6 Be7 ½-½ (39) Laurent,F (2620)-5.dc5 ♗c5 6.♗f4_52057 (2680) II Wijk aan Zee 2023]

6...dxe5 7.Nxe5 Nxd5N

[7...0-0 8.Ne3 Qxd1+ 9.Nxd1 Re8 10.Nc3 Na6 11.Nd3 Bf5 12.f3 Bxd3 13.exd3 Nd7 14.Bd2 Bf6+ 15.Kd1 Ndc5 16.Rb1 Rad8 17.Nd5 Be5 18.f4 Bd4 19.b4 c6 20.Nc3 Bxc3 21.Bxc3 Nxd3 22.Bxd3 1-0 (33) Chun,M (1384)-Mcquillan,P (1733) Nassau-ch 2009 (7) Rxd3+ 23.Kc2 Rde3 24.f5 Kf8 25.Rbd1 Re2+ 26.Rd2 Rxd2+ 27.Kxd2 Re4 28.Rc1 f6 29.b5 cxb5 30.cxb5 Nc5 31.Bxf6 b6 32.Bc3 Kf7 33.g3 ½-½ Chumanov,V (2139)-Colibaba,A (2084) corr BI-2017-F-00005 2018]

[RR 7...0-0 8.g3 Nxd5 9.Qxd5 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Qe7 11.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 12.Qd2 Qc5 13.Qc3 Re8 14.Nd3 Qc6 15.Rg1 Qh6 16.h4 Nc6 17.Nf4 a5 18.a3 Bf5 19.Bg2 Be4 20.Bxe4 Rxe4 21.0-0-0 a4 22.f3 Maghsoodloo,P (2692)-Deac,B (2674) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (46)]

8.cxd5 The position is equal. **8...c6 9.e3 Qd6N**

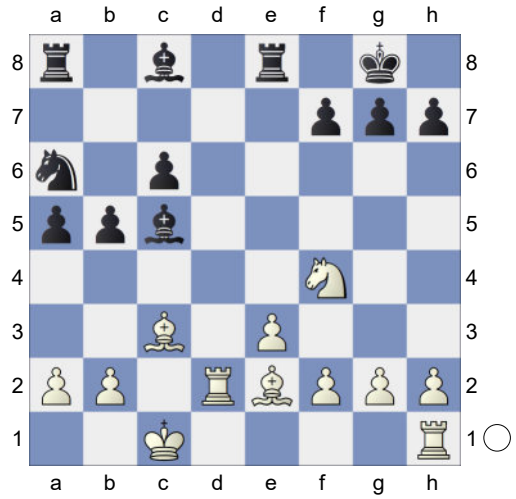
[RR 9...Bf6 10.Ng4 Be7 11.h3 Qxd5 12.Qxd5 cxd5 13.Bd2 0-0 14.Bc3 Rd8 15.Nh2 Nc6 16.Nf3 Bf5 17.Be2 Bb4 18.Bxb4 Nxb4 19.Nd4 Nc2+ 20.Nxc2 Bxc2 21.Rc1 Rac8 22.Bf3 d4 23.exd4 Rxd4 24.0-0 Bogner,S (2555)-Pechac,J (2539) Batumi 2025 ½-½]

10.Nd3 Qxd5 11.Bd2 0-0 12.Nf4 Qd6 13.Qc2 Qc5 14.Qxc5 Bxc5 15.0-0-0 a5 16.Bc3 Re8 17.Be2 b5 0.29/20

[17...a4 -0.07/17]

18.Rd2= Na6 0.98/19

[18...b4= 0.26/19 19.Bd4 Be7]



19.g4 0.36/20

[19.Bxa5 Nb4 20.Bxb4 Bxb4∓]

[19.Bf3!± 0.98/19 Nb4 20.b3]

19...b4 20.Bd4 Bf8 0.79/21

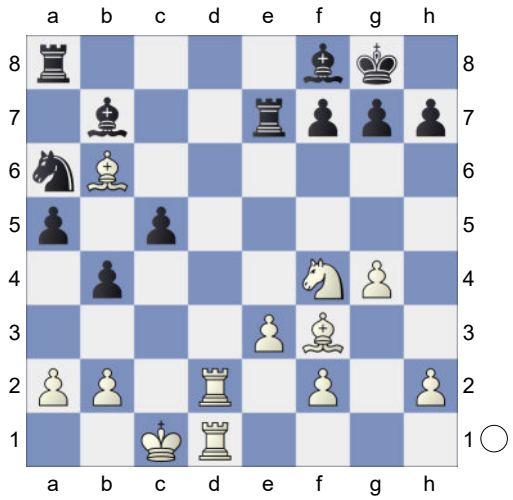
[20...Bxd4± 0.37/19 might be stronger. 21.Rxd4 Nc5]

21.Bf3± Bb7 22.Rhd1 Re7 1.14/21

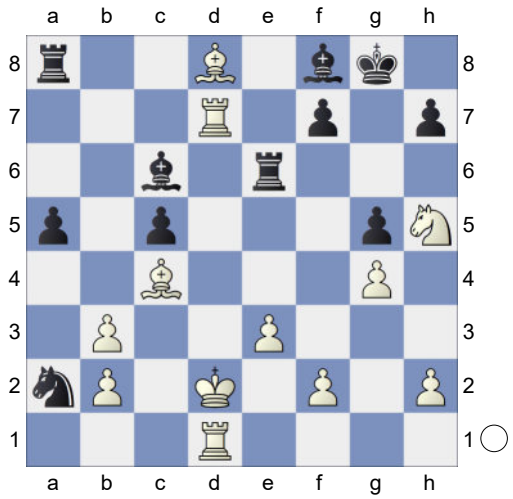
[22...a4± 0.54/19]

23.Bb6 c5

(Diagram)



24.Be2 White has more active pieces.
24...g5 2.14/21
[24...a4± 1.00/19]
25.Nh5+- and Bd8! would now be decisive **25...b3** 3.11/22
[⌓25...Re6 2.19/20]
26.axb3 Re6 27.Bd8
[27.Bxa5 Nb4+-]
27...Nb4 28.Bc4 White is winning.
[Don't play 28.Bxg5 Na2+ 29.Kb1 Nb4+-]
28...Be4 29.Rd7
[Don't go for 29.Nf6+? Rxf6 30.Rf1 Rf3-+]
29...Na2+ 30.Kd2 Bc6



31.Ke1! Bxd7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.23 (precise)
32.Rxd7
1-0

27 **E11**
□ **Makarian,Rudik** **2549**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
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[Kitty Kat]*

E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.Bf4 b6 9.0-0 Ba6 10.Nbd2 Nbd7 11.Rfe1 Nh5! 12.Be5**
[12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 f6 14.Bf4 Nxf4 15.gxf4 Bb4 16.Red1 Qd6 17.Nf1 dxc4 18.a3 Ba5 19.f5 Kh8 20.Ne3 b5 21.Qe4 Bb7 22.Qxe6 Qc7 23.Qe4 Rae8 24.Qg4 Bb6 25.Nf1 Bc8 26.Ng3 g6 0-1 Wang,H (2724)-Aronian,L (2783) Shanghai Masters 2010 (1)]
[RR 12.e3 Rc8 13.h4 c5 14.cxd5 cxd4 15.Qa4 Nc5 16.Qa3 dxe3 17.Bxe3 Bb7 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.Red1 Rc7 20.Bg5 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 h6 23.Nh3 Rd7 24.Qe3 Rd3 25.Qe5 Rf5 26.Qe2 Nxg3 Ragger,M (2601)-Maghsoodloo,P (2723) Germany 2025 0-1 (40)]
12...Rc8N
[12...Nhf6 13.e4 Rc8 14.Rad1 c5 15.exd5 exd5 16.Qf5 dxc4 17.d5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bd6 19.Ndxc4 Bxc4 20.Nxc4 b5 21.Ne5 Re8 22.Nc6 Qa5 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Bf3 Qxa2 25.g4 h6 26.h4 Qxb2 27.g5 1-0 Mecelica,E (2545)-Buese,R (2729) Staunton Memorial 7th 2009 (6) hxg5 28.hxg5 Nh7 29.Qd7 Re5 30.Qxd6 Rxg5+ 31.Kf1 Nf6 32.Ne7+

Kh8 33.Qb8+ Kh7 34.Qh2+ Nh5 35.Bxh5 1-0 Makarian,R (2545)-Andreikin,D (2729) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Late blitz 2023 (6)]
[12...f6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Bd6 Rc8 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.e4 Qd6 17.Bh3 Rce8 18.Re3 g6 19.Rae1 Ng7 20.Qa4 Nb8 21.e5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Bc8 23.Bxc8 Rxc8 24.Qxa7 Nf5 25.Rd3 c5 26.dxc5 Qxc5 27.Rc3 1-0 Mecelica,E (2548)-Bursic,E (2462) 125/42 Biel 2015 (11)]

13.cxd5 White has an edge. **13...exd5** 0.63/20
[13...cxd5= 0.08/22 14.Qa4 Bb7]

14.e4N 0.26/19
[14.Qa4± 0.63/20 Bb5 15.Qb3]
[RR 14.Rad1 f6 15.Bf4 g5 16.Be3 f5 17.Nf1 f4 18.Bc1 g4 19.N3d2 Bd6 20.e4 f3 21.Bh1 Be2 22.Ne3 Qg5 23.e5 Bxd1 24.Qxd1 Bb4 25.Nxf3 gxf3 26.Nxd5 Qg4 27.Nxb4 Ng7 28.Bh6 Rf5 Makarian,R (2461)-Gharibyan,M (2432) Yerevan 2021 1-0 (44)]

14...Bb7 0.85/20
[14...f6= 0.26/19]

15.exd5 -0.18/20
[15.Bh3± 0.85/20]

15...cxd5= 16.Qa4 a6 0.81/19
[16...f6= -0.17/22]

17.Rad1 -0.02/20
[Better is 17.Bh3± 0.81/19 b5 18.Qd1]

17...b5 0.39/17
[17...g5= -0.02/20]

18.Qb3± g6 19.Nf1 -0.01/18
[19.a4± 0.45/19]

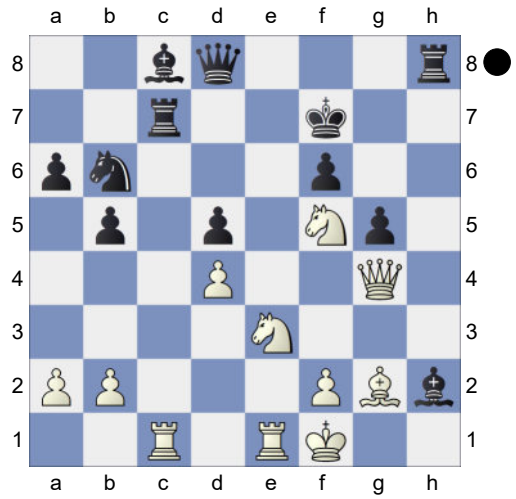
19...f6 20.Bf4 Nxf4 21.gxf4 White wants to play f5!. **21...Nb6 22.f5! Rc7** 1.24/20
[22...Kg7= 0.27/18 keeps the balance.]

23.fxg6!± hxg6 24.Nh4! Kf7 25.Qg3 Rg8 26.Ne3! Threatens to win with Ng4. **26...Bd6 27.Qf3** -1.66/20
[27.f4!± 0.94/20 is forced if you want to stay better.]

27...Rh8-+ 28.Qg4 g5 -0.44/20 The board is on fire.
[28...Qg8∓ -1.14/20 29.Rc1 Re7]

29.Nhf5 -0.88/21
[29.Nf3!∓ -0.44/20]

29...Bxh2+∓ 30.Kf1 Bc8!↑ Black is more active. **31.Rc1?** -1.83/20
[31.Qe2!= -0.24/19]



31...Bf4!-+ 32.Rxc7+ Qxc7 33.Qf3 -1.71/21
[33.b3∓ -1.01/22]

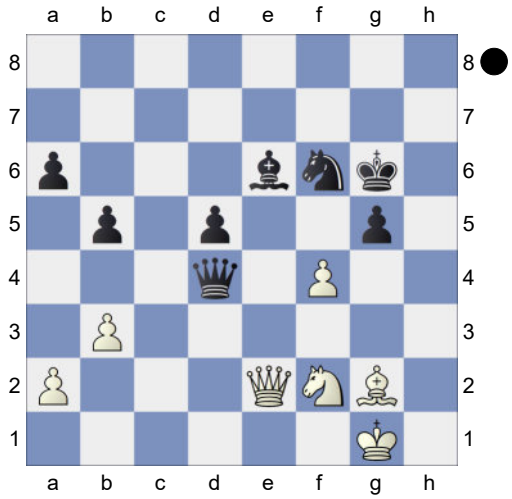
33...Kg6 -0.71/20
[33...Be6-+ -1.71/21 34.b3 Qd7]

34.Ng3? -2.88/18
[34.b3∓ -0.71/20]

34...Be6? -0.67/20 This pair of bishops is nice.
[34...Nc4-+ -2.88/18 Threatens to win with ...Nd2+. 35.Nxc4 dxc4 *(35...Qxc4+ 36.Ne2∓)* 36.Qe4+ f5 37.Qc6+ Bd6 *(37...Qxc6 38.Bxc6 g4 39.Kg2-+)* 38.Qxc7 Bxc7]

35.b3 Qc3 0.01/19 Active counter play!

[Black should try 35...a5∓ -0.92/19 36.Ne2 Qd6]
36.Qe2? -1.96/22
[36.Ne2= 0.01/19 and White is okay. Qc7 37.Nxf4+ Qxf4 38.Qxf4 gxf4 39.Nc4]
36...Bxe3
[36...Qxd4 37.Qc2+ *(37.Nc2 Qe5=)* 37...Kf7 38.Nef5± *(38.Ne2 Qe5∓)*]
37.fxe3 -3.44/21
[37.Qxe3 -1.63/22 only move. Qxe3 38.Rxe3]
37...f5 38.Kf2? -4.92/19
[38.Qf2 -2.67/21 was worth a try.]
38...Nd7 39.Rh1 Rxh1 40.Nxh1 -7.90/21
[⌓40.Bxh1 -4.68/23 Nf6 41.Bf3]
40...Nf6 41.Kg1 f4 42.exf4 Qxd4+? -2.23/22
[42...Bg4 -5.94/22 43.Qe5 Qc1+ 44.Bf1 gxf4 *(44...Qxf4 45.Nf2∓)*]
43.Nf2



Bg4 -1.13/23
[43...Bf5!-+ -2.57/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 44.fxg5 Ne4 *(44...Kxg5 45.Qe7∓)*]
44.Qc2+? -7.48/21
[44.Qd3+∓ -1.13/23 Qxd3 45.Nxd3]
44...Bf5 45.Qe2 gxf4 46.Kf1 Ne4 47.Bxe4 dxe4 Endgame KQB-KQN. Black is two pawns up. **48.Qc2 e3 49.Qc6+ Kg5** (→ ...Qa1+) **50.Qg2+ Kf6 51.Qc6+ Ke5** -6.22/23
[⌓51...Ke7 -15.49/26 52.Qb7+ Kd8]
52.Qc7+ Qd6 53.Qg7+ Kd5 54.Qf7+ Be6 55.Qh5+ Qe5 56.Qf3+ Kd4?? 6.56/21
[56...Kd6-+ -7.64/24 57.Nd3 Qa1+ 58.Ne1 Qd4 *(58...Qxa2 59.Qxf4+ Ke7 60.Qh4+ Kd6 61.Qd8+ Kc6 62.Qa8+ Kd7 63.Qb7+ Ke8 64.Qc6+ Ke7 65.Qc7+ Kf6 66.Qd8+ Kf7 67.Qc7+ Ke8 68.Qc6+ Kf8 69.Qc5+ Ke8 70.Qc6+=)*]
57.Nd1?? -33.06/26
[57.Qd1++- 6.56/21 Kc5 58.Nd3+ Kd6 59.Nxe5+ Kxe5 60.Qh5+ Ke4 61.Qe8]
57...Bf5 -16.03/26
[⌓57...Qe4 -33.06/26 58.Qh5 Bh3+ 59.Qxh3 Qd3+ 60.Kg1 Qxd1+ 61.Kg2 e2 62.Qh8+ Kd3 63.Qh7+ Kc3 64.Qc7+ Kb2 65.Qxf4 e1Q *(65...e1R? 66.Qf6+ Kb1 67.Qg6+ Qc2+ 68.Qxc2+ Kxc2 69.Kf2-+)* 66.Qf6+ Qc3 *(66...Kxa2 67.Qxa6+ Kb1 68.Qg6+ Qc2+ 69.Qxc2+ Kxc2 70.Kh3 Qg1 71.Kh4 Qg6 72.b4 Kd3 73.Kh3 Ke2 74.Kh4 Kf3 75.Kh3 Qh7#; 66...Kb1 67.Qg6+ Kxa2 68.Qxa6+ Kb2 69.Qf6+ Ka3 70.Qf8+ b4 71.Qa8+ Kb2 72.Qh8+ Ka2 73.Qa8+ Kb1 74.Qe4+* Back Rank *Qxe4+ 75.Kh2 Qh4+ 76.Kg2 Qdh1#)* 67.Qxc3+ Kxc3]
58.Qe2 Weighted Error Value: White=1.20/Black=0.81 **58...Bd3** Pin
0-1

28 **A28**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
■ **Bok,B** **2587**
Titled Tue 26th Aug Early blitz (8)
[Kitty Kat]*

A28: English Opening: Four Knights Variation

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3
[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 h6 8.b4 d6 9.Rb1 a6 10.a4 Ne7 11.Ba3 c6 12.c5 Re8 13.e4 Bg4 14.Qb3 Nd7 15.Nd2 Nc8 16.Qc2 Bf8 17.cxd6 Nxd6 18.Nb3 b5 0-1 (56) 4.d4 ♘f6 5. ♗c4_43147 (2742)-C 06/32 (2795) W-ch19 sf03 corr9095 1990 (4)]

4...Bb4N
[4...d6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bd7 7.Be2 g6 8.b3 Bg7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.0-0 Rb8 11.Nd5 a6 12.Rc1 Ne5 13.h3 Re8 14.Re1 Ne4 15.f4 Nc6 16.Bf3 f5 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Nc3 0-1 (58) Michalet,G-Peyrin,J FRA-ch50 Dijon 1975 (8) Nxc3 20.Rxc3 Qf6 21.Rd3 Re7 22.Qa1 Qxa1 23.Rxa1 a5 24.g4 h6 25.Kf2 Kf6 26.Re1 Rbe8 27.Rd2 Rb8 28.e4 fxe4 29.Rxe4 Rxe4 30.Bxe4 c5 31.Kf3 a4 32.Rd3 Rb4 33.h4 axb3 34.g5+ 0-1 (58) Nachbar,B-Classical System Bg5 Cappelle la Grande (8)]

5.Nd5 e4 6.Nxb4 Nxb4 7.a3 Nc6 8.Ng1 d5 9.cxd5 The position is equal.

9...Qxd5 10.d4 Against Ne5 **10...exd3**
[RR 10...Qd6 11.Bd2 Be6 12.Rc1 0-0 13.Ne2 Rfd8 14.Qc2 Rac8 15.h3 h5 16.Nf4 Ne7 17.Bb4 Qd7 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Qc5 Qxc5 20.Rxc5 Bd5 21.Be2 h4 22.Bg4 Rb8 23.Rxc7 Bc6 24.Re7 Ne8 25.Re5 Maghsoodloo,P (2691)-Nakamura,H (2804) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (85)]
[RR 10...0-0 11.Bd2 Re8 12.Rc1 Qd6 13.Ne2 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Qc2 Nd5 16.Qc5 Qd7 17.Ng3 Bg6 18.Bb5 Re6 19.0-0 h5 20.Ne2 h4 21.Ba4 Rd8 22.Qb5 Qc8 23.Bb3 Nce7 24.Ba5 c6 25.Bxd8 Maghsoodloo,P (2701)-Narayanan,S (2641) Almaty 2025 1-0 (34)]

11.Qxd3 Bf5N
[RR 11...Qxd3 12.Bxd3 Bg4 13.h3 0-0-0 14.Bc2 Be6 15.b4 Bc4 16.Bb2 Rd6 17.Nf3 Rhd8 18.Rc1 Kb8 19.Ba4 b5 20.Bc2 Nd7 21.Bxg7 f6 22.Nd2 Nce5 23.Nxc4 bxc4 24.0-0 Nf7 25.Bxh7 Nb6 26.h4 Siebrecht,S (2471)-Muhren,B (2307) Netherlands 2012 1-0 (41)]
[RR 11...Qxd3 12.Bxd3 Be6 13.Bd2 0-0-0 14.Bc2 Bd5 15.f3 Bc4 16.Nh3 Ne5 17.Nf2 Rhe8 18.0-0-0 Be2 19.Rde1 Bd3 20.Bb3 Bc4 21.Ba4 b5 22.Bc2 Bd3 23.e4 Bxc2 24.Kxc2 c5 25.Bc3 Nc6 26.Rd1 Daneshvar,B (2621)-Visakh,N (2507) Sharjah 2025 ½-½ (49)]

12.Qxd5 Nxd5 13.f3 Nb6 14.b4 -0.50/19
[14.e4= 0.01/18 Nd4 15.Rb1]

14...0-0-0 15.Bb2 -0.78/20
[15.e4∓ -0.31/19 Be6 16.Ne2]

15...f6 16.e4 Be6 17.Rc1 Na4 18.Ba1 Nd4 Prevents Bb5 **19.Bxd4 Rxd4 20.Ne2 Rd6 21.Nf4 Bf7 22.Bb5 Nb6 23.h4 Rhd8 24.0-0** -0.64/21
[24.Be2= -0.02/18]

24...Rd2

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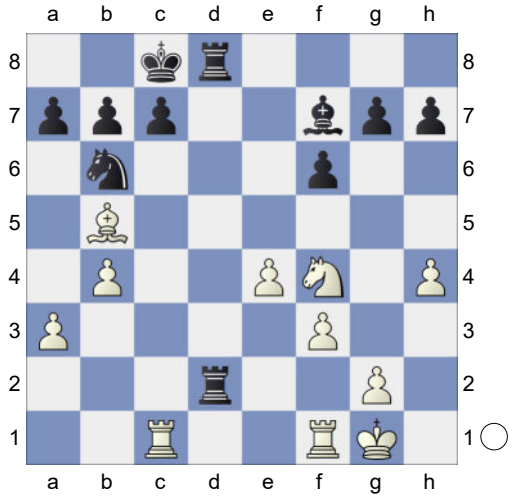
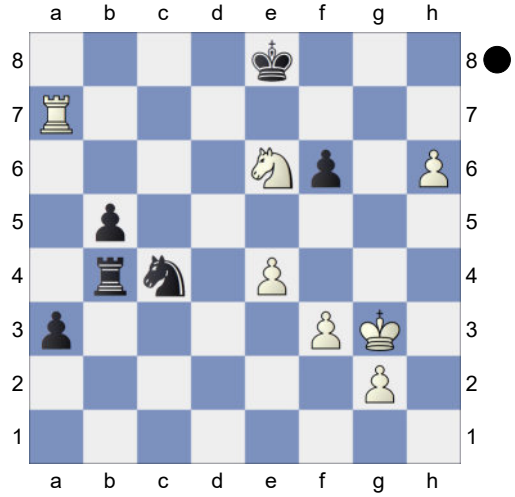


25.Rf2 Rxf2 26.Kxf2 Rd2+ 27.Kg3 Ra2 28.Rc3 c6 29.Bf1 Kd8 30.b5 cxb5 31.Bxb5 a6 32.Bf1! Na4 33.Re3 b5 34.h5 -0.95/21
[34.Nd5∓ -0.43/22]
34...Nb6∓ 35.Kg4 -1.11/21
[White should play 35.Rc3 -0.74/21]
35...Bc4 36.Bxc4 -1.23/21
[⌓36.Re1 -0.71/22]
36...Nxc4 Endgame KRN-KRN **37.Rd3+ Ke8** -0.69/21
[37...Ke7∓ -1.17/23 38.Kf5 Rxa3 39.Rxa3 Nxa3]
38.Kg3 -1.08/22
[38.Rd4∓ -0.69/21 was preferable.]
38...Rxa3 39.Rd4 a5 -0.31/24
[Better is 39...Ne5∓ -1.26/21 ...a5 would now be deadly. 40.Ne6 Kf7]
40.Ne6∓ Kf7 0.09/24
[40...Ke7∓ -0.32/24 41.Nc7 Rb3 42.Nxb5 Remove Defender Rxb5 43.Rxc4 Rxh5]
41.Nc7= A mistake that costs the game.
41...Rb3? 1.76/22
[41...h6= 0.14/21 and Black stays safe.]
42.Rd7++- Kf8 43.Ne6+ Ke8 44.Rxg7 a4? 3.54/24
[44...h6 1.61/20]
45.Rxh7 a3 4.94/24
[⌓45...Rb1 3.47/20 46.Kf4 Nd6 47.Nc7+ Kf8]
46.Ra7 Rb4 10.47/25
[⌓46...Rb1 4.81/20 47.h6 Rh1 48.Nc7+ Kf7 49.Nxb5+ Kg6 50.Nxa3 Nxa3 51.Rxa3 Kxh6]
47.h6

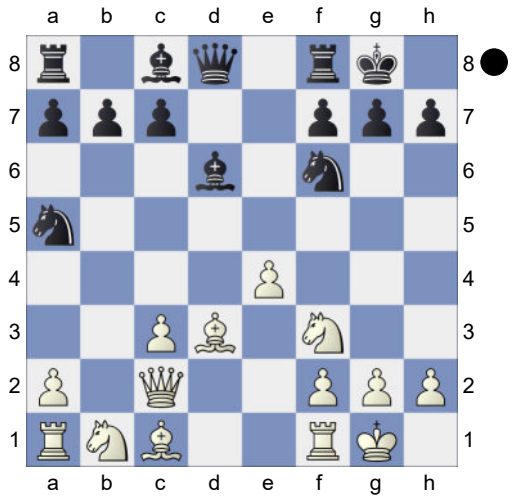


Ra4 48.Rxa4 bxa4 KN-KN. White is a pawn up. **49.h7 a2 50.h8Q+ Ke7 51.Qf8+ Kxe6 52.Qe8+ Kd6 53.Qxa4 Kc5 54.Qxa2** White threatens Qa7+ and mate. **54...Kd4 55.Qa1+ Kd3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.92
56.Qxf6
1-0

29 **C51**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
■ **Le Tuan,Minh** **2598**
Abu Dhabi Masters Online (4) 18.08.25
[Kitty Kat]*

C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 d6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf6** The position is equal.

10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 Bd6
[11...Qd6 12.Nf3 Rd8 13.Be2 Qc6 14.Nbd2 Be6 15.e5 Nd5 16.Ne4 Nb4 17.Qb1 Bxa2 18.Rxa2 Nxa2 19.Bg5 Nxc3 20.Nxc3 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 Qg6 22.Nce4 h6 23.Nf3 Nc6 24.Bc4 Nd4 25.Nf6+ Kh8 26.Qxg6 ½-½ Gonzalez,J (2619)-Rognon,R (2641) II 107/255 Lubbock 2009 (3)]
[11...c5 12.Nd2 Qc7 13.f4 b6 14.c4 Nh5 15.g3 f6 16.Nef3 Nc6 18) Italian Opening: Evans Ga-6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 Gambit Buster: 1.e4 e5 2024]
12.Nf3



Nc6N 0.47/19
[12...Re8= 0.09/19]
[12...Bg4 13.e5 *(13.Nbd2 Re8 14.h3 Bh5 15.Re1 Nd7* Italian,S-Evans Gambit,4*)* 13...Bxf3 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.gxf3 Qh4 16.f4 Qg4+ 17.Kh1 Qf3+ Italian,S-Evans Gambit, 4]
13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Re8
[RR 14...g5 15.Bg3 Bxg3 16.hxg3 g4 17.Nh4 Ne5 18.Be2 Re8 19.Nd2 b6 20.Rad1 Qe7 21.Rfe1 Be6 22.Nf1 Rad8 23.Ne3 Qc5 24.Nef5 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 h5 26.Rd4 Qf8 27.Qd2 Nh7 28.a4 Nc6 29.Nh6+ Caruana,F (2835)-So,W (2770) Lichess.org INT 2020 0-1 (53)]
15.Nbd2 g5 16.Bg3 Nh5 17.Bb5N
[RR 17.Rfe1 Nxg3 18.hxg3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Nc4 Qf6 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.Rab1 c6 23.a4 b6 24.Bc4 Be6 25.Bxe6 Rxe6 26.Rbd1 Rae8 27.Rd4 Rd6 28.Qd3 Rde6 29.Rd1 c5 30.Rd7 R8e7 31.Rxe7 Rxe7 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Petrovic,A (2263) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (52)]
17...Nxg3
[17...g4 is more complex. 18.Bh4 Qd7 19.Bxc6 Qxc6 20.Nd4 Qa6]
18.hxg3 Bd7 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.Rfe1 Qf6 21.Nc4 Bc5 0.05/21
[21...Qg6∓ -0.31/18]
22.Na5= Rad8 23.e5 Qe6 24.Nxc6 Qxc6 25.g4 Qd7 26.Qe4 -0.18/20
[26.Rad1! 0.24/19 Qxg4 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.e6]
26...c6 27.Rab1 Re7 28.a4 -0.25/22
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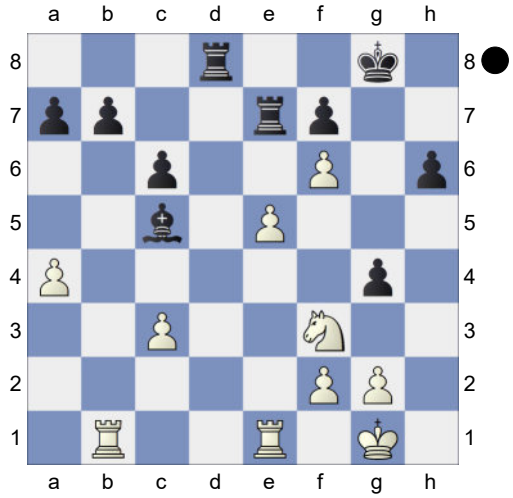


Re6 0.54/21
[31...Rc7!∓ -0.76/21 32.Nd4 Bxd4 33.cxd4 Rxd4]
32.Nd4± Bxd4 33.cxd4 Rxd4 ...b6 is the strong threat. **34.Rxb7 Rd5**

35.Rxa7 0.00/26 White is more active.
[35.Re7!± 0.83/21]
35...Rdxe5= 36.Rxe5 Rxe5± Endgame KR-KR **37.a5 Rf5 38.a6** Threatens to win with Ra8+. **38...Ra5 39.Kh2 Ra3 40.Ra8+ Kh7 41.a7 h5 42.f3 gxf3 43.gxf3 c5 44.Kg3 c4 45.Kh4 Ra5 46.f4 c3 47.f5 c2**
[47...Rxf5? loses. 48.Rc8 Ra5 49.a8Q+- *(49.a8B Ra4+ 50.Kg5 Ra5+ 51.Kf4 Kg6±; 49.a8R Rxa8 50.Rxa8 Kg6+-)*]
48.Rc8 Rxa7
[48...Rxf5 49.a8Q *(49.a8B Rf4+ 50.Kg5 Rg4+ 51.Kxh5 Ra4±)* 49...Rxf6 50.Qe4+ *(50.Rxc2 Rf4+ 51.Kg5 Rg4+ 52.Kxh5 Rg8 53.Qd5 Rg6 54.Qxf7+ Rg7 55.Qf5+ Kh8 56.Rc8+ Rg8 57.Qf6+ Kh7 58.Qh6#; 50.Rh8+ Kg6 51.Rg8+ Kh7 52.Qf8 Rf4+ 53.Kh3 Rf3+ 54.Kg2 Rg3+ 55.Rxg3 c1Q 56.Qg7#)* 50...Kg7 51.Qe5 *(51.Kxh5 Rh6+ 52.Kg5 c1R+-)* 51...c1B 52.Rxc1 Kg6 53.Qg5+ *(53.Qxh5+ Kg7 54.Qe5 Kg6 55.Qg5+* Deflection *Kh7 56.Qxf6 Kg8 57.Rc8+ Kh7 58.Rh8#)* 53...Kh7 54.Qxf6 Kg8 55.Rg1+ Kh7 56.Qg7#]
49.Kxh5 Ra2 50.Kg5 Rb2 51.Rc7 c1Q+ 52.Rxc1 Rg2+ 53.Kf4 Rf2+ 54.Ke5 Re2+ 55.Kd6 Kh6 56.Rg1 Ra2 57.Ke7 Ra7+ 58.Kf8 Kh5? 5.74/29
[58...Ra8+= 0.00/30 and Black has nothing to worry. 59.Kxf7 Ra7+ 60.Ke6 Ra6+ 61.Ke7 Ra7+ 62.Ke6]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.24 (precise) **59.Kg7 1-0**

30 **D31**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
■ **Svane,R** **2619**
Abu Dhabi Masters Online (3) 18.08.25
[Kitty Kat]*

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 a6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bg5N
[6.g3 c6 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.e3 Qe7 12.Qc2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nc4 Bf5 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.a3 Rad8 18.Re1 Qe6 19.Rac1 h5 20.Qe2 h4 (65) Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game 8]
6...Be6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.h3 White is slightly better. **8...c6 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.Nd2N** -0.05/17
[10.Bf4± 0.46/18 Bxf4 11.exf4]
[RR 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Qc2 0-0 13.0-0 Rfe8 14.Rab1 a5 15.Nd2 Nb6 16.Nb3 Nbd7 17.f4 Nf8 18.Rbe1 b6 19.Qf2 a4 20.Nd2 Qb4 21.Ndb1 Bc8 22.a3 Qa5 23.g4 Ba6 24.Bxa6 Qxa6 Sambuev,B (2432)-Noritsyn,N (2446) Waterloo 2022 ½-½ (92)]
[RR 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qb3 Rfb8 14.a4 a5 15.Rfc1 g6 16.Nd2 Ne8 17.Ne2 Qe7 18.Nf4 Nd6 19.Qa3 Bf5 20.Rab1 Bxd3 21.Nxd3 Nf6 22.Ne5 Re8 23.Rc2 Nfe4 24.Nxe4 Nxe4 Giri,A (2764)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com INT 2020 ½-½ (52)]
[RR 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Ne2 0-0 12.0-0 Rfe8 13.Qc2 g6 14.Rfc1 Nh5 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.b4 Rec8 17.Qc3 Ng7 18.a4 Nb6 19.Nd2 Bf5 20.Nf4 Qd8 21.Bf1 h5 22.Nd3 Bxd3 23.Bxd3 Ne8 24.f3 h4 Moskalenko,V (2406)-Grieve,H (2475) Vitoria

Gasteiz 2025 ½-½]
[RR 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Qd2 0-0 12.0-0 Nh5 13.Ne2 g6 14.Ng5 Rae8 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Nf4 Nxf4 17.exf4 Nf6 18.Rae1 Bd7 19.Re5 h6 20.Nf3 Ne4 21.Qe3 f6 22.Bxe4 fxe5 23.fxe5 Qe6 24.Bd3 Kg7 Maghsoodloo,P (2699)-Yuan,Q (2373) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (54)]
[RR 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Qd2 Nh5 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.0-0 0-0 14.a3 Rfe8 15.Rac1 g6 16.Na4 Nhf6 17.Qc2 a5 18.Rfe1 Nh5 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.dxc5 Qe7 21.b4 axb4 22.axb4 Qf6 23.Qc3 Qxc3 24.Rxc3 Ng7 Faizrakhmanov,R (2451)-Rakhmanov,A (2645) Cheliabinsk 2020 0-1 (66)]

10...h6 0.34/19
[10...Qc7= -0.05/17]

11.Bf4± Qc7 12.Qf3 0.11/18
[12.Ne2± 0.53/19 feels stronger.]

12...c5
[12...Bxf4 simplifies 13.Qxf4 Qxf4 14.exf4 g6]

13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Bc2 d4 16.exd4 Qxd4 17.0-0-0 Qb4 18.a3 Qb6 19.Qe3 aiming for Na4. **19...0-0 20.Rhe1 Rac8 21.Kb1 Ncd7** 0.17/20
[⌓21...Rfe8 -0.23/19 22.Nde4 Nfxe4 23.Nxe4 Bf5]

22.Qxb6= Nxb6 23.Nde4 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Rc7 25.Ne2 Rfc8 26.Nd4 Bc4 27.h4 Kf8 28.g4 Bd5 29.Bxd5 Nxd5 30.g5 hxg5 31.hxg5 g6 Against Nf5 **32.Rh1 Nf4** Dodges Ne2 **33.Rh4 Nh5 34.Nf3** -0.25/20
[⌓34.f4 0.21/20]

34...Rc5 35.Rb4 b5 36.Rd6 a5 37.Rb3 a4 38.Rb4 Rc1+ 39.Ka2 Rh1 (-> ...Rcc1)
[39...Rf1!? 40.Rd2□ *(40.Rxb5 Rcc1 41.Rb8+ Ke7 42.Rb7+ Kxd6 43.Rb6+ Ke7 44.Rb7+ Kd8 45.Rb8+ Kc7)* 40...Rcc1∓]

40.Rh4 -1.06/23
[40.Rxb5 Rcc1 41.Rb8+ Ke7 42.Rb7+ Kxd6 43.Rb6+ Ke7 44.Rb7+ Kd8 45.Rb8+ Kc7]
[40.Rd2∓ -0.37/22]

40...Rf1 -0.27/22
[40...Rxh4∓ -1.06/23 41.Nxh4 Rc5]

41.Nd2 -0.82/22
[41.Rd2!= -0.27/22]

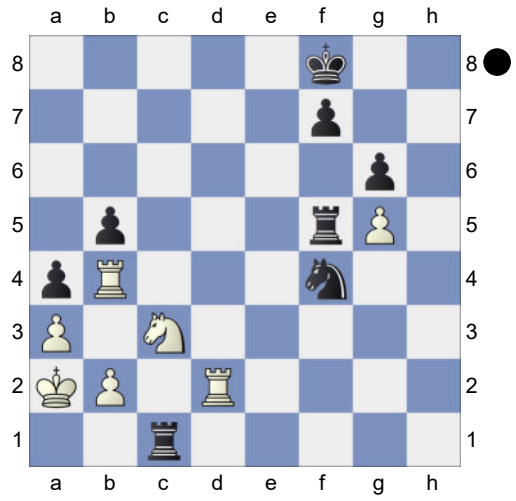
41...Rxf2∓ 42.Rb4 -1.61/21
[42.Ne4∓ -0.90/23 is a better defense. Rf1 43.Nc3]

42...Rf5 -0.89/22
[Better is 42...Rc2!-+ -1.61/21 43.Ne4 Rf1]

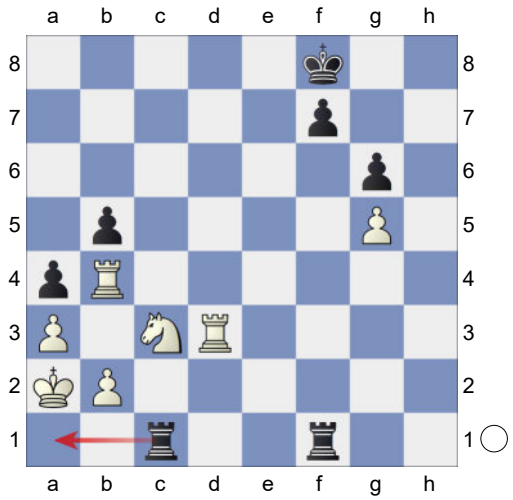
43.Ne4 -1.37/21
[⌓43.Rb6 -0.89/22]

43...Rc1! (-> ...Rff1) **44.Rd2 Nf4** 0.01/23
[44...Rg1∓ -1.40/20 White must now prevent ...Kg7. 45.b3 axb3+ 46.Kxb3 Ke7]

45.Nc3 -0.61/20
[45.Nd6= 0.01/23 Rd5 46.Rxd5 Remove Defender Nxd5 47.Rxb5]



45...Nd3? 1.50/23 **46.Rxd3± Rff1**
(Diagram)



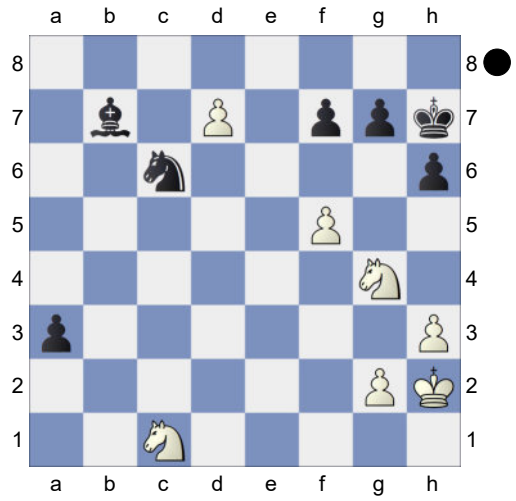
47.Nd1! 0.01/25 **Rcxd1 48.Rxd1 Rxd1 49.Rxb5=** Endgame KR-KR **49...Rd4 50.Rb4** A mistake that costs the game. **50...Rxb4** 16.82/24
[50...Rd5= 0.20/21]
51.axb4+- f5 52.gxf6= K3P-KPP. White is a pawn up. **52...g5 53.b5** Intending b6 and mate. **53...g4 54.b6** White mates. **54...Kf7 55.b7 g3 56.b8Q**
[56.b8R? is the wrong capture. g2 57.Rb7+ Kxf6 58.Rb6+ Kf5-+]
56...g2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.54
57.Qb7+
1-0

31 **C51**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
■ **Grischuk,A** **2667**
TCh-ESP Div Honor 2025 (7.13) 14.08.25
[Kitty Kat]*

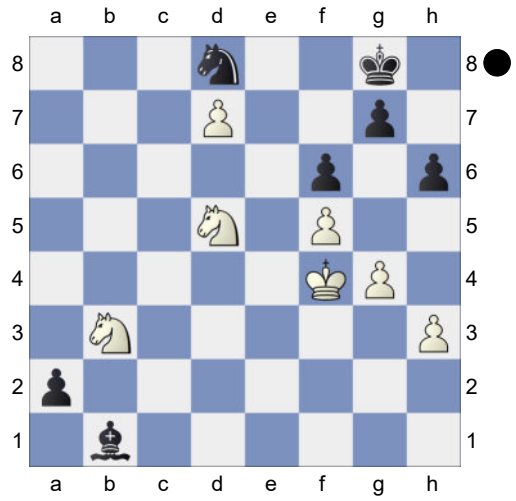
C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Be7
[4...Bd6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.Bb2 h6 8.b5 Na5 9.Bf1 Re8 10.d4 exd4 11.Qd2 Qe7 12.a3 Nxe4 13.Qxa5 c5 14.bxc6 dxc6 15.Nbd2 f5 16.Bd3 1-0 Negi,P (2590)-Lund,S (2412) Politiken Cup 2009 (4)]
5.b5 Na5 6.Bd3N
[6.d3 d6 7.Nc3 c6 8.a4 Nxc4 9.dxc4 Be6 10.Qd3 h6 11.0-0 Nf6 12.Ba3 Qc7 13.Rfd1 Rd8 14.h3 0-0 15.a5 Nh5 16.g3 f5 17.a6 b6 18.bxc6 Qxc6 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.cxd5 Qd7 1-0 (40) Alekhine,A-Reynvaan/Van Merkum Sukabumi sim 1933]
[RR 6.Nxe5 Nxc4 7.Nxc4 d5 8.exd5 Qxd5 9.Ne3 Qxb5 10.Nc3 Qc6 11.Ncd5 Be6 12.Nxe7 Nxe7 13.Ba3 Ng6 14.0-0 Nf4 15.d4 0-0-0 16.Re1 Rhe8 17.Qd2 g5 18.f3 h5 19.c4 Qa6 20.Qc3 g4 Chigorin,M-Schiffers,E Berlin 1897 ½-½ (50)]
[RR 6.Be2 d5 7.d3 dxe4 8.dxe4 Qxd1+ 9.Bxd1 Nf6 10.Nbd2 Nd7 11.Bb2 f6 12.Bc3 b6 13.Be2 Nb7 14.Nc4 Nbc5 15.Nfd2 Ne6 16.a4 Ndc5 17.0-0 Nf4 18.Bf3 Be6 19.Rfd1 Kf7 20.g3 Ng6 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Grischuk,A (2776) Lichess.org INT 2021 0-1 (72)]
[RR 6.Be2 d6 7.c3 c5 8.d4 Bg4 9.0-0 Nf6 10.dxe5 Bxf3 11.exf6 Bxe2 12.fxe7 1-0 (12) Churba,D (1995)-Iribarren,F (1776) Buenos Aires 2025]
[RR 6.d3 d6 7.Nc3 c6 8.a4 Nxc4 9.dxc4 Be6 10.Qd3 h6 11.0-0 Nf6 12.Ba3 Qc7 13.Rfd1 Rd8 14.h3 0-0 15.a5 Nh5 16.g3 f5 17.a6 b6 18.bxc6 Qxc6 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.cxd5 Qd7 Alekhine,A-Reynvaan/Van Merkum Sukabumi 1933 1-0 (40)]
6...d6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Re1 White has an edge. **8...0-0 9.h3 c6 10.a4 Be6** 0.57/17

[10...Re8= 0.19/20]
11.Bf1± Qc7 12.Bb2 Nc4 13.Bc3 Nb6 14.d4 Nbd7 15.bxc6 bxc6 16.Nbd2 h6 17.a5 Rab8 18.a6 Rfe8 19.Ba5 Qc8 20.c3 Bd8 21.Qa4 Nb6 22.Qa3 Be7 23.Rab1
[23.dxe5 dxe5 24.Qc1 Nbd7±]
23...Nfd7 24.Qa1 White is more active. **24...Bd8 25.Bb4 Be7 26.dxe5 dxe5 27.Red1** 0.35/19
[27.Bxe7± 0.89/20 Rxe7 28.Qa5]
27...c5 28.Ba5 c4 29.Bb4 -0.31/18
[White should play 29.Bxb6± 0.55/20 Rxb6 30.Rxb6 Nxb6 31.Nxe5]
29...Qc7∓ 30.Bxe7 Rxe7 31.Qa3 Ree8 32.Rb5 Rbc8 33.Rdb1 Nc5 34.R1b4! Nd3 35.Bxd3 cxd3 36.Nxe5 Qxc3 0.10/20
[⌓36...Bxh3 -0.28/21 37.Ndf3 *(37.Nxd3 Qd7=)* 37...d2 *(37...Qxc3? 38.Qxc3 Rxc3 39.gxh3+-)*]
37.Qxc3= Rxc3 38.Rd4! Ra3 Against Ra5 **39.Nxd3 Rxa6 40.Nc5 Ra1+ 41.Kh2 Bc8 42.f4 Ra2 43.f5 Rc2 44.Ra5 Re7 45.Nf3 Kh7 46.Nd3 Rc4 47.Rxc4 Nxc4 48.Rc5 Nb6 49.Nf2 Bb7 50.e5 a5 51.Nd4 a4 52.Ng4 a3 53.Ra5?** -1.90/21
[53.f6= 0.00/22 and White is okay. gxf6 *(53...Rd7 54.e6±)* 54.Nxf6+ Kg6 55.Rc3 Rxe5 56.Rxa3]
53...Rd7-+ 54.Nb3 Nc4 55.e6 -3.12/26
[⌓55.Ra7 -1.77/19 Bc6 56.Ra6]
55...Nxa5? -0.70/18
[55...fxe6-+ -3.12/26 56.fxe6 Rd2 57.Nxd2 Nxa5]
56.exd7 Endgame KBN-KNN **56...Nc6 57.Nc1**

(Diagram)



Nd8! 58.Ne3 Inhibits Bd5. **58...Be4 59.Kg3 Bb1 60.Kf4 f6** -0.66/22
[60...a2∓ -1.02/26 61.Nb3 f6]
61.g4? -2.54/27
[White must play 61.Nd5!∓ -0.66/22]
61...Kg8 62.Nd5 a2 63.Nb3

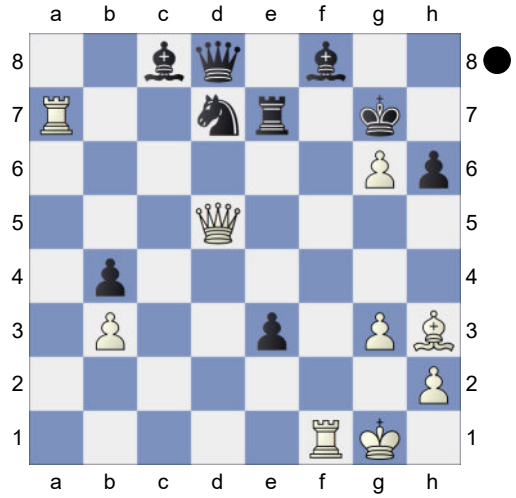


Kf7? -0.07/22
[Better is 63...Bd3!-+ -2.43/23 ...Bc4 is the strong threat. 64.Na1 Kf8]
64.Ke3= The position is equal. **64...g6 65.fxg6+ Bxg6 66.Nc3 Bc2 67.Na1 Bb1 68.Kd2 Ke6 69.Kc1 Kxd7 70.Nxb1 axb1B 71.Kxb1** KN-KN **71...Kd6**
[71...Nc6 72.Kc2]
72.Nc2 Ke5 73.Ne3 Nf7 74.Kc2 Ke4

75.Kd2 Ng5 76.Nf5 Nxh3 77.Nxh6 Kf4 78.Ng8 Kxg4 And White is the lucky defender.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
79.Nxf6+
½-½

32 **E10**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
■ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2625**
TCh-ESP Div Honor 2025 (3.13) 10.08.25
[Kitty Kat]*

E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bc3 b6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Nbd2 Bb7 11.Ne5 a5N**
[11...Re8 12.Qa4 Bd6 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.Rfe1 Nf6 15.Bb4 c5 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Ba5 Qc8 18.e4 d4 C2: Bd2 7.O-O Move 8 Sideline-N,N]
12.Rc1 Re8 13.e3 b5 14.b3 b4 15.Ba1 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Qg4 Bf8 18.f4 a4 19.Nf3 h6 Wards off Ng5
20.Nd4 -0.45/18
[20.f5= 0.01/19]
20...axb3 0.01/16
[20...c5∓ -0.45/18 21.Nf5 Re6]
21.axb3 Ra2? 1.40/18
[21...c5∓ -0.31/17 22.Nc2 Nb6]
22.Bh3? -0.52/20
[22.Nc6!± 1.40/18 Bxc6 23.Rxc6]
22...Bc8? 1.77/23
[22...Nc5∓ -0.52/20 stays ahead.]
23.Qh5!+- g6? 2.39/21
[23...c5± 0.85/21]
24.Qf3 c5? 3.80/23
[24...Nc5± 1.47/20 was necessary. 25.f5 gxf5]
25.e6!
[25.Nc6 Qb6 26.Qxd5 Nf6 27.exf6 Bxh3∓]
25...Rxa1 26.Rxa1 1.65/22
[⌓26.exf7+ 4.12/24 Kxf7 27.Qxd5+ Kg7 28.Nc6]
26...cxd4 27.exf7+
[27.exd7 Bxd7 28.Bxd7 Qxd7±]
[27.Qxd5 fxe6 28.Bxe6+ Kh8-+]
27...Kxf7 28.Ra7? 0.25/18
[28.Qxd5++- 3.48/24 Kg7 29.Qxd4+ *(29.Ra7 Qb6±)* 29...Nf6 30.Ra7+ Kg8 31.Qxd8 Rxd8 32.Ra8 Bxh3 33.Rxd8 Bxf1 34.Kxf1]
28...Kg7 1.09/22
[28...Re4= 0.25/18 remains equal. 29.f5 Kg8 30.fxg6 Ne5 *(30...dxe3 31.Qf7+ Kh8 32.Qh7#)* 31.Qxf8+ Qxf8 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8 33.Bxc8 Nxg6]
29.f5? -1.50/24 White is much more active.
[29.exd4?! Qb6 30.Bxd7 *(30.Rxd7+ Bxd7 31.Bxd7 Qxd4+ 32.Qf2 Re3∓)* 30...Qxa7=]
[29.Qxd5± 1.09/22 dxe3 30.Bxd7]
29...dxe3∓ 30.fxg6 Re7 Wards off Qf7+ **31.Qxd5**



Threatening mate with Rf7+. **31...e2** 0.01/19
[31...Kh8!∓ -1.46/22 White must now prevent ...e2. 32.Re1 *(32.Bxd7 e2∓)*

32...Qb6 *(32...e2 33.Kg2=)* 33.Bxd7 e2+ 34.Kg2 Qd8]

32.Qd4+!=

[32.Rf7+? Kh8 33.Qd4+ Kg8-+]

32...Kg8⇄ Black is fighting back

[32...Kxg6!? 33.Bf5+□ Kf7=]

33.Re1 Really sharp! **33...Bg7** Inhibits Kg2. **34.Qxb4** -0.45/21

[34.Qc4+ Kh8 35.Qxb4 Re8∓]

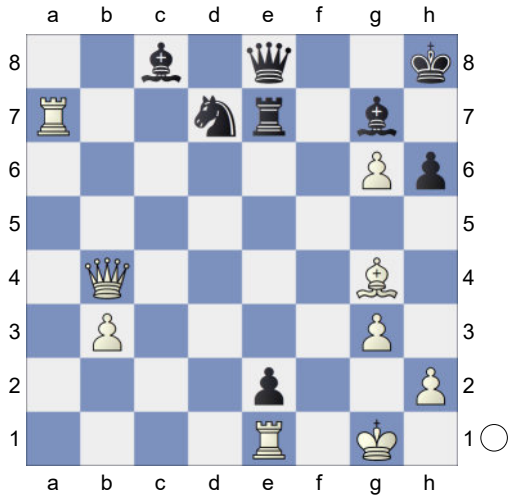
[34.Qd6!= 0.01/22]

34...Kh8 -0.01/19

[34...Re8!∓ -0.45/21 should be considered. 35.Kg2 *(35.Qc4+? Kh8-+)* 35...Nb6 36.Rxg7+ Kxg7 37.Qc3+ Kxg6 *(37...Qf6 38.Qxf6+ Kxf6 39.Bxc8∓)* 38.Qc2+ Kg5 39.Qc5+ Qd5+ 40.Qxd5+ Nxd5 41.Bxc8 Rxc8 42.Rxe2 Rc5 43.Re5+ Kf6]

35.Bg4 Qe8? 2.68/21

[35...Re8∓ -0.01/19 and Black is okay.]



36.Ra8!+- Re5? 5.15/20

[36...Re3 2.32/24 37.Qd6 *(37.Rxe2 Rxe2 38.Bxe2 Qe3+ 39.Kf1 Qc1+ 40.Kf2 Qc6±)* 37...Be5]

37.Qc3? 0.15/19

[37.Qd6+- 5.15/20]

37...Nb6= Discovered Attack **38.Rxc8 Nxc8 39.Qxc8 Qxc8 40.Bxc8** Endgame KRB-KRB. White is two pawns up.

[40.h3 feels hotter. Qc3 41.Kf2 Re8 42.Rxe2 Bd4+ 43.Kg2]

40...Re3! 41.Ba6 Bd4 42.Kg2 Rxb3 43.Bxe2 Re3 44.Kf1 Re6 45.Rd1 Rf6+ 46.Kg2 Rf2+! 47.Kh3 Rxe2 48.Rxd4 aiming for Rd7. KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **48...Re6 49.Kg4 Rxg6+ 50.Kf5 Rg5+ 51.Kf6 Kh7 52.Rd7+ Kh8 53.Re7 Rg4 54.Kf5 Rg5+ 55.Kf4 Ra5 56.g4 Kg8 57.h4 Rb5 58.h5 Ra5 59.Re5 Ra1 60.Rd5 Rf1+ 61.Ke5 Kg7 62.Rd7+ Kg8 63.Rd6 Kg7 64.Rg6+ Kh7 65.g5 hxg5 66.Rxg5 Kh6 67.Rf5 Rxf5+** 0.49/25

[67...Rh1= 0.03/22]

68.Kxf5± Kxh5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.42 **69.Ke4N**

½-½

33 **D31**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**

■ **Akobian,V** **2552**

Titled Tue 5th Aug Late blitz (4) 05.08.25

[Kitty Kat]*

D31: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Slav without ...Nf6 (+ Marshall Gambit and Noteboom) and Exchange Variation lines without ...Nf6

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4

[3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Qc2 e5 8.cxd5 *(8.d4 e4 9.Nd2 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Be2 h5 12.Ba3 Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Bf5 14.b4 Nbd7 15.0-0 Nf8 16.a5 Ne6 17.Rfa1 g6 18.b5 axb5 19.cxb5 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Nb3 Nxb3 22.Qxb3 d4* 0-1 (37) Los,A (2003)-Zwirs,N

(2444) Hilversum op 2023 (1)) 8...cxd5 9.Nb5 Nc6 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 11.Bb5 Bg4 12.Bxc6 Bxf3 13.gxf3 bxc6 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Rg1 Rfe8 16.Qf5 d4 17.Kf1 g6 (27) Gonzalez,J (2609)-Kramer,A (2536) Sharjah 121/(157) 2014]

3...c6N

[3...Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 c6 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.e3 Qe7 12.Qc2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nc4 Bf5 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.a3 Rad8 18.Re1 (65) Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game 8]

4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 Bf5 6.e3 Nd7 7.g4

[RR 7.Nf3 Ngf6 8.h3 Be7 9.a3 a5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 0-0 13.0-0 Re8 14.Nd2 Nf8 15.Bg3 Bd6 16.f4 b5 17.Rac1 Qb6 18.Bf2 Ne6 19.Bh4 Nd7 20.f5 Nc7 21.Bf2 c5 Nakamura,H (2736)-Xiong,J (2710) Saint Louis 2021 ½-½ (63)]

[RR 7.Nge2 Ngf6 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Bh7 11.Bd3 Nb6 12.Bxh7 Rxh7 13.Qe2 Qd7 14.e4 dxe4 15.Ngxe4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4+ Qe7 17.f3 0-0-0 18.0-0-0 Qxe4 19.fxe4 Be7 20.Rhf1 Rhh8 21.Kc2 Rhe8 Dobre,C (2287)-Xiong,J (2646) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (64)]

7...Bg6N

[RR 7...Be6 8.Bd3 g5 9.Bg3 Qb6 10.Qc2 Bxg4 11.h4 gxh4 12.Rxh4 Ngf6 13.Nge2 h5 14.0-0-0 Bh6 15.Kb1 Bg5 16.Rh2 Bf3 17.Re1 Qa5 18.Ng1 Be4 19.f4 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Bh6 21.e4 0-0-0 22.e5 Botvinnik,M-Bronstein,D Gagra/Voronovo 1952 1-0 (41)]

[RR 7...Be6 8.Bd3 h5 9.g5 g6 10.h4 Ne7 11.Nge2 Bf5 12.Ng3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Bg7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rad1 Re8 16.Bd6 Nc8 17.Ba3 a5 18.b3 b5 19.Bc1 Nd6 20.f4 b4 21.Na4 Ne4 22.Nxe4 Abdyzhapar,A (2285)-Souza Neves,A (2103) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (47)]

8.Bd3 Ngf6 The position is equal. **9.f3 Nb6 10.Nge2 Bd6 11.h4 0-0 12.h5 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Re8 14.b3** Dodges Nc4 **14...Nc8 15.Kf2 Bxf4 16.Nxf4** -0.15/18

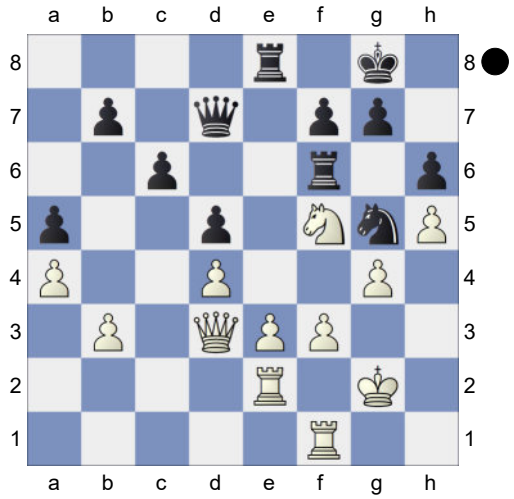
[16.exf4 0.23/21 feels stronger. h6 17.g5]

16...h6= 17.Nce2 Nd6 18.Ng3 Nh7 19.Ng2 Ng5 20.Nh4 a5 21.a4 Re6

[21...Rc8 simplifies 22.Kg2 Re6 23.Ra2 Qe7]

22.Nhf5 Nxf5 23.Nxf5 Qc7 24.Kg2 Rae8 25.Rae1 Qb6 26.Qc3 Qd8 27.Re2 Rf6 28.Qd3 Qd7 29.Rf1 -0.84/22

[29.Qc2= -0.30/22]



29...Rfe6 -0.01/19

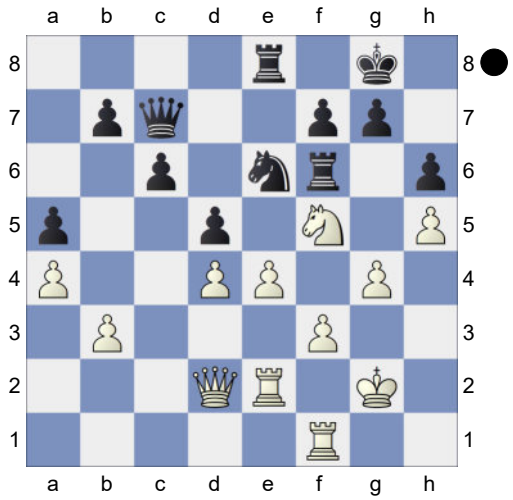
[29...g6!∓ -0.84/22 30.hxg6 *(30.Nxh6+ Kh7∓)* 30...fxg6]

30.Rfe1 Qc7 31.Rf1 Rf6 32.e4? -3.04/23

[32.Rb2= -0.01/20]

32...Ne6-+ 33.Qd2

(Diagram)



Nf4+ 34.Kh1 Nxe2 35.Qxe2 Qf4 36.e5 Rxf5 37.gxf5 Endgame KQR-KQR **37...Qh4+** -1.55/21
[37...Qxd4 38.f4∓]
[37...f6-+ -3.70/21 38.e6 Qxf5]
38.Qh2∓ Qxd4 39.Re1 c5 -1.08/22
[Black should try 39...Qc3 -1.53/21 40.Qg3 f6 *(40...Qxb3? 41.f6+-)*]
40.Qg3 and f6 would now be decisive
40...Qc3? 9.00/21
[40...Kh8∓ -1.24/20 41.f4 c4 42.bxc4 dxc4]
41.f6+- g5 42.hxg6 Qd3 43.gxf7+ Kxf7 44.Qh3 6.42/24
[⌓44.e6+ #5/12 Rxe6 45.Qg7+ Skewer, Double Attack Ke8 46.Rxe6+ *(46.f7+ Kd7 47.f8Q+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Re7 48.Rxe7+ Kd6 49.Qgf6#)* 46...Kd8 47.Re8+ Decoy Kxe8 48.Qe7#]
44...Re6 45.Rg1
[45.Qxh6 Qxf3+ 46.Kg1 Qg3+ 47.Kf1 Qf3+ 48.Kg1 Qg3+ 49.Kf1 Qf3+ 50.Kg1=]
45...Rxe5 46.Qd7+ 4.75/5
[⌓46.Rg7+ #4/10 Kf8 47.Qc8+ *(47.Rxb7 Qd1+ 48.Kh2 Qd2+ 49.Kg3 Qe1+ 50.Kf4 Qe3+ 51.Kg3 Qg1+ 52.Qg2 Rg5+* Skewer *53.Kh4 Qe1+ 54.Kh3 Rh5+ 55.Kg4 Qh4#)* 47...Re8 48.Qxc5+ Re7 49.Qxe7#]
46...Kxf6 47.Qg7+ Ke6 (-> ...Rh5+) **48.Rg6+**
[Worse is 48.Qxh6+ Kd7 49.Rg7+ Re7 50.Qh3+ Kd8 51.Rg8+ Kc7 52.Qg3+ Kd7 53.Qh3+ Kc6 54.Qh6+ Kc7 55.Qf4+ Kd7 56.Qg4+ Kc7 57.Qg3+ Kd7 58.Qg4+ Kc6 59.Rg6+ Kc7 60.Qg3+ Kc8 61.Rg8+ Kd7=]
48...Qxg6 49.Qxg6+ KQ-KR **49...Ke7 50.Qg7+ Ke6 51.Qxh6+ Kf5 52.Qh7+ Kf4 53.Qh2+ Kf5** Strongly threatening ...Re1+. **54.Qc2+ Kf4 55.Qxc5 Kxf3 56.Qc3+ Re3 57.Qxa5 d4 58.Qf5+ Ke2 59.Kg2 Kd2 60.Kf2 Re2+ 61.Kf3 d3 62.Qa5+ Kd1 63.Qc3 d2 64.Qa1+** 7.51/5
[⌓64.Qd3 #9/20 Kc1 65.Kxe2 *(65.Qxe2 d1Q+-)* 65...d1R 66.Qxd1+ Kb2 67.Kd2 b5 68.axb5 *(68.Qc2+ Ka3 69.axb5 Kb4 70.b6 Kb5 71.b7 Ka6 72.b8Q Ka5 73.Qa2#)* 68...Ka3 69.Kc3 Ka2 70.Qe2+ Kb1 71.Qb2#]
64...Kc2 65.Kxe2 Kxb3 Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.72
66.Kxd2
1-0

34 **B51**
□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2678**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
Shymbulak Chess Summer (12.3) 3.8.25
[Kitty Kat]*

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4

12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 (34) Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]

[3.d3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 e5 7.Be3 Nge7 8.c4 0-0 9.Qd2 f5 10.Nc3 Nd4 11.Nh4 f4 12.gxf4 Nec6 13.Nf3 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 exf4 15.Bxf4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qf6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 0-1 (23) Asante,D (1908)-Ortega Amarelle,M (2453) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (4.63)]

3...Nd7N

[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 (30) Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4.a4 Ngf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.a5

[RR 7.0-0 Be7 8.d3 b6 9.Nd2 Bb7 10.Nc4 0-0 11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 d5 13.Nd6 Bxd6 14.Bxd6 Re8 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Bf3 Nf6 18.Bg3 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Qd4+ 20.Kh1 Qd5 21.Bh4 Qxf3 Giri,A (2790)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2788) Stavanger 2016 0-1 (57)]

7...Nb8 8.Bc4 The position is equal.

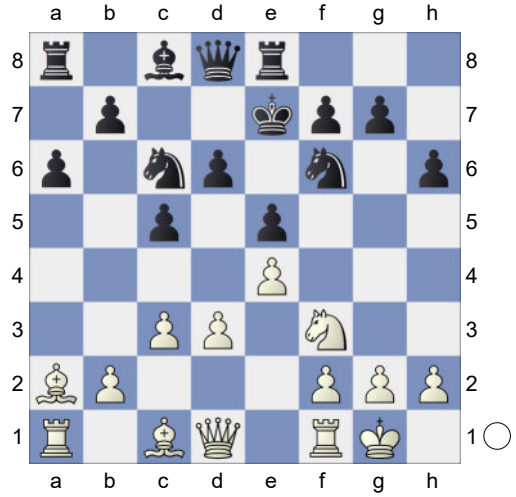
8...Be7N

[RR 8...Bg4 9.Bb3 Nc6 10.Ba4 Be7 11.h3 Bh5 12.d3 0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Ne2 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Ne8 16.Ng3 g6 17.Bh6 Ng7 18.Qd2 Bh4 19.Kf1 Qf6 20.Qe3 Rfb8 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.b3 Bg5 23.Qe2 Harshit,A (2143)-Witczak,B (2037) Warsaw 2025 1-0 (36)]

9.d3 Nc6 10.Nd5 Nxa5 -0.06/21

[10...Nxd5∓ -0.62/20 11.Bxd5 Nxa5]

11.Nxe7= Kxe7 12.Ba2 Nc6 13.0-0 h6 Prevents Ng5. **14.c3 Re8**



15.b4? -1.34/19 **cxb4∓ 16.cxb4 Kf8**

[16...Nxb4 17.Bc4∓]

17.h3 Be6 -0.99/18

[⌓17...Nxb4 -1.57/18 18.Bb1 Kg8]

18.Bb1 d5 Black is more active.

[18...Nxb4 19.d4∓]

19.Qe2 Kg8

[19...Nxb4 20.Nxe5 Kg8 21.Qb2=]

20.Bb2 d4

[20...Nxb4 21.Bxe5 Nc6 22.Bb2∓]

21.Bc1 Nd7

[21...Nxb4 22.Nxe5 Bxh3 23.Nxf7 Kxf7 24.gxh3∓]

22.Bd2 a5 23.bxa5 Nxa5 24.Bc2 Nc6 25.Rfb1 -1.69/21

[25.Rxa8∓ -1.28/19 Qxa8 26.Rb1]

25...Rxa1-+ 26.Rxa1 b5 -1.08/20

[26...Nc5-+ -1.74/20 27.Rb1 Qc7]

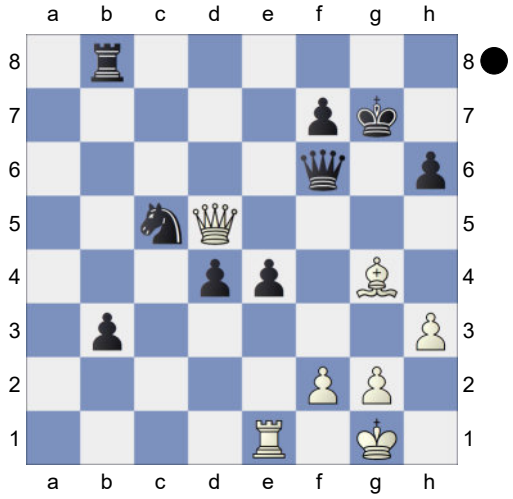
27.Qd1 -2.18/21

[27.Rb1∓ -1.08/20]

27...Nc5 28.Qc1 Qd6 29.Rb1 -3.67/22

[29.Qe1 -2.62/21 was called for.]

29...Rb8 30.Nh4 b4 31.Nf5 Bxf5 32.exf5 b3 Deflection **33.Bd1 Nxd3 34.Qc4 Nc5** -1.66/20
[⌓34...e4 -3.16/21 35.Bxb3 Nce5]
35.f6? -3.78/21
[35.Bxb3 -1.66/20 Nxb3 36.Rxb3]
35...e4
[Much less strong is 35...gxf6 36.Bxb3 Rxb3 37.Rxb3 Nxb3 38.Qxb3-+]
36.fxg7 Ne5 A dynamic duo of knights. Black is clearly winning. **37.Qe2 Ned3** Repels Bf4
[Less strong is 37...Kxg7 38.Bf4 Qf6 *(38...Nf3+? 39.Qxf3 Qg6 40.Qg4+-)* 39.Bg3-+]
38.Qh5 Kxg7 39.Bg4 Qg6 And now ... Qxh5 would win. **40.Qd5 Qf6 41.Be1 Nxe1** Deflection **42.Rxe1**

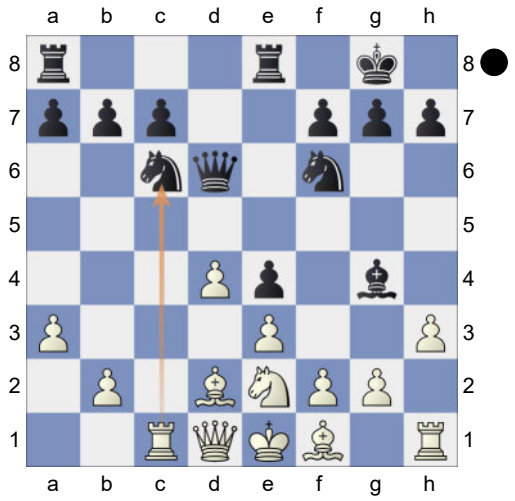


Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
42...b2!
0-1

35 **A28**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
■ **Narayanan,SL** **2595**
Shymbulak Chess Summer (11.2) 3.8.25
[Kitty Kat]*

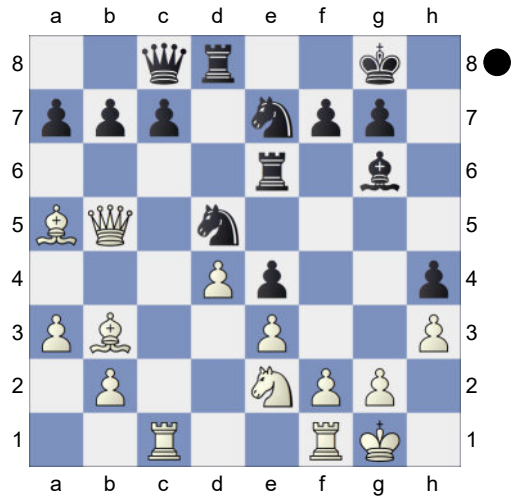
A28: English Opening: Four Knights Variation
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Nd5 e4 6.Nxb4 Nxb4 7.a3 Nc6 8.Ng1 d5 9.cxd5 The position is equal. **9...Qxd5 10.d4** Wards off Ne5
10...0-0
[RR 10...Qd6 11.Bd2 Be6 12.Rc1 0-0 13.Ne2 Rfd8 14.Qc2 Rac8 15.h3 h5 16.Nf4 Ne7 17.Bb4 Qd7 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Qc5 Qxc5 20.Rxc5 Bd5 21.Be2 h4 22.Bg4 Rb8 23.Rxc7 Bc6 24.Re7 Ne8 25.Re5 Maghsoodloo,P (2691)-Nakamura,H (2804) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (85)]
[RR 10...exd3 11.Qxd3 Bf5 12.Qxd5 Nxd5 13.f3 Nb6 14.b4 0-0-0 15.Bb2 f6 16.e4 Be6 17.Rc1 Na4 18.Ba1 Nd4 19.Bxd4 Rxd4 20.Ne2 Rd6 21.Nf4 Bf7 22.Bb5 Nb6 23.h4 Rhd8 24.0-0 Rd2 25.Rf2 Maghsoodloo,P (2695)-Bok,B (2587) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (56)]
11.Bd2N
[RR 11.Ne2 Qg5 12.Nf4 Ne7 13.h4 Qf5 14.Be2 Nfd5 15.g3 Nxf4 16.gxf4 Qg6 17.Kf1 Nd5 18.Bd2 Bf5 19.h5 Qb6 20.b4 Rad8 21.Rc1 Qe6 22.Rh4 Kh8 23.Kg1 Rg8 24.Kh1 g5 25.Rh2 gxf4 Maier,C (2360)-Gajewski,G (2653) Achaia 2013 0-1]
11...Re8 12.Rc1 Qd6 0.28/17
[12...Ne7 -0.12/18]
13.Ne2 Bg4 14.h3

(Diagram)



and Rxc6! should not be overlooked
14...Bh5 0.73/19
[14...Bd7± 0.34/17]
15.Qc2± Nd5 16.Qc5 Qd7 17.Ng3 Bg6 18.Bb5 0.14/20
[18.Qb5± 0.57/19 deserves consideration.]
18...Re6!= 19.0-0 h5 20.Ne2 h4 1.00/19
[20...a6= 0.06/19 21.Bc4 Nce7 22.Bxd5 Nxd5]
21.Ba4 0.24/18
[21.Nc3± 1.00/19 Nb6 22.Be2 *(22.d5 Rd6=)*]
21...Rd8 1.52/19
[21...Qd8= 0.24/18 keeps the balance.]
22.Qb5? -0.01/20
[22.Nc3± 1.52/19]
22...Qc8! 23.Bb3↑ White has some pressure. **23...Nce7 24.Ba5?** -2.39/20
[24.Bb4= 0.16/18 and White has nothing to worry. a6 25.Qc5]

(Diagram)



24...c6?? 4.05/19
[24...a6!-+ -2.39/20 and all is fine. 25.Qc5 b6]
25.Bxd8+- Qxd8 White is clearly winning. **26.Qxb7 Bf5 27.Bxd5 cxd5 28.Nf4 Rb6 29.Qxa7 g5 30.Qc7 Qxc7 31.Rxc7 gxf4 32.Rxe7 Rxb2 33.Re5 Be6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.51
34.exf4
1-0

36 **A20**
□ **Carlsen,M** **2837**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2691**
Titled Tue 1st Jul Late blitz (11) 01.07.25
[Kitty Kat]*

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3
1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nc3 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bd6
[6...Nc6 7.d3 Bc5 8.e3 0-0 9.Ne2 Qf6 10.0-0 Re8 11.d4 Bb6 12.h3 Bd7 13.Bd2 Rad8 14.Nc1 Na5 15.Nb3 Ba4 16.Rb1 Nc4 17.Bc1 Qg6 18.Bb2 c5 19.Qc1 h5 20.h4 Bc6 21.Ba3 0-1 (26) Anciaux,A

(2542)-Ferragut,A (2694) Tel Aviv GP weekend 2001 (5.17)]

7.Nf3 0-0 8.d3N

[8.0-0 c6 9.Qc2 Nd7 10.a4 f5 11.Ba3 Bxa3 12.Rxa3 Qe7 13.Qa2+ Kh8 14.a5 Nc5 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 Na6 17.Re3 Qf6 18.Ne5 Nc7 19.Rc1 Be6 20.Qb2 Rab8 21.Qa1 Rbd8 22.a6 Nxa6 ½-½ (38) Bonnet,E (2270)-Eingorn,V (2600) FRA-chT2b 0304 2003 (9) 23.Nxc6 Rc8 24.Ne5 Rxc1+ 25.Qxc1 b5 26.Bb7 Nb8 27.d5 Bg8 28.f4 Qb6 29.Bc6 Nxc6 30.dxc6 Rc8 31.Kf1 b4 32.Rd3 b3 33.Qb2 Rxc6 34.Rd7 Rc2 35.Qd4 Qxd4 36.Rxd4 b2 37.Rd8 b1Q+ 0-1 (38) Bonnal,L-Aubert,C FRA-ch44 Pau 1969 (9) 38.Kg2 Qb7+ 0-1 Cordier,A-4.f3 d5 5.a3 ♗c3 6.bc3 c5 Match Game 2 1997 (9)]

8...Nc6 9.0-0 h6

[RR 9...Bd7 10.a4 Re8 11.Nd2 Na5 12.Nb3 Nxb3 13.Qxb3 Rb8 14.a5 b6 15.axb6 axb6 16.Ra7 Be6 17.Qb5 Bd7 18.Qa6 h5 19.h4 Bg4 20.Re1 Qf6 21.Bg5 Qg6 22.Qb5 f6 23.Bc1 Bf5 24.Ba3 Shankland,S (2718)-Hansen,E (2606) chess24.com INT 2022 1-0 (54)]

10.Nd2

[RR 10.Rb1 Rb8 11.Nd2 Bd7 12.e4 b5 13.Bb2 Be6 14.d4 Na5 15.a4 a6 16.axb5 axb5 17.Re1 Nc4 18.Bc1 Nxd2 19.Bxd2 Bc4 20.Bf1 Bxf1 21.Rxf1 c5 22.d5 c4 23.Qe2 Qd7 24.Kg2 Ra8 Martinez Alcantara,J (2611)-Esipenko,A (2695) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (35)]

[RR 10.e4 Re8 11.Re1 Bg4 12.Be3 Qf6 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 Bg6 15.Qe2 Qe7 16.Nd2 Bc5 17.Nb3 Bb6 18.Rad1 Rad8 19.Bxb6 axb6 20.d4 f6 21.f3 Bf7 22.Qf2 Qa3 23.d5 Na5 24.Nxa5 Qxa5 Martinez Alcantara,J (2622)-Maghsoodloo,P (2695) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (53)]

10...Re8N

[RR 10...Be6 11.c4 f5 12.a3 Qe8 13.e3 Kh8 14.Bb2 Qf7 15.Bc3 f4 16.exf4 exf4 17.a4 Be5 18.Bxe5 Nxe5 19.Nf3 Nc6 20.Re1 Bg4 21.Ng5 Qh5 22.f3 fxg3 23.h3 Qxg5 24.fxg4 Qc5+ 25.Kh1 Vargas,V-Fernandes,J (1674) Rio de Janeiro 2022 0-1 (32)]

[RR 10...Be6 11.Nb3 Rb8 12.d4 Bc4 13.d5 Ne7 14.Na5 Ba6 15.Re1 b6 16.Nb3 Bc8 17.e4 Bd7 18.Be3 a5 19.c4 Ba4 20.Qc1 Bb4 21.Re2 Bxb3 22.axb3 Qd6 23.Rc2 Bc5 24.Rc3 f5 25.Rd3 Schilly,H (1776)-Nietsch,H (1945) Berlin 2004 0-1 (53)]

11.Rb1 Na5 12.Qa4 White is slightly better. **12...c6 13.c4 Bd7 14.Ne4!** Inhibits b6. **14...b5 15.Qc2 Bf8 16.Bd2 Rc8 17.Rfc1 Nb7 18.Be3 a5 19.Qb2** -0.35/19

[Better is 19.cxb5± 0.64/20 cxb5 20.Qb3]

19...Nd6 0.51/21

[19...b4!∓ -0.35/19]

20.Nc5 0.15/21

[20.cxb5!± 0.51/21 cxb5 21.Rxc8 Nxc8 22.a3]

20...Bf5= 21.cxb5 cxb5 22.h3 h5 23.a3 Bg6 0.53/20

[23...e4= 0.01/18]

24.Nb3 -0.31/21

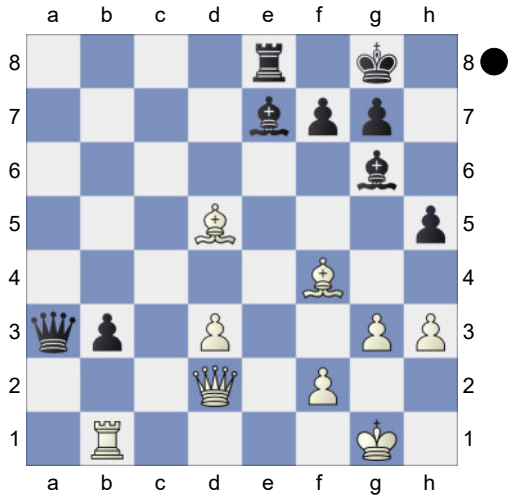
[24.Nb7± 0.53/20 Rxc1+ 25.Rxc1 Nxb7 26.Bxb7]

24...Rxc1+∓ 25.Rxc1 e4 26.Qd2 -1.83/20

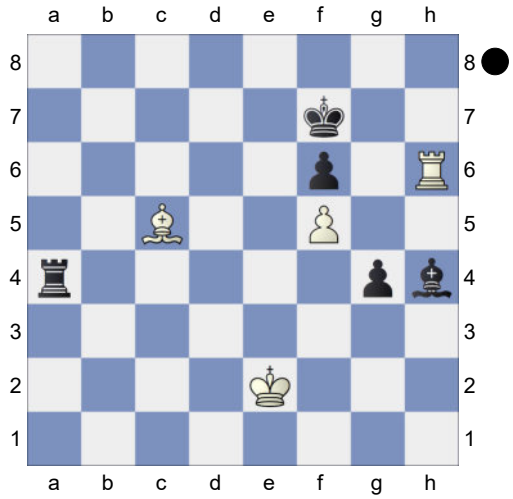
[26.Nd4∓ -0.40/19]

26...exd3-+ 27.exd3 Nf5 28.Bg5 -2.42/20

[28.Bc5∓ -1.08/21]
28...Qd6? -0.58/19
[28...f6!-+ -2.42/20 29.g4 Bxa3 *(29...fxg5 30.gxf5 Bxf5 31.Nxa5∓)* 30.gxf5 Bf7 *(30...fxg5 31.fxg6 Bxc1 32.Qxc1=; 30...Bxc1 31.Nxc1 Bxf5 32.Be3∓)*]
29.Nxa5∓ Qxa3 -0.17/21
[29...h4∓ -0.80/20 30.g4 Nd4]
30.Nc6= b4 31.Bf4 -0.74/18
[31.Qd1!= -0.23/20]
31...b3∓ 32.Bd5? -3.16/20
[32.Rb1∓ -0.77/19]
32...Ne7? -0.33/20
[32...b2 33.Rb1∓]
[32...h4-+ -3.16/20 33.gxh4 Nxh4 *(33...b2? 34.Rb1-+)*]
33.Nxe7+∓ Bxe7 34.Rb1? -4.42/22
[34.Be5!= -0.25/21 and White stays safe.]

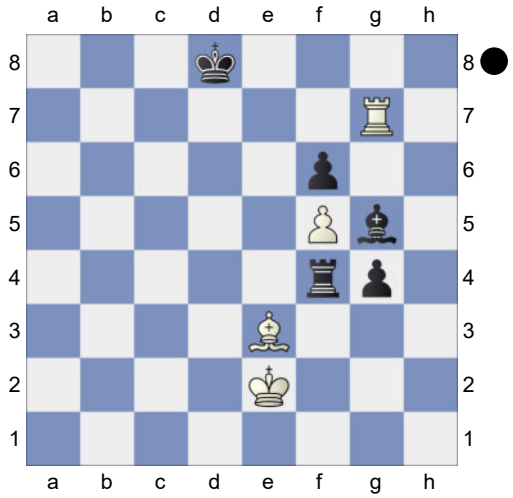


34...b2! 0.07/21 **35.Rxb2=**
[35.Qxb2 Qxd3 36.Bc6 Rc8∓]
35...Qxd3 36.Qxd3 Bxd3 37.Rb7 Bg6 38.h4 Bf6 39.Rb5 Re1+ 40.Kg2 Rb1 41.Ra5 Bc3 42.Ra6 Kh7 43.Be3 Rd1 44.Bf3 Rd8 45.Ra4 Be5 46.Ra5 f6 47.Rb5 Rb8 48.Ra5 Rb2 49.Ra7 Rc2 50.Kg1 Rb2 51.Bc5 Rb1+ 52.Kg2 Rb8 53.Be2 Rc8 54.Be3 Be4+ 55.Kf1 Bg6 56.Ra5 Rb8 57.f4 Rb1+ 58.Kf2 Bc3 59.Rc5 Be1+ 60.Kf3 Rb4 61.Bc4 Ra4 62.f5 Be8? 1.55/25
[62...Bxf5!= 0.00/26 63.Rxf5 Rxc4]
63.Rc8± Bd7? 3.87/22 Repels Be6
[63...Rxc4± 1.40/23 64.Rxc4 Bd7]
64.Bg8++- Kh8 65.Rd8 Ba5 66.Rxd7? 0.01/25
[66.Rb8+- 3.62/25 Intending Bf7+ and mate. Bc7 67.Rf8]
66...Kxg8 Endgame KRB-KRB **67.Ra7** Threatening Ra8+. **67...Ra3 68.Ra8+ Kf7 69.Ke4 Bb4** Repels Bc5 **70.Rh8 Bd6 71.Rxh5 Bxg3 72.Rh8** Prevents Ra8. **72...Ra4+ 73.Kf3 Bxh4 74.Bc5 g5 75.Rh6?** -3.40/22
[75.fxg6+= -0.16/21 Kg7 76.Re8]
75...g4+? -0.08/25
[Black should play 75...Rf4+-+ -3.40/22 76.Kg2 Rxf5 77.Rh7+ Kg6]
76.Ke2 -0.71/24
[76.Kg2= -0.08/25 remains equal.]

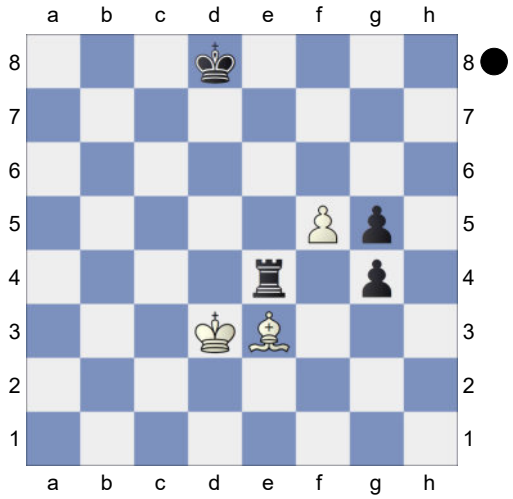


76...Bg5!∓ 77.Rh7+ Ke8 -0.05/24
[77...Kg8∓ -0.80/24 78.Rd7 Re4+ 79.Kf2 Bh4+ *(79...Rf4+ 80.Kg3∓)* 80.Kg2 Re2+ 81.Kh1 Re5]
78.Re7+= Kd8 and ...Ra2+ would now be decisive **79.Rg7 Rf4 80.Be3?** -4.75/24

[80.Be7+∓ -0.36/21 Ke8 81.Bd6]



80...Re4!-+ Black is clearly winning.
[Stronger than 80...Rxf5 81.Bxg5 Rxg5 82.Rxg5 fxg5 83.Kf2=]
81.Rxg5 -10.11/33
[⌓81.Kd2 -4.60/25 Bxe3+ *(81...Rxe3 82.Rxg5 Rg3 83.Rg7=)* 82.Kd3]
81...fxg5 82.Kd3



Both players deserved the win here.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.42
82...Rf4!
0-1

37 **B20**
□ **Erdogmus,Yagiz Kaan** **2626**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2691**
Titled Tue 1. Jul Late (8) 01.07.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.b3 d6 3.Bb2 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6
[4...Nc6 5.Bb5 *(5.f4 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Qe2 0-0 8.0-0-0 Nd4 9.Qf2 Nxf3 10.gxf3 Nh5 11.Ne2 Bxb2+ 12.Kxb2 e6 13.d4 Qf6 14.e5 Qg7 15.Bh3 f5 16.exd6 Rd8 17.Kb1 c4 18.d5 Rxd6 19.Qc5 Rxd5* Das,S (2172)-Schleef,H (2170) ICCF 2023 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Stockfish16] 0-1*)* 5...Bd7 6.f4 a6 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.Qe2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nh3 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Qd5 12.0-0 0-0-0 13.Ng5 Qf5 14.d3 e6 15.Rae1 Bd6 16.Ne4 Bc7 17.Be5 Bxe5 18.fxe5 Qxe5 19.Rxf7 Navara,D (2658)-Bu Xiangzhi (2640) Turin ITA 2006 [Jonathan Rowson] ½-½ (64)]
5.f4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4N 0.39/22
[6...e5= -0.07/20]
[6...b5 7.Bd3 e6 8.0-0 c4 9.Be2 cxb3 10.axb3 b4 11.Na4 Nxe4 12.Nd4 Nb8 13.Bf3 d5 14.Qe2 Nf6 15.f5 Be7 16.fxe6 0-0 17.Rae1 Ra7 18.exf7+ Rxf7 19.Ne6 Bxe6 20.Qxe6 Rd7 21.Be5 Czerniakow,S-Batik,F corr 1954 UltraCorr3a [Heemsoth] 0-1 Kf8 22.d4 Bd6 23.Nc5 Bxc5 24.dxc5 Kg8 25.Bd6 Nc6 26.Bxd5 Nd4 27.Qe5 1-0 (27) Czerniak,M-Hamann,S Netanya 1968 CI1-130 [Ciocaltea, Victor]]
[6...e6 7.e5 dxe5 8.fxe5 Nd7 9.Ne4 Ndxe5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Qd5 12.Nf6+ gxf6 13.Bxf6 Rg8 14.Qf3 Qxf3 15.gxf3 Be7 16.Bxe7 Kxe7

17.Kf2 Bd7 18.Bd3 f5 19.Rhg1 Rg6 20.f4 Kf6 21.Rg3 Repkova,E (2400)-Hou,Y (2578) Dresden GER 2008 [David Vigorito] 0-1 (48)]

7.Be2

[RR 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nd4 9.Qd3 e6 10.0-0-0 Qc7 11.g4 Be7 12.g5 Nd7 13.h4 0-0-0 14.Ne2 e5 15.Nc3 Nb6 16.a4 Kb8 17.Qg3 Rhe8 18.Rh2 Bf8 19.Rf2 g6 20.fxe5 Rxe5 21.a5 Nc8 Morozevich,A (2731)-Gundavaa,B (2501) Dubai 2014 1-0 (34)]

7...g6N

[RR 7...e6 8.Ng5 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Nd4 10.Qd3 Be7 11.0-0-0 Nd7 12.Nf3 Nc6 13.Kb1 Qc7 14.h4 0-0-0 15.Qe3 Bf6 16.g4 Bd4 17.Qe1 Nf6 18.g5 Nh5 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Ne2 e5 21.Qf2 Kb8 22.Qf3 Velickovic,S (2415)-Ye,J (2505) Belgrade 1988 0-1 (36)]

[RR 7...b5 8.h3 Bd7 9.0-0 b4 10.Nd5 Nxe4 11.Ng5 Nxg5 12.fxg5 e6 13.Nf6+ Ke7 14.Bh5 Ne5 15.Nxd7 Kxd7 16.Bxe5 dxe5 17.Rxf7+ Kd6 18.Qf3 Rb8 19.a3 Be7 20.axb4 c4 21.bxc4 Rxb4 22.Rxa6+ Gonza,S (2020)-Mukose,E (1832) Kampala 2024 1-0]

[RR 7...e5 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.0-0 Be7 10.Kh1 0-0 11.d3 Qd6 12.Nh4 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nd4 14.Qf2 g6 15.Rac1 b5 16.a4 b4 17.Nd1 Ng4 18.Qg3 Ne2 19.Qxg4 Nxc1 20.Bxc1 Qe6 21.Qg3 Bxh4 22.Qxh4 Dubbratz,F (1795)-Ruetten,I (2060) Goch 2003 1-0]

8.e5 White has an edge. **8...dxe5**

[8...Nh5 seems wilder. 9.exd6 Nxf4 10.Ne4 Rg8]

9.fxe5 Nd7 White must now prevent ... Bg7. **10.0-0** -0.40/23

[White should try 10.Ng5!± 0.36/23 Bxe2 11.e6! *(11.Nxe2 Ndxe5 12.0-0 Bh6∓)* 11...fxe6 12.Qxe2 *(12.Nxe2 e5=)*]

10...Bg7 11.Ng5 Bxe2 12.e6 -0.47/25

[12.Nxe2= -0.07/26 0-0 13.Nxf7 Rxf7 14.Rxf7 Kxf7 15.e6+ Kg8 16.Bxg7]

12...Nde5 0.75/21

[12...Bxd1? 13.exf7+ Kf8 14.Ne6#]

[12...Bd4+∓ -0.47/25 13.Kh1 Nde5 14.exf7+ Nxf7! 15.Nxf7 Bxd1 16.Nxd8 Bxc2]

13.exf7+± White leaves nothing to chance now.

[Of course not 13.Qxe2 f5 14.Na4 Nd4 15.Bxd4 cxd4∓]

[Much weaker is 13.Nxe2 f6 14.Ne4 f5 15.Nxc5 Qd6=]

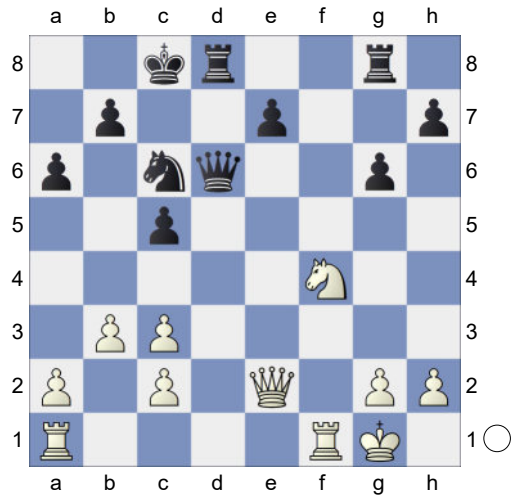
13...Nxf7 14.Nxe2 Discovered Attack **14...Nxg5 15.Bxg7 Rg8 16.Bc3** And now Nf4 would win. **16...Ne4** 1.65/25

[16...Ne6± 0.76/23]

17.Nf4+- Qd6 2.68/26

[17...Nxc3± 1.50/25 18.dxc3 Qxd1 19.Raxd1 Rd8]

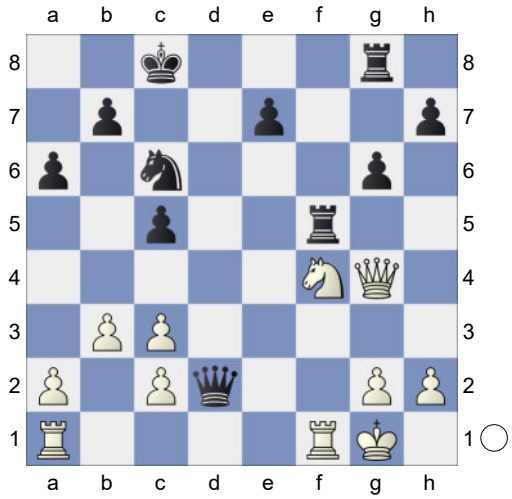
18.Qe2 Nxc3 19.dxc3 Strongly threatening Rad1. **19...0-0-0**



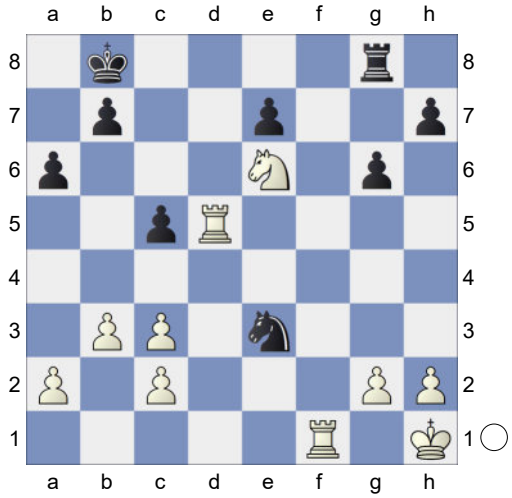
20.Ne6! Qd2 4.29/23

[20...Rd7 2.49/23 21.Rae1 Kb8]

21.Qg4? 0.08/24
[21.Qf3+- 4.29/23]
21...Rd5? 3.56/26
[21...Qe3+!= 0.08/24 and Black is okay. 22.Rf2 *(22.Kh1 h5=)* 22...h5]
22.Kh1? 0.37/24
[Not 22.Qg3 Re5 23.Rae1 Qd6 24.Rxe5 Nxe5±]
[Better is 22.Nf4++- 3.56/26 Rf5



23.Nxg6! Qe3+ 24.Kh1]
22...Kb8? 8.13/24
[22...Qxc3± 0.37/24 23.Nxc5+ Kc7 24.Qf4+ Kc8 25.Qg4+ Kc7 26.Qf4+ Kc8 27.Qg4+]
23.Rad1 White is clearly winning.
23...Ne5 24.Rxd2 Nxg4 25.Rxd5 Ne3



26.Rdd1! Nxf1
[26...Rc8 27.Kg1]
27.Rxf1 b6 28.Rf8+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/Black=0.83
1-0

38 **D17**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2691**
■ **Nakamura,Hi** **2804**
Titled Tue 1st Jul Late blitz (7) 01.07.25
[Kitty Kat]*

D17: Slav Defence: 5 a4 Bf5: Lines with 6 Nh4 and 6 Ne5
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nxc4 Qc7 8.g3 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Bf4 Nfd7 11.h4N -0.10/19
[11.Bg2± 0.36/17
A) 11...g5 12.Ne3 *(12.Nxe5 gxf4 13.Nxd7 0-0-0 14.Qd4 Qxd7 15.Qxf4 Bd6 16.Qc1 Kb8 17.0-0 a5 18.Ne4 Bb4 19.Qf4+ Ka8 20.Rac1 Bg6 21.Nc5 Qd6 22.Qc4 Qd4* Shliperman-Abhay,C 78/(365) Russia 2000*)* 12...gxf4 13.Nxf5 0-0-0 14.Qc2 fxg3 *(14...Nc5 15.0-0 Ne6 16.Qe4 fxg3 17.hxg3 Nc5 18.Qh4 Ng6 19.Qh5 a5 20.Rad1 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Ne6 22.e3 Qe5 23.Ne4 Kc7 24.Qf3 h5 25.Nfd6 Bxd6 26.Qxf7+ Be7 27.Qxg6 Nc5 28.f4 Qe6 29.Qxe6* 1-0 (46) Grischuk,A (2719)-Nielsen,P (2628) ACP Blitz Prelim3 2004 (5) *)* 15.hxg3 h5 16.0-0-0 Kb8 17.Ne4 Bb4 18.f4 Ng4 19.Bf3 a5 20.Bxg4 hxg4 21.Rxh8 Rxh8 22.Ne3 Nb6 23.Nf6 Qe7 24.Nexg4 Rh3 25.e4 Rxg3 26.Kb1 1-0 (44) Ernst,H (2736)-Roehrich,S (2735) Jugoslavija 58/

524 1993 (2.2);
B) 11...f6 12.0-0 0-0-0 13.a5 Nc5 14.Qe1 Nb3 15.Ra4 Nc5 16.Ra1 Nb3 ½-½ Ivanchuk,V (2749)-Nakamura,H (2708) Corus A Wijk aan Zee NED 2010 (6)]

11...f6
[11...Rd8 is interesting. 12.Bg2 Nb6 13.Bxe5 Rxd1+ 14.Rxd1 Qc8]

12.Qc1N -0.36/18
[12.Bh3= 0.13/17 Bxh3 13.Rxh3]
[RR 12.Bh3 Bxh3 13.Rxh3 0-0-0 14.Qc2 Bb4 15.Kf1 Kb8 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Kg2 Ka8 18.Rhh1 Qa5 19.Na2 Bd2 20.Nc3 Bxf4 21.gxf4 Ng6 22.e3 Qh5 23.Kg3 Ne7 24.e4 f5 25.f3 fxe4 26.fxe4 Rhf8 Mansson,J (2142)-Josse,M (2064) England 2010 0-1 (56)]
[RR 12.Bh3 Bxh3 13.Rxh3 Rd8 14.Qc2 Qc8 15.Nd2 Nc5 16.Rh1 Qe6 17.0-0-0 Rd4 18.Kb1 Ng4 19.Nf3 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Nxf2 21.Nd4 Qc4 22.Rd2 Nfe4 23.Nxe4 Qxc2+ 24.Kxc2 Nxe4 25.Rd3 Nc5 26.Re3+ Kf7 Erigaisi,A (2782)-Nakamura,H (2804) Stavanger 2025 ½-½ (76)]

12...Be6 0.01/18
[12...0-0-0∓ -0.36/18]

13.Nxe5= The position is equal.

13...Nxe5 14.a5 a6 15.Ra4 -0.80/20 Repels Bb4
[15.Bg2= 0.03/18]

15...0-0-0 -0.01/19
[15...Bb3∓ -0.80/20 16.Re4 Qxa5 17.Bxe5 fxe5]

16.Bh3 -0.43/20
[16.Be3= -0.01/19]

16...Bxh3∓ 17.Rxh3 Qd7 -0.19/19
[17...Qf7∓ -0.58/18 feels stronger. 18.Bxe5 fxe5]

18.Rh1= Bd6 19.Kf1 h5 20.Kg2 Ng4 0.63/20
[20...Bc7= 0.01/18]

21.Rd1± Bxf4 1.21/22
[Better is 21...Qe7± 0.59/21]

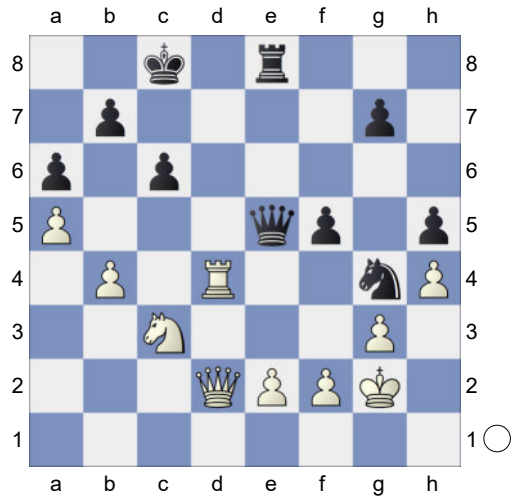
22.Qxf4± Qe6 23.Rad4 Chess con chili. **23...Rxd4 24.Rxd4** 1.20/21
[⌓24.Qxd4 1.58/23 Kb8 25.Qd7]

24...Qe5 25.b4 0.63/22
[25.Ne4± 1.23/22]

25...Re8? 3.23/23
[25...Rd8± 0.63/22 26.Rxd8+ Kxd8]

26.Qd2 1.51/21
[26.Re4+- 3.23/23 Qxf4 27.Rxe8+ Kd7 28.gxf4 Kxe8 29.Ne4]

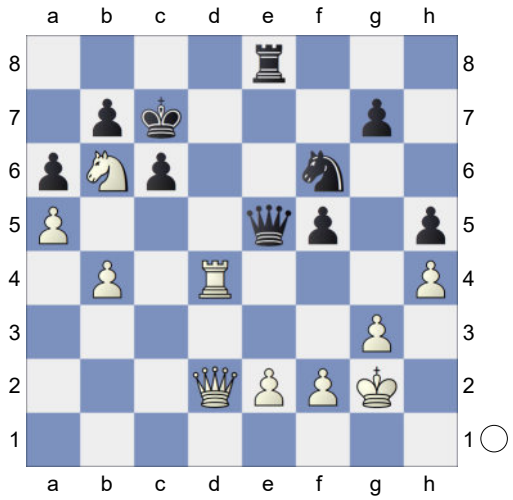
26...f5



27.Na4! Nf6
[27...Qxe2 28.Nb6+ *(28.Rd8+ Rxd8 29.Qxe2 Nf6+-)* 28...Kc7 29.Rd7+ Kb8 30.Rd8+ Ka7 31.Nc8+ Ka8 32.Ne7+ Rxd8 33.Qxd8+ *(33.Qxe2 f4+-)* 33...Ka7 34.Nc8+ Kb8 35.Nb6+ Ka7 36.Qa8#]

28.Nb6+ Kc7? 7.49/23
[28...Kb8± 1.45/23 29.Nc4 Qe6]

(Diagram)



29.e3? 1.27/24
[29.Nc4!+- 7.49/23 Ne4 30.Qe3]
29...Qe7 30.Qd3 0.75/23
[⌓30.Qe2 1.45/23]
30...g6 31.Qc4 White is more active.
31...Rd8 Repels Rd7+ **32.Rxd8 Kxd8** Endgame KQN-KQN **33.Qf4** 0.01/22
[33.Qd4+± 0.78/22 Kc7 34.Qf4+ Qd6 35.Kf3]
33...Qe4+= 34.Qxe4 fxe4 KN-KN **35.f3 Ke7 36.fxe4 Nxe4 37.Kf3 Nc3 38.Kf4** 0.01/25
[38.Nc4± 0.92/24]
38...Ne2+ 1.04/24
[38...Na2!= 0.01/25 keeps the balance.]
39.Kg5± Nxg3 40.Kxg6 Threatens to win with Na4. **40...c5?** 4.04/26
41.bxc5+- Ke6 42.Kg5 Ke5 43.Nd7+ Kd5? 6.39/24
[43...Ke6 3.25/23]
44.Nf6+ White is clearly winning.
44...Kxc5 45.Nxh5 Nf1 6.97/23
[⌓45...Ne4+ 4.86/22 46.Kg6 b5]
46.Nf6 Kd6 47.h5 Ke6 48.Kg6 Ke7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.84
49.h6
1-0

39 **E48**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2691**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**
Tashkent UzChess Masters 2nd (5)
[Kitty Kat]*

E48: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 including 6 Ne2, but excluding 6 a3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Bd3 cxd4 6.exd4 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nge2 0-0
[8...Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Nf4 Bd6 12.Re1 Qf6 13.Nxd5 Qxd4 14.Be3 Qg4 15.h3 Qxd1 16.Raxd1 Be6 17.Be4 Rad8 18.f4 Rfe8 19.Kf2 f5 20.Bf3 Kf7 21.a3 Rd7 22.g4 Red8 23.b4 1-0 (32) Vaisser,A (2502)-Karpov,A (2623) Platja d'Aro blitz 2018 (3)]
9.0-0 Re8 10.Re1N An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Nf4 Nc6 12.Be3 Bd6 13.Qf3 Qh4 14.g3 Qg4 15.Qxg4 Bxg4 16.Nxd5 Rad8 17.Nc3 Be5 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Nxe2 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 Bxd4 21.Bxd4 Rxd4 22.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Kf8 24.Rd7 Re7 (28) 5.Bd3 and 6.Nge2 2022]
[RR 10.a3 Bf8 11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Be3 Nc6 13.Rc1 Bd6 14.Re1 a6 15.Bb1 Bg4 16.Qd3 g6 17.Ba2 Qh4 18.Nf4 Bxf4 19.Bxf4 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Be6 21.Qd2 Rc8 22.Rc1 Qd8 23.Bg5 f6 24.Bf4 Ne7 Charochkina,D (2274)-Girya,O (2401) Moscow 2025 1-0 (70)]
[RR 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Nf4 Nc6 12.Be3 Bd6 13.Qf3 Qh4 14.g3 Qg4 15.Qxg4 Bxg4 16.Nxd5 Rad8 17.Nc3 Be5 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Nxe2 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 Bxd4 21.Bxd4 Rxd4 22.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Kf8 24.Rd7 Re7 Swiercz,D (2652)-Dominguez

Perez,L (2747) Saint Louis 2022 ½-½]
[RR 10.a3 Bf8 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.Nc3 Qd8 13.Bf4 a6 14.Rc1 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Ne4 Qd8 17.Rxc8 Qxc8 18.Nd6 Qd7 19.Nxe8 Qxe8 20.Qc2 g6 21.Qc7 Nc6 22.Qxb7 Nxd4 23.Qb6 e5 24.b4 Qc8 Gokhale,J (2325)-Aleksandrov,A (2460) Oakham 1992 0-1 (32)]
10...Nc6 11.a3 Bf8 The position is equal. **12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Be3 g6N**
[13...Bg4 14.Rc1 g6 15.Qd2 Bxe2 16.Bxe2 Bg7 17.Bf3 Qb6 18.Bxd5 Nxd4 19.Qb4 Qxb4 20.axb4 ½-½ (26) Epishin,V (2643)-Christiansen,L (2559) Tan Chin Nam Cup 8th 2002 (5)]
14.Nf4 Bg7 15.Bb5 Qd6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Nd3 Bf5 18.Nc5 h6 19.Qf3 a5 0.26/20
[⌓19...Re7 -0.13/18]
20.Bf4= Qd8 21.Rxe8+ Qxe8 22.Qd1 Qd8 23.Qd2 g5 24.Bg3 h5 Threatens to win with ...h4. **25.h3! h4 26.Be5 Bxe5** 1.11/20
[26...f6± 0.36/20 27.Bh2 Ra7]
27.dxe5± Qe7 1.41/19
[Better is 27...Rb8 0.85/20]
28.Qd4 0.39/19
[28.Nb3± 1.41/19]
28...Re8 0.75/21
[28...Kh7± 0.39/19]
29.Re1 f6 1.21/20
[29...Kh7± 0.60/20]
30.e6 Kg7 31.Re3 0.31/20
[⌓31.b4 0.70/21 axb4 32.Qxb4 *(32.axb4 Qd6=)*]
31...Kg6!± 32.b4 axb4 33.axb4 Qd6 Prevents f4. **34.Nd7!↑** White has the initiative. **34...Qe7 35.f4! Be4 36.fxg5 Qxe6 37.Nxf6** White has more active pieces.
[37.Qxf6+ Qxf6 38.gxf6 *(38.Nxf6 Re6∓)* 38...Kf7=]
37...Qe5 38.Qa7 0.18/22
[38.Qd1!± 0.69/22 Qxg5 39.Ng4 *(39.Nxe8? Qxg2#)*]
38...Qxg5 0.99/24 **39.Ng4±**
[39.Nxe8? Qxg2#]
39...Qe7 Repels Qd7 **40.Qb6 Qd6 41.Qd4 Qe7 42.Rc3 Rc8** 2.69/21
[42...Qd6± 1.34/21]
43.Ra3+- Qg7 Prevents Ra7 **44.Qf2 Kh5?** 5.28/24
[44...Qh8 3.08/19 45.Qf4 Re8]
45.Ra7 Rc7 46.Rxc7 Qxc7 Endgame KQB-KQN **47.Qf6** 2.37/24 Inhibits Qd6.
[⌓47.Qf8 4.85/25 Kg6 48.Qf6+ Kh7 49.Qh6+ *(49.Qxh4+ Kg7+-)* 49...Kg8 50.Nf6+ *(50.Qxh4 Qb6+ 51.Kh2 Qxb4±)* 50...Kf7 51.Nxe4 *(51.Qxh4? Qa7+ 52.Kh2 Qe7-+)* 51...Qb6+ 52.Nc5 Qxb4 53.Qe6+ *(53.Qxc6 Qe1+ 54.Kh2 Qg3+ 55.Kg1 Qe1+ 56.Kh2 Qg3+ 57.Kh1 Qe1+ 58.Kh2=)* 53...Kg7 54.Qg4+ *(54.Qxc6 Qe1+ 55.Kh2 Qg3+ 56.Kh1 Qe1+ 57.Kh2 Qg3+ 58.Kg1 Qe1+ 59.Kh2=)* 54...Qxg4 55.hxg4]
47...Bg6 48.Ne5 Be4 49.Kh2 White threatens g4+ and mate.
[Weaker is 49.Nxc6 Qg3 50.Qe5+ Qxe5 51.Nxe5 d4+-]
49...Qb8 50.g4+ 1.74/5
[⌓50.g3 3.08/27 hxg3+ 51.Kxg3 Qg8+ 52.Kf4]
50...hxg3+ 51.Kxg3 Qg8+ 52.Kf4 Bh7 53.Qe7 Bb1? 4.97/27
[53...Be4 2.78/26 54.Ng4 *(54.Nxc6 Qg2+-)* 54...Qb8+ 55.Ne5 Qg8]
54.Nxc6 Qg2 55.Qe8+ Kh6 56.Qh8+ 2.65/5
[⌓56.Qf8+ 4.88/26 Kh7 57.Qf7+ Kh6 58.Qe6+ Bg6 59.Ne7 Qf2+ 60.Kg4 *(60.Ke5 Qe2+ 61.Kxd5*

Qb5+ 62.Kd6 Qxb4+ 63.Kc7 Qc3+ 64.Kb7 Qf3+ 65.Kc7 Qg3+ 66.Kc8 Qc3+ 67.Kb8 Qg3+ 68.Kb7 Qg2+ 69.Kc7 Qc2+ 70.Kd6 Qd2+ 71.Kc6 Qc2+ 72.Kd7 Qa4+ 73.Kd8 Qd4+ 74.Kc7 Qa7+ 75.Kc8 Qc5+ 76.Kb7 Qb4+ 77.Kc8 Qc3+ 78.Kd7 Qd2+ 79.Kc8 Qc2+ 80.Kd8 Qd3+ 81.Kc8 Qc3+=) 60...Qd4+ 61.Kf3 Qd1+ 62.Kf2 Qc2+ 63.Kg3 Qc3+ 64.Kf2 Qc2+]

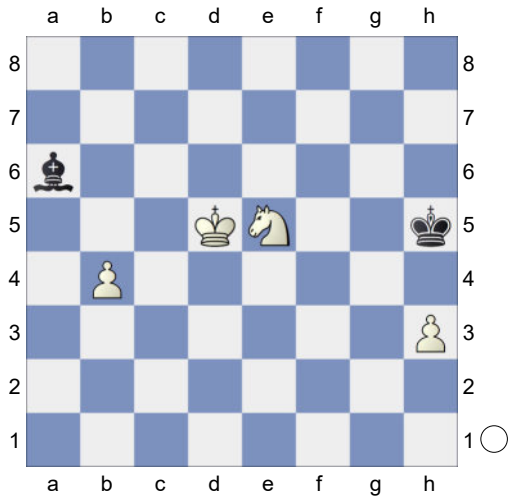
56...Bh7 57.Qf6+ Kh5 58.Qe5+ Kh6 59.Qe6+ Bg6 60.Ke5 0.01/19

[White should try 60.Qe3± 1.41/22]

60...Qe4+= 61.Kd6 aiming for b5.

61...Qxe6+! 62.Kxe6 KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **62...Bd3! 63.Kxd5 Kh5 64.Ne5 Ba6?** 9.92/28

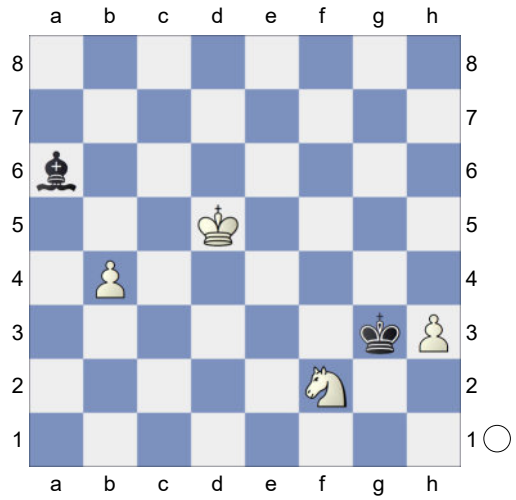
[64...Bf1± 1.05/26 65.Nc4 Kg5]



65.Ng4!+- White is clearly winning.

65...Kh4 66.Nf2 Kg3

(Diagram)



67.Kc5! Kxf2

[67...Bb7 68.b5]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.28 (precise)

68.h4

1-0

40 **A28**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2691**

■ **Nakamura,Hi** **2804**

Titled Tue 10th Jun Late blitz (10)

[Kitty Kat]*

A28: English Opening: Four Knights Variation

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3N

[4.a3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 *(5...d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.dxc3 0-0 10.Bg5 Qxd1 11.Rfxd1 h6 12.Be3 a5 13.Bc5 Re8 14.e4 a4 15.Bf1 Bg4 16.Kg2 Na5 17.Be3 c6 18.h3 Be6 19.Bb6 Nc4 20.Bxc4* ½-½ (69) Locci,D-Romanishin,O Bratto op 2009 (1)*)* 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxe5 Nxc3 10.Nxc6 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 bxc6 12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.d3 Be6 *(13...Bh3 14.Re1 Rb6 15.Qc2 Be6 16.Be4 Qd7 17.Qc5 Bd4 18.Qa5 Rb5*

19.Qa6 Rb6 20.Qa5 Rb5 21.Qa6 Rb6 22.Qa5 ½-½ Dragon Variation,Y (2550)-Stamnov,A (2561) USSR 45/(175) 1988 (3)) 14.Rb1 Ba2 15.Ra1 Be6 Chapter-Sidelines A3 2017]

4...Bb4 5.Nd5 e4 6.Nxb4 Nxb4 7.a3! Nc6 8.Ng1 d5 9.cxd5 The position is equal. **9...Qxd5 10.d4** Prevents Ne5 **10...Qd6N**

[RR 10...Na5 11.b4 Nc4 12.Ne2 Nd6 13.Nf4 Qf5 14.Bb2 Nd5 15.g4 Qg5 16.h4 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Qxg4 18.Qxg4 Bxg4 19.d5 Bf3 20.Rg1 Nf5 21.Kf2 Nxh4 22.Rxg7 h6 23.Bh3 Ke7 24.Kg3 Rhg8 25.Kxh4 Diaz Hollemaert,N (2441)-Rodi,L (2358) Montevideo 2021 1-0]

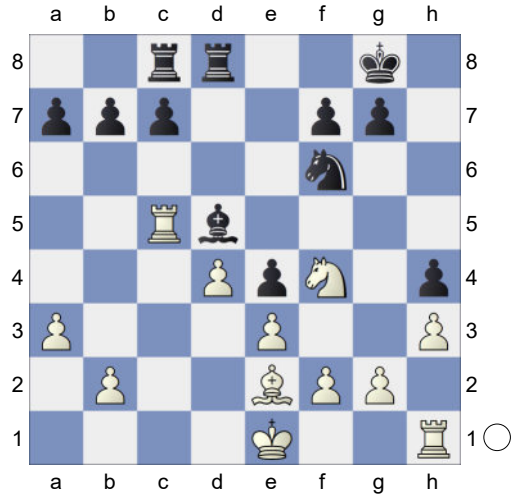
[RR 10...0-0 11.Bd2 Re8 12.Rc1 Qd6 13.Ne2 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Qc2 Nd5 16.Qc5 Qd7 17.Ng3 Bg6 18.Bb5 Re6 19.0-0 h5 20.Ne2 h4 21.Ba4 Rd8 22.Qb5 Qc8 23.Bb3 Nce7 24.Ba5 c6 25.Bxd8 Maghsoodloo,P (2701)-Narayanan,S (2641) Almaty 2025 1-0 (34)]

[RR 10...exd3 11.Qxd3 Bf5 12.Qxd5 Nxd5 13.f3 Nb6 14.b4 0-0-0 15.Bb2 f6 16.e4 Be6 17.Rc1 Na4 18.Ba1 Nd4 19.Bxd4 Rxd4 20.Ne2 Rd6 21.Nf4 Bf7 22.Bb5 Nb6 23.h4 Rhd8 24.0-0 Rd2 25.Rf2 Maghsoodloo,P (2695)-Bok,B (2587) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (56)]

[RR 10...0-0 11.Ne2 Qg5 12.Nf4 Ne7 13.h4 Qf5 14.Be2 Nfd5 15.g3 Nxf4 16.gxf4 Qg6 17.Kf1 Nd5 18.Bd2 Bf5 19.h5 Qb6 20.b4 Rad8 21.Rc1 Qe6 22.Rh4 Kh8 23.Kg1 Rg8 24.Kh1 g5 25.Rh2 Maier,C (2360)-Gajewski,G (2653) Achaia 2013 0-1]

11.Bd2 Be6 12.Rc1 0-0 13.Ne2 Rfd8 14.Qc2 Rac8 15.h3 h5 16.Nf4 Ne7 17.Bb4 Qd7 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Qc5 Qxc5 20.Rxc5 Bd5 21.Be2 h4 1.41/21

[Black should try 21...g6± 0.55/18]



22.Bg4!± Deflection **22...Rb8 23.Rxc7 Bc6 24.Re7** White is more active. **24...Ne8** 2.03/20

[24...g5± 1.10/19 25.Ne2 Nxg4 26.hxg4 Re8 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8]

25.Re5 Nd6 26.Rc5 Against Nc4 **26...a5 27.Be2** Inhibits Bb5.

[27.Rxa5 Nc4 28.Rg5 Nxb2=]

27...a4 28.Kd2 g6 29.Rhc1 Kg7 30.Kc3 Ra8 31.Kb4 Rdb8 3.46/19

[⌓31...Nf5 2.01/19 32.Re5 Rd6]

32.Nd5+- Nc8 33.Nc7 Ra7 34.d5 Bd7 4.14/20

[34...Nd6 2.52/20 35.R5c2 *(35.dxc6 bxc6+ 36.Kc3 Rxc7±)* 35...Be8]

35.Bb5 Nb6 36.d6 Rd8 37.Rd1 Bf5 38.Rd4 Nc8 39.d7 Ne7 40.Ne8+ Kf8 41.Nd6

[41.Bxa4 Rxa4+ 42.Kxa4 Bxd7+ 43.Rxd7 Rxd7=]

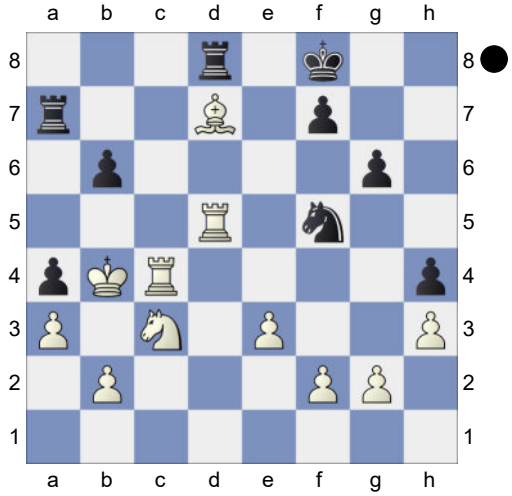
41...b6 4.79/22

[41...Bxd7 3.38/23 was called for. 42.Nxe4 *(42.Rxe4 b6∓)* 42...Nc6+ 43.Bxc6 bxc6]

42.Re5 Bxd7 43.Nxe4 2.41/24

[43.Rdxe4 Nc6+ 44.Bxc6 Bxc6-+]

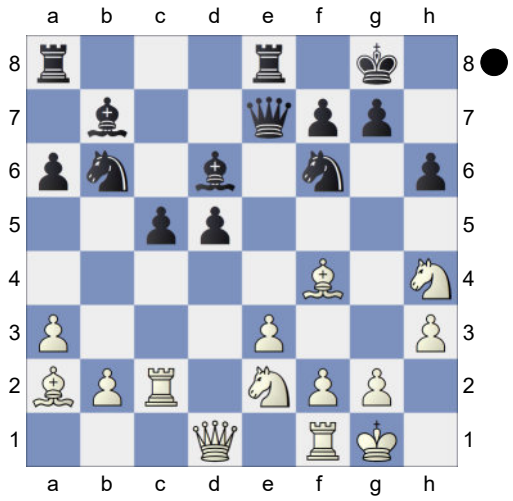
[⌓43.Nc4 4.83/22]
43...Nf5? 4.83/22
[43...Ra5 2.41/24]
44.Rdd5 Kg7 Dodges Nf6 **45.Nc3 Rc7 46.Re4**
[46.Kxa4 f6 47.Rxf5 *(47.Re4 Bxb5+ 48.Rxb5 Nd6±)* 47...Ra8+ 48.Kb4 Bxf5±]
46...Kf8 47.Rc4? 0.78/22
[47.Kxa4 Bxb5+ 48.Nxb5 Rxd5±]
[47.Nxa4+- 5.15/21 and White stays clearly on top. Kg7 48.Nc3 *(48.Nxb6 Bxb5 49.Rxd8 Bf1+-)*]
Loses the game. **47...Ra7?** 5.08/22
[47...Rxc4+± 0.78/22 48.Bxc4 Ne7]
48.Bxd7



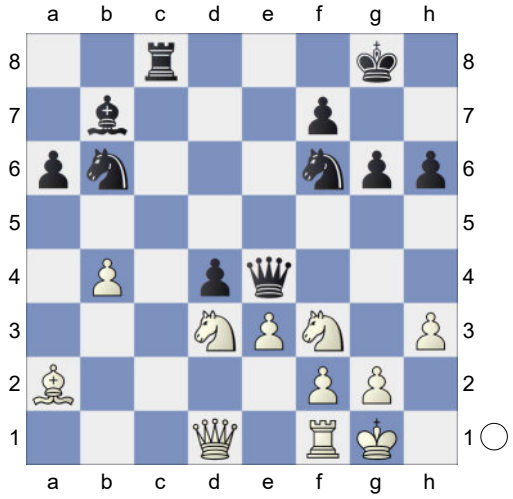
Deflection **48...Raxd7 49.Rxd7 Rxd7 50.Nxa4** Endgame KRN-KRN. White is two pawns up.
[50.Kxa4 Rd2+-]
50...Rd2 51.Rf4
[51.Nxb6 Rxb2+ 52.Kc5 Rxf2±]
51...Ne7 52.Kc3
[52.Nxb6 Rxb2+ 53.Kc5 Rc2+ 54.Kd4 g5±]
[52.Rxh4 Rxf2 53.e4 *(53.Nxb6 Rxb2+ 54.Kc5 Rxg2±)* 53...Rxg2∓]
52...Re2 and ...Nd5+ would now be decisive **53.Kd3**
[Not 53.Rxh4 b5±]
53...Re1 54.Nxb6 g5 55.Rc4 Rg1 56.g3 hxg3 57.fxg3 Rxg3 58.a4 Nf5 4.50/20
[⌓58...Rxh3 3.01/19 59.a5 Rh6]
59.Nd5 Rxh3 60.a5 Rh1 61.Ra4 a6 would now be deadly. **61...Rd1+ 62.Ke4 Nd6+ 63.Ke5 Nb5 64.a6 Na7 65.Rc4 Ra1 66.Nb4 Ra4 67.Kf6 Ke8 68.Kxg5 Kd7 69.Rd4+ Ke6 70.Re4+ Kd6 71.Kf6 Nb5?** 4.64/24 Prevents Rd4+.
[71...Nc6 2.05/21]
72.Rf4
[Resist 72.Kxf7 Ra1 73.Re6+ Kd7+-]
72...Ra1 73.Kxf7 Kc5 74.b3 Nd6+ 6.40/22
[⌓74...Rd1 4.13/21 75.Ke6 Rd6+ 76.Ke5 Rh6]
75.Ke6 Nb5 76.Rc4+ Kb6 77.e4 Rh1 78.e5 Rh6+ 79.Ke7 Nc7 80.a7 Rh7+ 81.Kf6 Rxc7! would kill now. **81...Kxa7** 9.76/23
[⌓81...Ne8+ 4.22/20 82.Kg6 Rg7+ 83.Kh6 Kxa7]
82.Kg6 3.98/23
[⌓82.Rxc7+ 9.76/23 Rxc7 83.e6]
82...Rd7 83.Kf5 Rf7+ 84.Ke4 Kb6? 9.76/22
[84...Kb7 3.50/21 85.Nd5 Ne6]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.55
85.Nd5+
1-0

41 **E10**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2691**
■ **Llorente Zaro,A** **2433**
Titled Tue 10th Jun Early blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]*

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 h6N**
[3...c5 4.Nc3 *(4.g3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Bg2 Qc7 7.Qd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 Rd8 10.b3 d6 11.Bb2 Bd7 12.Rac1 Be8 13.Rfd1 Nbd7 14.h3 Rac8 15.g4 Ne5 16.Qe3 Qb8 17.f4 Nc6 18.Nxc6 Bxc6* 0-1 Ollitervo,T (2425)-Visakh,N (2405) Deutsche Schz-5 corr3435 1934*)* 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.g3 Qc7 7.Bg2 Nc6 *(7...Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bf4 d6 10.Nb3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Nh5 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Na4 Bd7 14.Nb6 Rad8 15.Qd2 Be8 16.Qa5 Kh8 17.f4 Ng4 18.Bd2 Ngf6 19.e4 Bc6 20.Rfe1 Ne8 21.Nd5 Qxa5 22.Bxa5* 1-0 Dautov,R (2615)-Lutz,C (2555) 66/458 Nussloch 1996 *)* 8.0-0 Be7 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 d6 11.Rc1 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Bd7 13.Rfd1 Rfd8 14.h3 Rac8 15.e3 Qb8 16.a4 Bc6 17.e4 b5 18.cxb5 1-0 Gheng,J (2576)-Brittner,S (2046) Enghien les Bains 2003 (1)]
4.Bf4 b6
[RR 4...g5 5.Bd2 Ne4 6.g3 Bg7 7.Be3 c5 8.Bg2 Nc6 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 g4 11.Nh4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qf6 13.0-0 Nxd4 14.Rb1 0-0 15.Qd3 Nc6 16.Rfc1 Rd8 17.Qe4 d5 18.Qxg4 e5 19.Qh5 Khismatullin,D (2579)-Maghsoodloo,P (2742) Samarkand 2023 ½-½ (46)]
5.a3
[RR 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.e3 Bb7 7.Bd3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 9.Qc2 g5 10.Bg3 Nbd7 11.e4 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Rb1 Rg8 14.c5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxc5 16.e5 Qe7 17.Be4 0-0-0 18.Bxb7+ Kxb7 19.Qe4+ Kb8 Keymer,V (2726)-Gukesh,D (2764) Warsaw 2024 0-1 (40)]
5...Bb7 6.Nc3
[RR 6.e3 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Bd3 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Ne5 c5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Qf3 cxd4 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.exd4 Bd6 15.Rfe1 Bxf4 16.Qxf4 Re8 17.h3 Qb8 18.Qxb8 Raxb8 19.f3 Kf8 20.Kf2 Red8 Bukreev,S (2328)-Drygalov,A (2431) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (72)]
6...d5N
[RR 6...Ne4 7.Nxe4 Bxe4 8.e3 d6 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.e4 Nd7 11.0-0 g5 12.Be3 Bg7 13.Qe2 Qe7 14.Rac1 c5 15.d5 0-0 16.Qc2 Rae8 17.h3 Bc8 18.b4 Kh8 19.Rce1 Rg8 20.bxc5 bxc5 21.Bd2 Garriga Cazorla,P (2467)-Zeng,C (2571) Barcelona 2024 ½-½ (75)]
7.Rc1 Threatens to win with cxd5. **7...a6** 1.32/24
[7...Bd6= 0.18/22 8.Bxd6 cxd6]
8.e3 0.33/22
[8.cxd5± 1.32/24 exd5 9.e3]
8...Nbd7 1.00/19
[8...dxc4± 0.33/22 9.Bxc4 g5]
9.cxd5± exd5 10.Bd3 Be7 11.0-0 Hoping for Nh4. **11...0-0 12.h3 Re8 13.Bb1** 0.55/18 White is much more active.
[13.Bf5± 0.96/19]
13...c5± 14.dxc5 0.16/20
[14.Ne5± 0.64/17]
14...bxc5= 15.Ba2 Nb6 16.Rc2 Bd6 17.Ne2 -0.25/19
[⌓17.Bxd6 0.26/20 Qxd6 18.b4]
17...Qe7 0.12/23
[⌓17...a5 -0.25/19]
18.Nh4



And now Nf5 would win. **18...Bxf4**
19.Nxf4 g6 20.Nd3 -0.37/20
[20.Qc1= -0.01/21]
20...Rac8∓ 21.b4 cxb4 0.01/23
[21...c4∓ -0.36/22 was preferrable. 22.Nf4 Nbd7]
22.axb4 Qe4 0.40/23
[22...Bc6= -0.09/21 deserves consideration. 23.Qa1 Bb5 24.Rxc8 Rxc8]
23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Nf3 Strongly threatening Nc5. **24...d4?** 3.03/20



Loses the game. **25.Nc5+-**
[25.Nxd4? Qxg2#]
[25.exd4 Bd5±]
25...Qe7 26.Nxb7
[26.exd4 Bd5±]
[26.Qxd4 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Rd8±]
[26.Nxd4 Bd5±]
26...dxe3 6.12/21
[26...Qxb7 2.66/20 27.Ne5 *(27.exd4 Nbd5±; 27.Qxd4 Nbd7±)* 27...Nbd5]
27.Qd4 White is clearly winning. **27...e2**
28.Re1
[28.Qxb6 gets mated. exf1Q+ *(28...exf1R+? 29.Kh2-+)* 29.Kh2 Rc1 30.Bxf7+ Qxf7 31.Qd8+ Kh7 *(31...Ne8 is a self mate. 32.Qb8 Qxf2 33.Qg3)* 32.Qd2 Qh1+ *(32...Qxb7 33.Qf4 Qh1+ 34.Kg3 Nh5+* Deflection, Double Attack *35.Kh4 Nxf4 36.Kg4 Qxg2+ 37.Kxf4 Qgxf3+ 38.Ke5 Qbd5#)* 33.Kg3 Ne4+ *(33...Qxb7* leads to mate. *34.Qe3 Nh5+* Deflection *35.Kh4 Qxg2 36.Ng5+ hxg5+ 37.Qxg5 Qxf2+ 38.Kg4 Qg3#)* 34.Kh4 Qf6+ *(34...Nxd2 35.Kg3; 34...Nxd2 35.Kg3)*]
28...Rc2 29.Bb3 Rc6 30.Ne5 Rd6
31.Nxd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.70
1-0

42 **D35**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2670**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2746**
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Blitz 10min D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation
1.d4 1 **d5** 2 **2.c4** 1 **e6** 1 **3.Nc3** 2 **Nf6** 1 **4.cxd5** 2 **exd5** 1 **5.Bg5** 0 **Bb4** 2 **6.e3** 15 **h6** 1 **7.Bh4** 0 **g5** 1 **8.Bg3** 1 **h5** 1 **9.f3** -0.16/19 3 Prevents Ne4.
[9.Qb3± 0.57/18 Ba5 10.h4]
[9.h4 Ne4 10.Nge2 Bg4 11.Qb3 Nxg3 12.Nxg3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bxc3+

14.Qxc3 Rh6 15.hxg5 Qxg5 16.Qc5 a6 17.Be2 0-0-0 18.Bxg4+ Qxg4 19.Qc2 Ne7 20.Qe2 Rdh8 21.Qxg4+ hxg4 22.Rxh6 Rxh6 23.Rc1 Kd7 ½-½ (36) Rapport,R (2740)-Caruana, F (2766) 155/148 Wijk aan Zee 2023]

9...h4= 6 The position is equal. **10.Bf2** 1 **Nc6N** 24

[10...Bf5 11.Bd3 Qd7 12.Nge2 Nc6 13.a3 Bxc3+ 14.Nxc3 0-0-0 15.Na4 Nxd4 16.Nc5 Qe7 17.Rc1 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Ne6 19.Nxb7 Kxb7 20.Qb5+ Kc8 21.Qa6+ Kb8 22.Qb5+ Kc8 23.Qa6+ ½-½ Mkrtchyan,M (2343)-Buksa,N (2405) EU-ch (Women) 23rd 2023 (7)]

[RR 10...Qe7 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.a3 Bd6 13.Nge2 g4 14.h3 g3 15.Bg1 b6 16.e4 dxe4 17.fxe4 Bb7 18.d5 Ne5 19.Bb5+ Ned7 20.Qa4 a6 21.Bd3 b5 22.Qc2 0-0-0 23.0-0-0 Kb8 24.Nd4 Rh5 25.Kb1 Lazavik,D (2577)-Aronian,L (2747) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (46)]

11.h3 10 **Qe7** 7 **12.Bb5N** 12

[RR 12.a3 Ba5 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Nge2 0-0-0 15.b4 Bb6 16.Qc2 Kb8 17.Kd2 Qe6 18.Rhe1 Ne8 19.Bd3 Nd6 20.Kc1 f5 21.Kb2 Rhe8 22.Na4 Bc8 23.Nec3 Qf7 24.Rad1 Rh8 25.Bg1 g4 26.Bh2 g3 Dai,C (2496)-Chen,Q (2489) Hangzhou 2023 ½-½ (31)]

12...Bxc3+ 43 **13.bxc3** 1 **Bd7!** 0 **14.Ne2** 8 **Na5** 1 **15.Bd3** 4 **0-0-0** 2 **16.Qb1** 14 **Rhe8** 27 **17.Qb4** 24 **Nc6** 18 **18.Qb2** 38 **Kb8** 0.39/22 8

[18...b6= -0.04/22]

19.Rb1 -0.01/22 2

[19.0-0!± 0.39/22]

19...b6 1 **20.0-0** 34 **Na5** 0.46/22 4

[20...Nh5!= -0.01/20]

21.Qb4± 30 **Ka8** 9 **22.Rfc1** 14 **Bc8** 54 **23.Bb5** -0.42/24 23 Prevents Qd7

[23.Qxe7= 0.01/23 should be considered. Rxe7 24.Re1]

23...c6∓ 10 **24.Bd3** 22 **Qe6** -0.01/22 10

[24...Qc7!∓ -0.77/19]

25.Rb2 21 **Bb7** 33 **26.Qa4!** 12 **Nd7** 57 **27.Rcb1** -1.08/21 36

[27.c4!± 0.37/24 keeps the upper hand. dxc4 28.Bxc4 Nxc4 29.Qxc4]

27...c5 -0.13/24 37

[27...f5!∓ -1.08/21]

28.Qc2 16 **c4** 32 **29.Bf5** 1 **Qe7** 1 **30.Rb5** -0.89/23 6

[30.f4∓ -0.46/21]

30...Bc6∓ 11 **31.R5b4** -1.12/19 27

[White should try 31.e4!∓ -0.62/22]

31...Nb7 -0.61/21 10

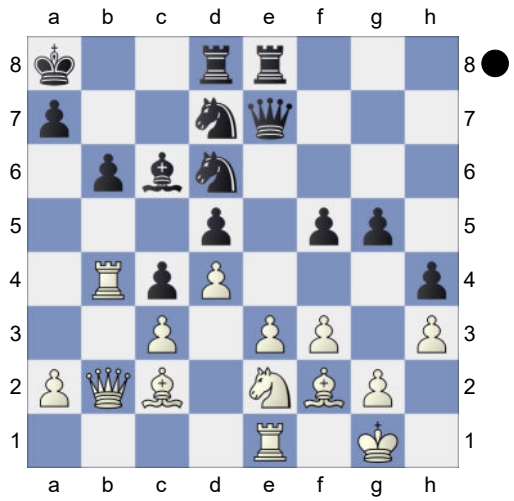
[31...Nf6∓ -1.12/19]

32.Qb2 -1.91/21 0

[32.a4∓ -0.61/21]

32...Nd6-+ 10 **33.Bc2** 2 **f5** 1 **34.Re1** -2.33/19 38

[34.Qa3 -1.62/18]

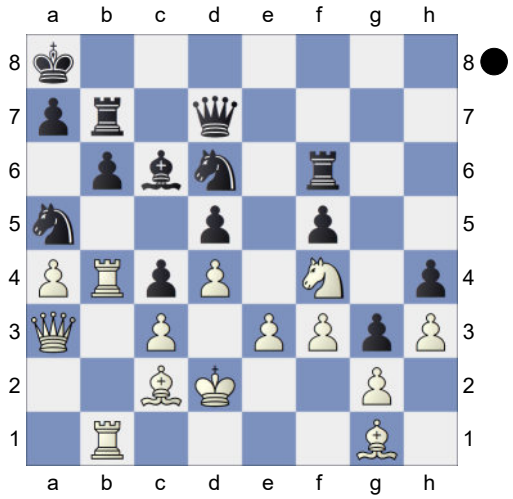


34...g4 -1.37/20 11 **35.Kf1** 1 **g3** 5 **36.Bg1** 1 **Rb8** 26 **37.Qc1** 6 **Nf8** 14 Black is more active. **38.a4** -1.66/22 6

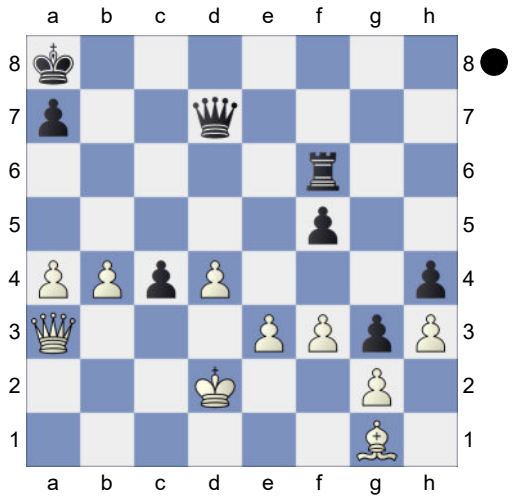
[38.Nf4∓ -1.23/22]

38...Ne6 5 **39.Rb1** 2 **Qd7** 16 **40.Qa3** 2 **Rf8** 12 **41.Nf4** 1 **Rf6** 1 Prevents Ng6

42.Ke2 6 **Nb7** 1 **43.Kd2** 4 **Na5** 2
44.Qb4 18 **Nc7** 1 **45.Rb2** -1.81/20 9
[45.Nh5∓ -1.41/20 Rg6 46.Nf4]
45...Ne8 1 **46.Reb1** -1.82/22 3
[46.Qa3∓ -1.40/20]
46...Rb7 1 **47.Qa3** 1 **Nd6** 2 **48.Rb4** -2.53/19 5
[48.Ke1∓ -1.51/20]



48...Nb3+! 3 **49.R4xb3** 59 **cxb3** 1
50.Bxb3 1 **b5** 1 **51.Nxd5** 7 **Bxd5** 21
52.Bxd5 1 **Nc4+** 0 **53.Bxc4** 1 **bxc4** 0
54.Rb4 -4.58/25 28
[54.Rxb7 -2.22/23 Kxb7 55.a5]
54...Rxb4 2 **55.cxb4** 1 Endgame



KQR-KQB **55...c3+?** -0.18/24 1
56.Qxc3= 0
[56.Kxc3? Rc6+ 57.Kb2 a5∓]
56...Rc6 1 **57.Qb3** 0 **Qc7** 0.01/25 7
[57...Qd6∓ -0.57/25]
58.e4 4 Strongly threatening d5.
58...Rc4? 4.35/23 1
[58...Rc1= 0.01/25 59.Qg8+ *(59.Qd5+ Kb8=)* 59...Kb7 60.Qd5+ Kb8 61.Qg8+ Kb7]
59.Be3? -0.01/24 4
[59.exf5+- 4.35/23 Qf7 60.Ke2]
59...f4 1 **60.Bxf4** -5.31/25 4 **Qxf4+-+** 2
61.Kd3 1 **Rc8** 4 **62.Qd5+** 0 **Kb8** 1
63.Qb5+ 0 **Kc7** 0 **64.Qd5?** -5.84/25 0
[64.Qa5+ -2.66/23 is more resistant. Kd7 65.Qxa7+ Qc7 66.Qc5 Qxc5 67.dxc5]
64...Qc1 3 **65.Qf7+** 1 **Kb8** 1 **66.e5** 0
Qc2+ 1 **67.Ke3** 1 **Qc1+?** -0.01/25 0
[67...Qxg2-+ -19.35/23 (-> ...Rc3+) 68.Qd5 Qf2+ *(68...Qxh3 69.Qb5+ Kc7 70.Qc5+ Kb8 71.Qb5+ Kc7 72.Qc4+ Kd8 73.Qg8+ Kc7 74.Qc4+ Kd8 75.Qg8+ Ke7 76.Qh7+ Ke6 77.Ke4=)* 69.Kd3 Qf1+ *(69...Qc2+? 70.Ke3-+)* 70.Kd2 Qc4 *(70...Qxh3 71.Qb5+ Kc7 72.Qc5+ Kd7 73.Qd6+ Ke8 74.Qg6+ Kd8 75.Qf6+ Kc7 76.Qd6+ Kb7 77.Qd5+ Rc6 78.b5-+* Pin *)* 71.Qxc4 Rxc4]
68.Ke4? -5.82/25 0
[68.Kd3!= -0.01/25 and White stays safe. Qc2+ 69.Ke3 Qf2+ *(69...Qxa4? 70.e6-+; 69...Qxg2? 70.Qd5-+)* 70.Kd3 Qxg2 71.Qd5 Qf1+ *(71...Qxh3 72.Qb5+ Kc7 73.Qc4+ Kd8 74.Qg8+ Kc7 75.Qc4+ Kd8 76.Qg8+ Kc7 77.Qc4+=; 71...Qc2+? 72.Ke3-+)* 72.Kd2 Qc1+ *(72...Qxh3? 73.Qb5+ Kc7 74.Qc5+ Kb8 75.Qb5+ Kc7 76.Qc5+ Kd7 77.Qd6+ Ke8 78.Qg6+ Kd8 79.Qf6+ Kc7 80.Qd6+ Kb7 81.Qd5+ Rc6 82.b5-+* Pin *)* 73.Ke2 Qb2+

(73...Rc2+? 74.Kd3-+) 74.Ke3 Qa3+ *(74...Qxb4? 75.Qa2-+)* 75.Ke4 Qxb4 76.Qa2 Qb7+ 77.d5]

68...Qc6+ 0 **69.Kf5** 1 **Qc4?** -3.71/23 1

[69...Qc2+ -11.74/21 70.Kg5 Qxg2 *(70...Qxa4? 71.e6-+)*]

70.e6 -5.91/23 0

[70.Qd7 -3.71/23 was worth a try. Qc6 *(70...Qxb4? 71.e6-+)* 71.Qxc6 Rxc6 72.Kg5]

70...Qd5+ 0 Black is clearly winning.

[70...Qxd4 71.e7 Qd7+ *(71...Qxb4? is the wrong capture. 72.e8Q+-)* 72.Qe6=]

71.Kf6 0 **Qxd4+** 1 **72.Kg6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.35

72...Qd3+ 1

0-1

43 **D35**

□ **Mamedyarov,S** **2746**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2706**

Chess.com Classic Play-In blitz (7)

[Kitty Kat]*

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation

1.d4 Giri,Anish **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Bb4 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Qc2 Bf5**

The position is equal.

[9...h5 10.f3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Be6 12.Bd3 c6 13.0-0-0 Nd7 14.f4 Bg4 15.Nf3

A) RR 15...gxf4 16.exf4 *(RR 16.gxf4 Qe7 17.e4 dxe4 18.Bxe4 0-0-0)* 16...Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qf6 18.Rde1+ Kd8;

B) 15...Qe7 16.e4 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 Bxf3 18.gxf3 dxe4 19.Bxe4 gxf4 20.g4 *(*RR *20.d5 Qc5)* 20...0-0-0 *(*RR *20...h4)* 21.d5 h4 22.dxc6 Nc5 23.Bf5+ Kb8 24.Kb1 ½-½ (109) Caruana,F (2803)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2758) FIDE Candidates 2024 (14)]

[RR 9...h5 10.f3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Be6 12.Bd3 c6 13.0-0-0 Nd7 14.f4 Bg4 15.Nf3 Qe7 16.e4 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 Bxf3 18.gxf3 dxe4 19.Bxe4 gxf4 20.g4 0-0-0 21.d5 h4 22.dxc6 Nc5 23.Bf5+ Kb8 24.Kb1 Caruana,F (2803)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2758) Toronto 2024 CBM 220 [Giri,Anish] ½-½ (109)]

10.Bd3 Nc6 11.Nge2 Bxc3+N 0.67/20

Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[11...Nxg3= 0.21/19 12.Nxg3 *(12.hxg3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Qd7= 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3 0-0-0 16.Nc1 Ne7 17.Nd3 Kb8 18.0-0-0 h5 19.Kb1 c6 20.Qb4 Nf5 21.Nc5 Qe7 22.Rhe1 b6 23.Rc1 Rh6 24.Rc3 Rc8 25.Rec1 Ka8 26.Nd3 Qxb4 27.axb4 Kb7 28.Ne5 Ne7* 0-1 (63) Prohaszka,P (2585)-Tabatabaei,M (2689) HUN-ch Rapid 2023 (10) *)* 12...Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Qd7]

[RR 11...Nxg3 12.hxg3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Qd7 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3 Ne7 16.Nc1 c6 17.Nd3 Nf5 18.Nc5 Qe7 19.g4 Nd6 20.Qc2 0-0-0 21.0-0-0 Kb8 22.Kb1 Nc4 23.Ka2 Ka8 24.b3 Nd6 25.a4 Rc8 26.Rc1 Liu,Y (2576)-Liyanage,R (2362) Dubai 2024 1-0 (50)]

[RR 11...Qd7 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.Bxe4 Bxe4 14.Qxc3 h5 15.f3 Bf5 16.e4 Be6 17.exd5 Qxd5 18.Bxc7 Rc8 19.Bg3 h4 20.Bf2 h3 21.Qe3 hxg2 22.Rfd1 Ne7 23.Nc3 Qf5 24.Ne4 Qh3 25.Bg3 Nf5 26.Nd6+ Sriram,A (2364)-Zia,T (2354)

Budapest 2025 1-0 (39)]
[RR 11...Qd7 12.a3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Bxc3+ 15.Nxc3 Ne7 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Kb1 Kb8 18.Qc2 h5 19.Rh3 Ng8 20.g4 h4 21.f3 Nh6 22.e4 dxe4 23.Nxe4 Qd5 24.Nc3 Qe6 25.d5 Qg6 26.Qxg6 Maghsoodloo,P (2734)-Cheng,B (2559) Chartres 2023 1-0 (41)]
[RR 11...h5 12.f3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Qd7 15.g4 h4 16.Ng3 0-0-0 17.Nf5 Ne7 18.0-0-0 Nxf5 19.Qxf5 Qxf5 20.gxf5 c6 21.a3 Bd6 22.Kc2 f6 23.Kd3 Bg3 24.Ne2 Bc7 25.Rh3 Rhe8 26.g3 Papasimakopoulos,A (2356)-Riazantsev,A (2635) Tallinn 2019 1-0 (54)]

12.bxc3 Qd7 13.f3 0.11/20
[13.0-0± 0.68/19 h5 14.Bxc7 Rc8 15.f3 Nb4 16.cxb4 Rxc7 17.Qb1 Nd6 18.e4 Bg6 19.e5 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Qf5 21.Qxf5 Nxf5 22.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 23.Rxc1 Kd7 24.Kf2 h4 25.a4 Rh6 26.b5 f6 27.Rc5 Ne7 28.f4 1-0 (55) Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2741)-Persse,D (2728) Cheliabinsk Lozovatsky Memorial-A 2023 (7.3) g4 29.Ke3 b6 30.Rc1 h3 31.g3 f5 32.Nc3 Rh8 33.a5 Rc8 34.Kd3 Rc7 35.Ra1 Rb7 36.axb6 axb6 37.Ra8 Kc7 38.Re8 Kd7 39.Ra8 Kc7 40.Rf8 Ra7 41.Rf7 Kb8 42.Rf6 Ra1 43.Rxb6+ 1-0 (55) Mamedyarov,S (2741)-Le,Q (2728) Meltwater Tour Final rapid 2022 (7.3)]

13...Nxg3= 14.Nxg3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 0-0-0 16.0-0 h5N
[16...Na5 0.61/18 16...Ne7 0.09 17.e4 Nc4 0.99/17 *(17...h5± 0.42/18)* 18.Nf5 0.39/18 *(White should play 18.Nh5±* 0.99/17 *)* 18...Kb8 19.Rab1 f6 20.Rb4 a5 21.Rb3 Rde8? 1.78/20 *(21...b6=* -0.01/20 *)* 22.Rfb1+- b6 0-1 (40) Delorme,L (2063)-Hejazipour,M (2289) FRA-ch (Women) 2023 (1.2)]

17.e4 Ne7 18.e5 h4 19.Ne2 Qf5 Prevents f4 **20.Qxf5+** 10.17/20
[20.Qd2= -0.24/16]

20...Nxf5+- 21.Kf2 Rh6 22.Ng1 Rc6 23.Rfc1 -1.36/20
[23.Ne2∓ -0.55/19]

23...Rg8 -0.92/19
[⌓23...f6 -1.36/20 24.exf6 Rxf6]

24.Ke2 f6 25.Kd3 -1.68/21
[25.exf6∓ -0.98/21 Rxf6 26.Kd3]

25...fxe5-+ 26.dxe5 Kd7 -0.84/19 Black is much more active.
[⌓26...Re6 -1.32/21 27.Re1 Ne7]

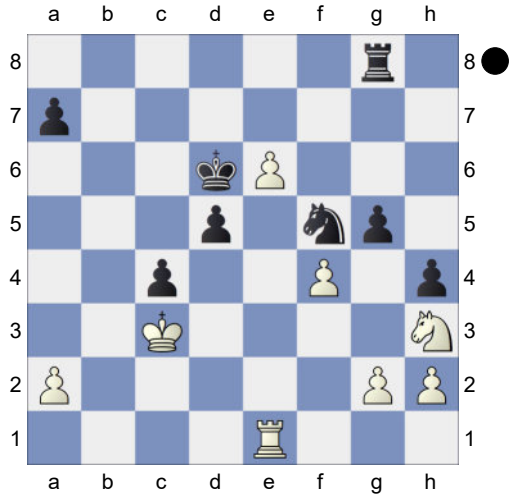
27.Re1 -1.22/20
[⌓27.Rab1 -0.84/19]

27...Rc4 28.Rab1 b6 29.Rb4 Rxb4 30.cxb4∓ Endgame KRN-KRN **30...c5 31.bxc5** -1.85/21
[31.Ne2∓ -1.03/18]

31...bxc5-+ 32.Nh3 c4+ 33.Kc3 Kc6 -1.13/19
[33...Rg6-+ -1.77/19 34.Re2 Rg8]

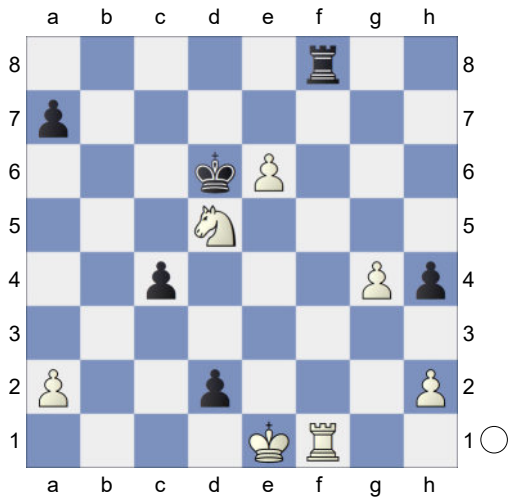
34.e6 -1.83/21
[34.f4∓ -1.13/19]

34...Kd6 35.f4



gxf4 36.Nxf4 Ne7 Strongly threatening

...Rg4. **37.Rg1 Kc5**
[37...Ng6 38.Ne2∓]
38.g4? -4.22/23
[38.Kc2 -1.89/20]
38...d4+
[38...hxg3? 39.Rxg3 Rxg3+ 40.hxg3-+]
39.Kd2 Rf8 40.Rf1 Strongly threatening Nd3+!. **40...Kd6 41.Ke2?** -6.23/20
[41.Ke1 -2.84/21]
41...d3+ -3.01/23
[41...Ke5? 42.Ng6+ Nxg6 43.Rxf8 Kxe6 *(43...Nxf8? 44.e7+-)* 44.Re8+ Kd6 45.g5+-]
[⌓41...Nd5 -6.23/20 42.Nxd5 d3+ 43.Ke1 d2+ *(43...Rxf1+? 44.Kxf1 Kxe6 45.Nc3+-)* 44.Kxd2 Rxf1]
42.Ke1? -5.28/22
[42.Kd2 -3.01/23 might work better.]
42...Nd5 Black is clearly winning.
43.Nxd5 d2+
[But not 43...Rxf1+? 44.Kxf1 Kxe6 *(44...Kxd5? 45.e7+-)* 45.Nc3+-]

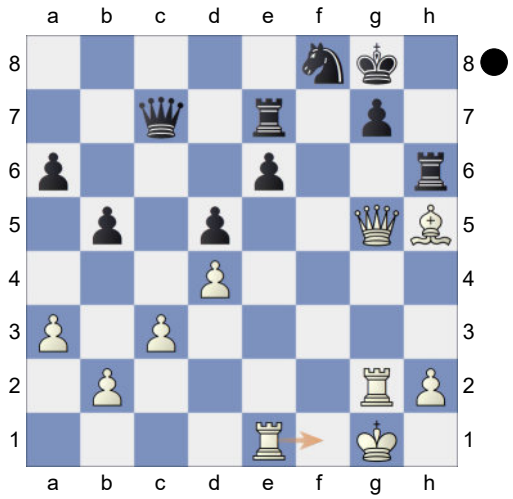


Deflection **44.Kxd2 Rxf1 45.e7 Kd7**
[45...Kxd5? 46.e8Q+- *(46.e8B?* is the wrong capture. *Kd4-+)*]
46.g5 Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.21 (precise)
46...Rg1
0-1

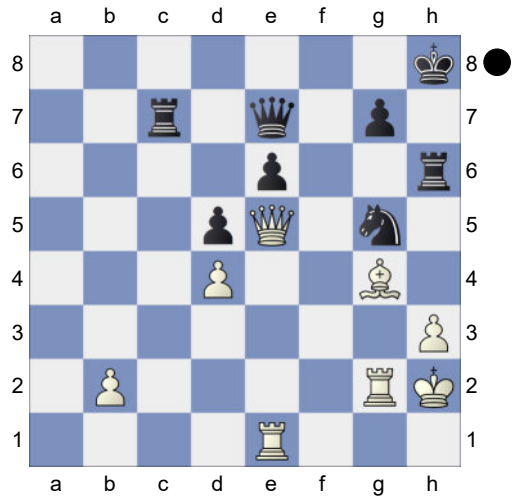
44 **A00**
□ **Carlsen,M** **2837**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2706**
Titled Tue 13th May Early blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]*

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.e3 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d4 cxd4 4.exd4 d5 5.Bf4 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Bf5 7.c3 a6 8.Be2
[RR 8.Nh4 Bg4 9.Qb3 Na5 10.Qc2 e6 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.Nhf3 Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.0-0 Rc8 15.Qb3 Qc7 16.a4 0-0 17.Rfe1 Bh5 18.Qa3 Bxf3 19.Nxf3 Na5 20.Qa2 h6 21.Re2 Rb8 22.Ne5 Ne8 Kamsky,G (2677)-Riazantsev,A (2639) Moscow 2019 ½-½ (72)]
8...e6 9.Nh4
[RR 9.Qb3 Qc8 10.0-0 Be7 11.h3 h6 12.Ne5 0-0 13.Rac1 b5 14.Bf3 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Qd7 16.Rfe1 Rfc8 17.g4 Bh7 18.Bg2 a5 19.a3 b4 20.axb4 axb4 21.c4 dxc4 22.Rxc4 Rxc4 23.Nxc4 Ra6 Montes Ramirez, J (1802)-Castano,J (1989) Manizales 2025 1-0]
9...Be4N
[RR 9...Bg6 10.Qb3 b5 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.a4 b4 13.a5 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Nf3 bxc3 16.bxc3 Ne4 17.Bd3 f5 18.Qa3 Ke7 19.0-0 Qxa3 20.Rxa3 Rhb8 21.g3 Rb2 22.Rb1 Rxb1+ 23.Bxb1 Nd6 24.Bd3 Pert,R (2421)-Ledger,A (2299) Leicester 2023 ½-½]
10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Bd3 0-0 14.0-0 h6 15.Re1

Nf6 16.Ne5 b5 17.a3 Na5 18.f4 Nc4 19.Qc2 Qc7 20.g4 Nxe5 0.73/20
[20...Nd7= 0.09/18]
21.fxe5± Nd7
[21...Nxg4? 22.h3+-]
22.Qg2 f6 23.exf6 Rxf6 24.g5 hxg5 25.Qxg5 Raf8 26.Re2 Dodges Rf2
26...R8f7 27.Bg6
[27.Rg2 looks sharper. Nf8 28.Re1 Qf4 29.h4]
27...Re7 28.Rae1 Nf8 29.Bh5 Rh6 1.79/21
[Better is 29...Qf4± 0.33/20 30.Qxf4 Rxf4]
30.Rg2+-



Kh8 31.Bg4 0.23/21
[31.Rf1± 1.19/19 Nh7 32.Bg6]
31...Rf7= 32.Qe5 Active counter play!
32...Qd8
[32...Qxe5 33.Rxe5 Rf4 34.h3 Kg8]
33.Qg3 a5 34.h3 0.09/20
[34.Kh1± 0.54/18]
34...b4! 35.axb4 axb4 36.cxb4 Qb6 37.Qc3 Rc7 38.Qe3 Qxb4 39.Rf1 Nh7 0.71/19
[39...Qb8= 0.26/19]
40.Qe5 0.07/20
[40.Bxe6± 0.71/19 aiming for Qxh6!. Nf6 *(40...Re7? 41.Qxh6 Qb8 42.Qg6+-)* 41.Bxd5]
40...Qe7! 41.Re1 Ng5 42.Kh2



Rxh3+! Deflection **43.Kg1 Rh6**
[43...Rc8!?]
44.Rh2! The position is equal. **44...Rxh2 45.Qxh2+ Kg8 46.Qe5 Rc4 47.b3 Rb4 48.Bxe6+ Nxe6 49.Qxe6+ Qxe6 50.Rxe6 Rxd4** Endgame KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **51.Rb6** Dodges Rb4
51...Kf7 52.b4 g5 53.b5 g4 54.Kf2 Ke7 55.Kg3 Rb4 56.Rg6 Kd7
[56...Rxb5 simplifies 57.Kxg4 Rb4+ 58.Kg3 Re4]
57.b6 Ke7 58.Rxg4 Rxb6 59.Kf3 Re6 60.Ra4 Kf6 61.Ra5 Re5 62.Ra8 Re7 63.Rd8 Ke5 aiming for ...Kd4. **64.Ke3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
64...Re6
½-½

45 **B30**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2706**
■ **Zieba,Hubert** **2233**
Titled Tue 6th May Late blitz (2) 06.05.25
[Kitty Kat]*

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 Nc6**
[2...e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2

Bg7 6.0-0 Nge7 7.Re1 d6 8.c3 e5 9.a3 0-0 10.b4 h6 11.Be3 b6 12.Nh4 Be6 13.b5 Na5 14.c4 Qd7 15.Nc3 Rae8 16.Rb1 Kh7 17.Nd5 1-0 Damljanovic,B (2535)-Kindermann,S (2519) EUCup 18th Chalkidiki 2002 (2)]

3.Bb5N

[3.d3 d6 4.Nbd2 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.a4 Rb8 9.Nc4 b6 10.Nfd2 a6 11.f4 Bg4 12.Bf3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Ne3 Ra8 16.Rxa8 Qxa8 17.f5 c4 0-1 Canonne,A-Seret,J (2350) Gonfreville op 1980 (5) 18.dxc4 bxc4 19.e5 dxe5 20.Nxc4 Rd8 21.Qe2 e4 22.Nh4 Qa6 23.b3 Ne5 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.Be3 Nxc4 26.Qxc4 Qxc4 27.bxc4 Rc8 28.c5 Ng4 29.Ng2 Nxe3 30.Nxe3 Bd4 31.Re1 Rxc5 32.Re2 Rc3 0-1 Zier,L-Ig5 (2350) Champigny sur 37/338 1984 (5) 33.Kf2 f5 0-1 Cantore,A-Petrillo,M ITA-ch39 corr 1989]

[3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 e5 7.d3 Nge7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Na3 h6 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 d5 12.dxc5 dxe4 13.Nd2 Nf5 14.Rb1 Nxe3 15.fxe3 f5 16.b4 a5 17.b5 Nb4 0-1 Nogueira,N (2079)-Dubyna (2538) CCLA ch-1 8586 1985 (8)]

3...e5 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1

[RR 5.Bc4 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Re1 f6 8.c3 Nb6 9.Bb5 Kf7 10.d4 cxd4 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 exd4 13.Nxd4 c5 14.Nb5 Qxd1 15.Rxd1 a6 16.N5c3 Bf5 17.Bf4 g5 18.Bc7 Nc4 19.b3 Nb2 Vitiugov,N (2715)-Dubov,D (2710) Sochi 2021 ½-½]

[RR 5.a4 g6 6.d3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be3 d6 9.Qd2 Nd4 10.Ne1 f5 11.Bh6 f4 12.Bc4+ Kh8 13.Bxg7+ Kxg7 14.f3 g5 15.Nd5 Ng6 16.c3 Ne6 17.Nc2 h5 18.d4 g4 19.Rad1 g3 Shubin,K (2455)-Theodorou,N (2612) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (51)]

[RR 5.Bc4 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Re1 f6 8.c3 Be7 9.d4 Nb6 10.Bb5 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Qxd4 14.Nc3 0-0 15.Be3 Qd6 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.Bxb6 Qxb6 18.Rd7 Rfe8 19.Qd5+ Kh8 Demchenko,A (2619)-Zieba,H (2233) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0]

5...g6 6.a3N

[RR 6.b4 cxb4 7.a3 bxa3 8.d4 exd4 9.Nxa3 Bg7 10.Nc4 0-0 11.e5 d5 12.exd6 Nd5 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nxd4 Bb7 15.Na5 Qd7 16.Ba3 Rfe8 17.Qd2 Qg4 18.Bc5 Nf4 19.f3 Qg5 20.Nab3 Bh6 Ter Haar,O-Bosch,P Rotterdam 1977 0-1 (51)]

[RR 6.Bf1 Bg7 7.d3 0-0 8.Be3 b6 9.Qd2 Re8 10.c4 d6 11.Bh6 Bg4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Be2 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Nd4 15.Bg4 a6 16.Nc3 b5 17.Nd5 bxc4 18.dxc4 Nxd5 19.exd5 f5 20.Be2 Rb8 Duncan,P (2130)-Del Rio de Angelis,S (2365) Collado Villalba 1995 0-1 (48)]

6...Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.d3 d5 9.Bxc6 bxc6 White is slightly better. **10.h3 h6 11.Na4 Qd6 12.Be3 d4 13.Bd2 c4** 1.35/22 **14.Bb4** 0.90/22

[⌓14.dxc4 1.35/22 Bb4 is the strong threat. Qc7 15.Bb4]

14...Qe6 1.35/20

[⌓14...c5 0.90/22 15.Bxc5 *(15.Nxc5 a5=)* 15...Qd7]

15.dxc4± White is more active.

[15.Nc5 Qd6±]

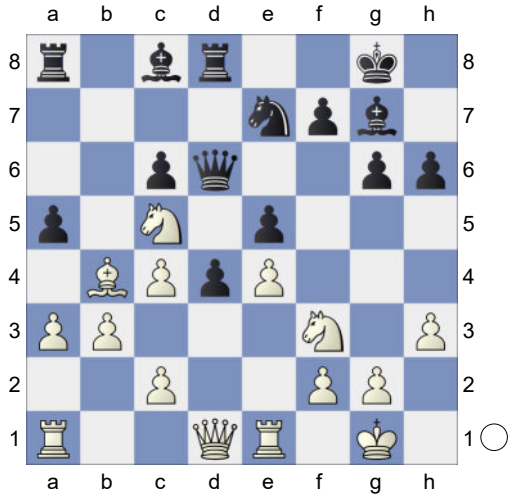
15...Rd8 2.46/22

[15...g5± 1.23/21]

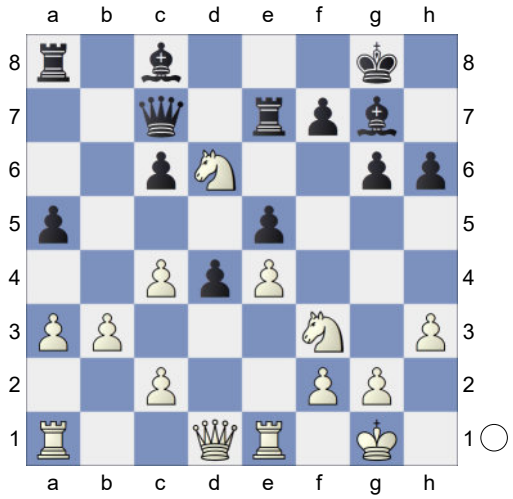
16.b3 a5 2.22/21

[16...g5 1.63/20]

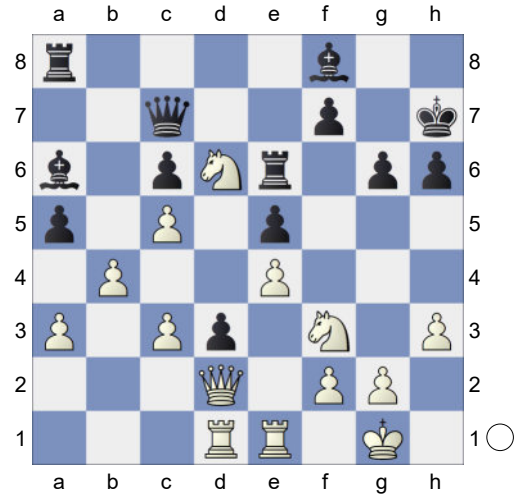
17.Nc5 0.85/22
[17.Bc5+- 2.22/21 is more deadly.]
17...Qd6 1.99/24
[17...Qf6± 0.85/22]



18.Nb7!+- Pin, Discovered Attack, Double Attack. Excellent horsemanship.
18...Qc7 19.Bxe7
[19.Nxd8?! axb4 20.axb4 Rxa1 21.Qxa1 Qxd8=]
19...Re8 20.Nd6 Rxe7



21.c5 This move loses the game for Black. **21...Ba6** 2.71/22
[21...Qa7± 1.28/23]
22.b4 Re6 23.Qd2 Bf8 24.Rad1
[24.bxa5 Qa7 25.c3 *(25.Qb4? Rb8-+)* 25...Qxc5 26.Nxf7 Kxf7 27.cxd4 exd4∓]
24...Kh7 25.c3
[25.bxa5 Bxd6 26.cxd6 Qxd6±]
25...d3



26.c4! Bxd6 27.cxd6 Qxd6 28.Qc3
[28.bxa5 Bxc4 *(28...Qxa3 29.Qxd3 Qxa5 30.Rc1±)* 29.Qc3 *(29.Qb4 Bb5±)* 29...Ba6±]
[28.Qxd3 Qxd3 29.Rxd3 Bxc4= *(29...axb4 30.axb4 Bxc4 31.Rd7=)*]
28...Rd8? 3.91/23
[28...Rb8 1.81/23]
29.Re3
[29.bxa5 Qc5±]
29...axb4 30.axb4 Rb8
[30...Qe7 31.Rexd3 *(31.Rdxd3 Rb8±)* 31...Rxd3 32.Rxd3 c5]
31.Rb1
[31.Qxd3 Qxd3 32.Rexd3 Rxb4=]
[31.Rdxd3 Qxb4 32.Rd7 *(32.Nxe5? Qxc3 33.Rxc3 Rxe5-+)* 32...Kg7±]
31...Re7 3.96/24 **32.Rxd3 Qe6 33.Rc1 Reb7** 5.87/23
[33...Ree8 3.82/20 was necessary. 34.Re3 Rbd8]
34.Nxe5
[Weaker is 34.Qxe5 Bxc4 35.Rd6 Qxe5 36.Nxe5 Bb5+-]
34...Rxb4 35.Rf3 f6 36.Ng4 Rxc4 13.55/24

[⌓36...Qxc4 4.85/21 37.Nxf6+ Kh8 38.Nd7+ Qxc3 39.Rfxc3 *(39.Rcxc3 Ra8+-)* 39...R8b7 40.Rxc6 Rxd7 41.Rxa6 Rxe4 42.Rxg6 h5 43.Rh6+ Kg7]

37.Qd2

[37.Qxf6? Rxc1+ 38.Kh2 Qxf6 *(38...Qxe4?* perishes. *39.Qd6+-)* 39.Rxf6 Kg7-+]

37...Rxc1+ 38.Qxc1 Be2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) / Black=0.98 **39.Qxh6+**

1-0

46 **D30**

□ **Ragger,M** **2601**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**

Bundesliga 2024-25 (14.8) 26.04.2025

[Kitty Kat]*

E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 b6 9.Bf4 Ba6 10.Nbd2 Nbd7 11.Rfe1 Nh5 12.e3N** -0.07/22

[12.Be5± 0.33/18 Nhf6 13.e4 Rc8 14.Rad1 c5 15.exd5 exd5 16.Qf5 dxc4 17.d5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bd6 19.Ndxc4 Bxc4 20.Nxc4 b5 21.Ne5 Re8 22.Nc6 Qa5 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Bf3 Qxa2 25.g4 h6 26.h4 Qxb2 27.g5 1-0 Mecelica,E (2545)-Buese,R (2729) Staunton Memorial 7th 2009 (6)]

[12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 f6 14.Bf4 Nxf4 15.gxf4 Bb4 16.Red1 Qd6 17.Nf1 dxc4 18.a3 Ba5 19.f5 Kh8 20.Ne3 b5 21.Qe4 Bb7 22.Qxe6 Qc7 23.Qe4 Rae8 24.Qg4 Bb6 25.Nf1 Bc8 26.Ng3 g6 0-1 Wang,H (2724)-Aronian,L (2783) Shanghai Masters 2010 (1)]

[12.e4 Nxf4 13.gxf4 Rc8 14.Rad1 Re8 15.Bh3 Rc7 16.Rc1 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nf8 18.Rcd1 Bc8 19.Ng3 Ng6 20.Qe4 Rf8 21.f5 exf5 22.Bxf5 Bb4 23.Re3 Re7 24.Qg4 Qc7 25.c5 bxc5 26.Rxe7 Nxe7 1-0 Gishi,T (2661)-Hidalgo,J (2552) 7th UTD GM Richardson USA 2010 (13)]

[12.cxd5 Nxf4 13.gxf4 cxd5 14.f5 Qc8 15.Qb3 exf5 16.Qxd5 Nf6 17.Qe5 Qd7 18.e4 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Rae8 20.Nc3 Bb7 21.Qg3 Bxf3 22.Bxf3 Qxd4 23.Rad1 Qb4 24.Re2 Bc5 25.Red2 Re6 26.Kh1 Rfe8 ½-½ Walls,K (2401)-17.Kb2 (2465) Leningrad 3/153 1967 (7.2)]

[RR 12.Be5 c5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.e4 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 cxd4 16.exd5 Bc5 17.Nc6 Qd7 18.b4 d3 19.Qa4 Bd4 20.Ne7+ Qxe7 21.Rxe7 Bxa1 22.Qxa6 Rac8 23.Qxd3 Rc1+ 24.Bf1 Nf6 25.d6 Rd8 26.Ne4 Ng4 Makarian,R (2525)-Bellissimo,J (2203) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0]

[RR 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 f6 14.Bf4 Nxf4 15.gxf4 Bb4 16.Red1 Qd6 17.Nf1 dxc4 18.a3 Ba5 19.f5 Kh8 20.Ne3 b5 21.Qe4 Bb7 22.Qxe6 Qc7 23.Qe4 Rae8 24.Qg4 Bb6 25.Nf1 Bc8 26.Ng3 g6 Wang,H (2724)-Aronian,L (2783) Shanghai 2010 0-1 (35)]

[RR 12.Be5 Rc8 13.cxd5 exd5 14.e4 Bb7 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Qa4 a6 17.Rad1 b5 18.Qb3 g6 19.Nf1 f6 20.Bf4 Nxf4 21.gxf4 Nb6 22.f5 Rc7 23.fxg6 hxg6 24.Nh4 Kf7 25.Qg3 Rg8 26.Ne3 Bd6 Makarian,R (2549)-Maghsoodloo,P (2695) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (58)]

[RR 12.Be5 Nhf6 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Qa4 Bb7 15.Rac1 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bd6 17.Rc2 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Nd7

19.f4 Rc8 20.Rec1 Rxc2 21.Rxc2 a6 22.Nb3 b5 23.Qa5 Qxa5 24.Nxa5 Rc8 25.Rxc8+ Bxc8 26.Kf2 Kf8 Matlakov,M (2670)-Amilal,M (2388) Qingdao 2023 1-0 (75)]

12...Rc8

[12...g5!?]

13.h4 The position is equal. **13...c5 14.cxd5 cxd4 15.Qa4 Nc5 16.Qa3 dxe3** 0.53/19

[16...Qxd5 17.exd4 Nd3 *(17...Nxf4 18.gxf4 Nd3 19.Qxe7±)* 18.Qxe7±]

[16...Bb5= 0.00/19]

17.Bxe3± Bb7 18.dxe6

[18.Qxa7? Ra8-+ *(18...Bxd5? 19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Qa4-+)*]

18...fxe6 19.Red1 -0.01/19

[19.Qxa7? Ra8-+]

[White should play 19.Bd4!± 0.53/19]

19...Rc7= Strongly threatening ...Rd7.

20.Bg5 -1.02/22

[20.Qxa7? Bxf3 21.Qxb6 Bxd1 22.Rxd1 Rc8-+]

[20.b4= 0.27/18 remains equal. Nd3 21.Qb3]

20...Bxg5∓ 21.Nxg5 -1.51/21

[21.hxg5∓ -0.58/22 Nd3 22.Nf1]

21...Bxg2 22.Kxg2 h6 -0.98/19

[22...Qa8+-+ -1.63/20 23.f3 h6]

Loses the game. **23.Nh3?** -4.39/21

[23.Nge4∓ -0.98/19 is more resistant.]

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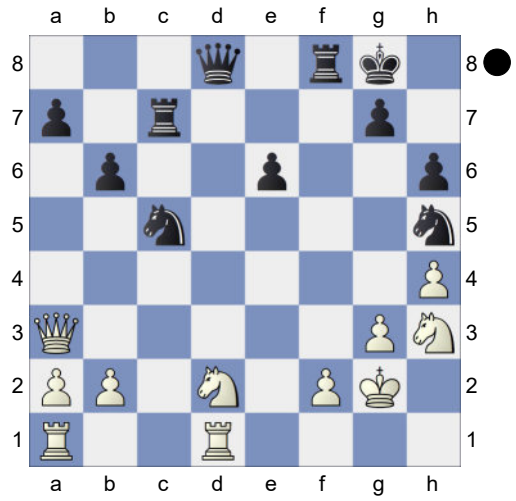


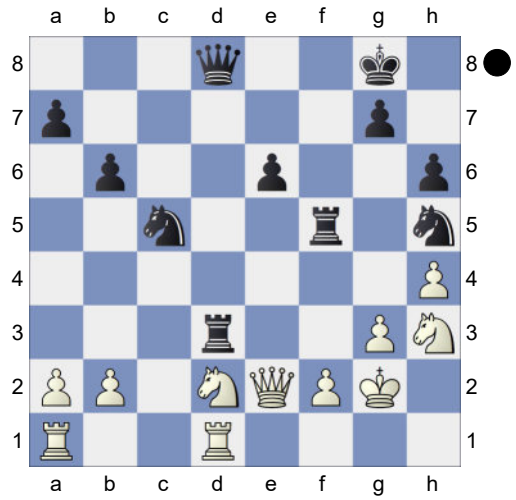
23...Rd7!-+ 24.Qe3 Rd3 25.Qe5 -6.76/23

[⌓25.Qe2 -4.07/21 Qd5+ 26.Kh2]

25...Rf5 Black is clearly winning.

[25...Rxd2? 26.Rxd2 Qxd2 27.Qxh5-+]

26.Qe2



Nxg3 27.fxg3

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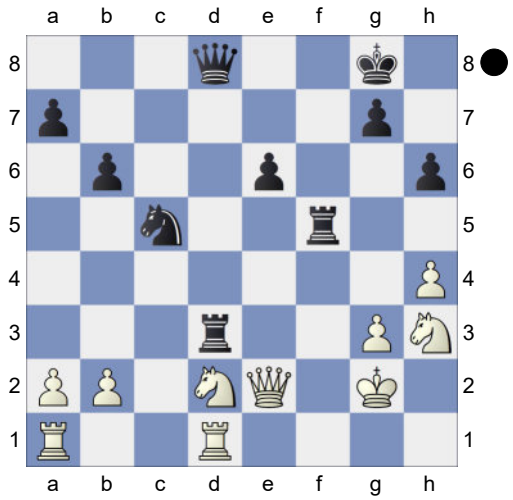


and Nf3! should not be overlooked **27...Rfd5! 28.Nf2 Rxd2 29.Rxd2 Rxd2 30.Rd1 Qd5+ 31.Qf3 Rxd1 32.Nxd1 Qxa2** Endgame KQN-KQN. Black is two pawns up. **33.h5 a5 34.Qa8+ Kh7 35.Qe8 Qd5+ 36.Kh2 Qd7**
[Weaker is 36...Qxd1 37.Qg6+ Kg8 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.Qg6+ Kg8 40.Qe8+ Kh7=]
37.Qg6+ Kg8 38.Ne3 Qf7 39.Qg4 Qf2+ 40.Ng2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/Black=0.19 (very precise)
40...Qxb2
0-1

47 **A10**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2677**
■ **Carlsen,M** **2833**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Late blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]*

A10: English Opening: Unusual Replies for Black
1.c4 g5
[1...f5 2.b3 d6 3.Bb2 e5 4.d4 Qe7 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.e3 g6 7.h4 Bg7 8.Nf3 e4 9.Ng5 c6 10.Be2 Na6 11.Qd2 f4 12.d5 fxe3 13.fxe3 cxd5 14.0-0 Nc7 15.Nxd5 Ncxd5 16.cxd5 0-1 (33) Eljanov,P (2706)-Lagarde,M (2573) MrDodgy Online Inv Gp-B 3rd blitz 2022 (12)]
2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3N
[3.d4 h6 4.e3 *(4.e4 d6 5.Be3 Nc6 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 Nd4 8.b4 f5 9.Bh5+ Kf8 10.f3 Nf6 11.Bg6 a5 12.bxa5 fxe4 13.Nxe4 Bf5 14.Bxf5 Nxf5 15.Bd2 g4 16.Qe2 Nd4 17.Qd3 Nh5 18.Rb1 Nf4* 1-0 (48) Galliot,X-Lembeye,M AJEC Defi corr 1994*)* 4...d6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Nge2 e5 7.d5 Nce7 8.e4 Ng6 9.Bd2 Nh4 10.Rg1 c5 11.Ng3 Nf6 12.Nf5 Nxf5 13.exf5 e4 14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Bxb2 16.Rb1 Be5 17.Qh5 Bxf5 0-1 (27) Brown,T-Lower,S Phoenix 2nd FIDE Futurity 1981 (2) 18.Rxb7 Bg6 19.Qf3 Rb8 20.Nf6+ Bxf6 21.Rxb8 Qxb8 22.Qxf6 Qb1+ 23.Ke2 Qd3+ 24.Kd1 Qc2+ 25.Ke2 0-0 26.Re1 Qd3+ 27.Kd1 Rb8 0-1 Kreuzer,C-Marechal,A Wch7 sf4 corr ICCF 1968 (2)]
3...c5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.d3 h6
[RR 5...d6 6.Bxg5 h6 7.Bd2 Nf6 8.Nf3 e5 9.0-0 Be6 10.Ne1 h5 11.h4 Qd7 12.Nc2 Ng4 13.Nd5 f5 14.Bg5 0-0 15.Rb1 a5 16.Nb6 Qf7 17.Nxa8 Rxa8 18.b3 f4 19.a3 Rf8 20.b4 Fadi,M (2244)-Qin,K (2017) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (37)]
6.a3N
[RR 6.Nf3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 d6 8.Rb1 Nf6 9.0-0 Rb8 10.e4 Be6 11.Ne1 Qd7 12.f4 Bh3 13.f5 Bxg2 14.Nxg2 Ne5 15.Ne3 h5 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.cxd5 f6 18.d4 cxd4 19.Qxd4 b6 20.Be3 Rc8 Stojanovski,S (2232)-Vovk,O (2315) Chess.com INT 2021 0-1 (43)]
[RR 6.Nf3 d6 7.Bd2 Bg4 8.a3 Qd7 9.h3 Be6 10.Rb1 a5 11.Nd5 Bxd5

12.cxd5 Nd4 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.e3 Bg7 15.Bc3 Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 b5 17.d4 Rc8 18.Qb3 cxd4 19.exd4 Rb8 20.0-0 Nf6 Olsson,W (2015)-Kockum,A (2367) Gothenburg 2019 0-1 (59)]

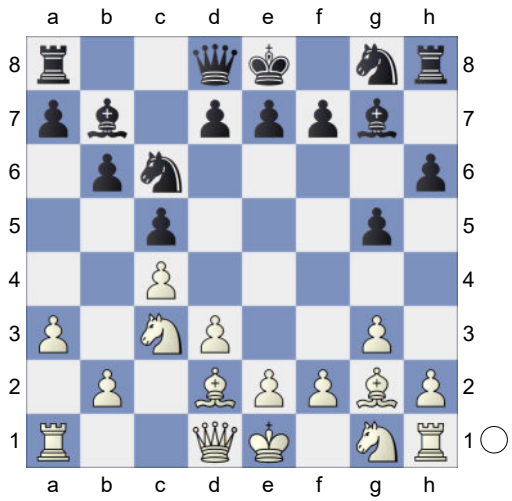
6...b6 0.76/21

[6...d6± 0.39/19 is more appropriate.]

7.Bd2 0.28/20

[7.h4± 0.76/21]

7...Bb7=



8.b4! White is slightly better. **8...d6**

[8...Qc8 9.Nf3]

9.Rb1 -0.09/20

[9.b5± 0.58/18 Na5 10.Bxb7 Nxb7 11.h4]

9...Qd7 10.Nf3 Nd4 0.66/20

[10...f5= -0.03/20]

11.e3 Nxf3+ 12.Bxf3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Rc8 14.Qe2 -0.01/19

[14.h4± 0.55/20]

14...Nf6 15.0-0 0-0 0.68/19

[15...h5= -0.15/22]

16.f4 -0.61/22

[16.e4± 0.68/19]

16...cxb4 17.axb4 d5 18.fxg5 hxg5 19.Rxf6 -0.78/25 **Bxf6∓ 20.Nxd5 Bg7 21.b5 e6** -0.77/22

[21...f5! -1.13/21]

22.Nb4 Rfd8 -0.01/22

[22...f5∓ -0.64/21]

23.Qg4= Rc5 24.Rb3 -0.82/20

[24.Rf1= -0.01/20]

24...f5 -0.01/21

[24...Rdc8!∓ -0.82/20 25.Rb1 Rxc4 26.dxc4 Qxd2]

25.Qxg5 f4!

[25...Rxc4 26.Nc6 Rc8 27.Ne7+ *(27.dxc4 Qxd2 28.Ne7+ Kf7=)* 27...Kf7 28.Qg6+ *(28.dxc4 Qxd2 29.Qg6+ Kxe7=; 28.Nxc8 Rxc8 29.Qh5+ Kg8=)* 28...Kf8 29.Nxc8 *(29.dxc4 Rxc4=)* 29...Rxc8 30.Ra3=]

26.Qxf4 -3.19/29

[26.Qg6= -0.08/24 fxg3 27.hxg3]

26...Rf8!-+ 27.Qg4 Qf7 28.Qe2 -7.56/25 Repels Qf1+

[28.Rb1 -3.05/27 Qf2+ 29.Kh1]

28...Rf5! (-> ...Rf1+) **29.Be1 Rf1+ 30.Kg2 Bh6?** 0.01/26

[30...Rf3!-+ -5.89/24 31.d4 Qh5]

31.Nc2 e5 32.e4 -0.81/26

[32.d4∓ -0.31/24]

32...Qf6 0.01/24

[Black should try 32...Bd2!∓ -0.81/26 And now ...Bxe1 would win. 33.Kh3 *(33.Qxd2? Rg1+* Decoy, Back Rank, Clearance *34.Kxg1 Qf1#; 33.Qg4+? Kh7-+)* 33...Qh7+ 34.Kg2 Bxe1 35.Nxe1 R8f2+ Decoy 36.Qxf2 Rxf2+ 37.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 38.Ng2 Qh7]

33.d4 exd4 0.68/30

[33...Qg6= 0.01/24]

34.e5 -0.01/23

[Better is 34.Rd3± 0.68/30 Qe5 35.Rxd4 *(35.Nxd4 Rxe1 36.Qxe1 Rd8=)*]

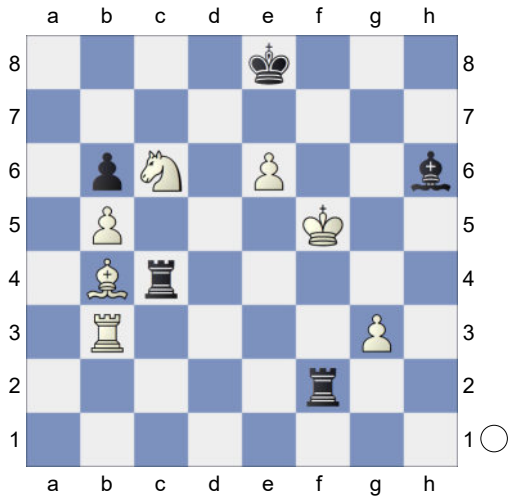
34...Qg6!= 35.Nxd4

[35.Qxf1? Rxf1 *(35...Qxc2+? 36.Bf2-+)* 36.Kxf1 Qxc2-+]

35...R1f4 1.12/23

[35...Rxe1= 0.01/25 36.Qxe1 Rd8]

36.Nc6 -0.01/22
[36.Qd3!± 1.12/23 Qe4+ 37.Kh3]
36...Qe4+ 1.36/27
[36...Re4= -0.01/22 37.Qd3 Qg4]
37.Qxe4± Rxe4 38.Bb4 Re2+ 39.Kh3 Rff2 40.Kg4? -0.01/17
[40.Nxa7 Rxh2+ 41.Kg4 Rxe5∓]
[White has to play 40.Rd3+- 2.25/22]
40...Re4+= 41.Kh5? -#3/8
[41.Kh3± 0.52/5]
41...Rxh2+?? 2.06/5
[41...Kh7 -#3/8 mates 42.g4 Rxh2+ 43.Rh3 Rxh3#]
42.Kg6+- Rg4+ 43.Kf5 Rxc4 44.Nxa7 0.19/25
[44.Ke6± 1.02/21]
44...Kf7!= 45.e6+ Ke8
[45...Kg7 46.Ke5=]
46.Nc6 Rf2+ 1.05/25
[46...Rh5+ 47.Kg6 Rxb5 48.Ra3+-]
[46...Bc1!= 0.22/28 remains equal. 47.Ba3 Rf2+ *(47...Bxa3? 48.Rxa3 Rf2+ 49.Ke5+-)* 48.Ke5 Bg5 *(48...Bxa3? 49.Rxa3 Rc5+ 50.Kd6+-)*]



47.Ke5!± Bg7+ 1.97/27
[47...Re2+± 0.79/26 48.Kd5 Rce4]

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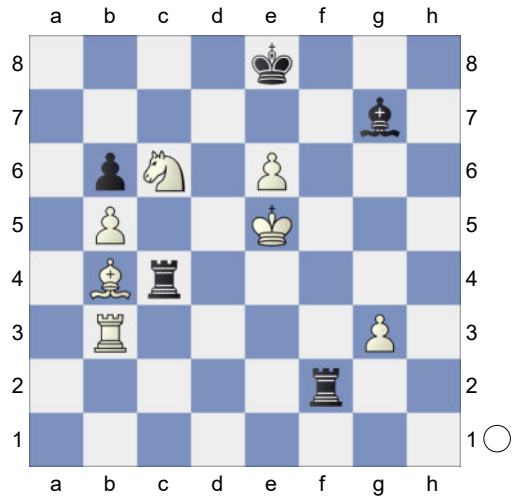


48.Kd6!+- Ra3 would now be deadly.
48...Bf8+? 4.19/28
[48...Rf5± 1.39/26 was worth a try.]
49.e7 Bg7 What a fight!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/Black=0.63
50.Ra3
1-0

48 **A10**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2677**
■ **Naroditsky,D** **2619**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Late blitz (9) 11.3.25
[Kitty Kat]*

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7
1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 0-0 5.e3
[5.Nf3 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nxd5 Qxd5 9.d3 Qb5 10.Rb1 a5 11.a4 Qa6 12.Be3 Bg4 13.Qd2 Rfd8 14.Rfc1 Rac8 15.Rc5 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Ne5 17.Rxa5 Nxf3+ 18.exf3 Qxd3 19.Qxd3 Rxd3 1-0 (44) Anastasian,A (2602)-Sakaev,K (2649) 7th ch-Euro Kusadasi TUR 2006 (2)]
[5.d3 c6 6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 Na6 8.0-0 Rb8 9.a4 Nb4 10.Be3 a5 11.h3 e6

12.d4 e5 13.Qd2 exd4 14.Nxd4 Re8 15.Rad1 Qe7 16.Rfe1 Nd7 17.Nc2 Ne5 18.Na3 Be6 19.b3 Bf8 ½-½ (61) Campos,M (2220)-Lohani,S (1754) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Early blitz 2023 (11)]

5...c5N

[5...e5 6.Nge2 c6 7.f4 exf4 8.Nxf4 Na6 9.0-0 Rb8 10.d4 d6 11.h3 b5 12.cxb5 cxb5 13.a4 b4 14.Ncd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bb7 16.Bd2 Nc7 17.Nxc7 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Qxc7 19.Rc1 Qb7+ 20.Qf3 ½-½ (24) Bilek,I-Najdorf,M Moscow Magistral 1967 (8) Qa6 21.Qc6 Rb6 22.Qd7 Rb7 23.Qc6 Rb6 24.Qd7 ½-½ 11.Ne5 and 12.Nxd7 (2475)-Kalygin,S (2535) USSR (ch) 39/357 1985 (8)]

6.Nge2 Nc6 7.h4 -0.21/21

[7.0-0± 0.31/20]

[RR 7.b3 e6 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.f4 Qd3 10.0-0 Ne4 11.Bb2 Nxd2 12.Rf2 Qxe3 13.Qc2 Bd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Qxd2 Qxd2 16.Rxd2 dxc3 17.Bxc3 f6 18.Rad1 b6 19.Rd8 Rxd8 20.Rxd8+ Kf7 21.g4 h5 Movsesian,S (2671)-Swayams,M (2438) Chess.com INT 2017 1-0 (36)]

7...h5 8.Nf4N -0.38/20

[8.0-0= -0.01/19]

[RR 8.0-0 Rb8 9.d4 cxd4 10.exd4 d6 11.a3 Bg4 12.Bg5 Qc8 13.Kh2 Re8 14.Qd2 a6 15.b4 Kh7 16.Rac1 Nd8 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Ne6 19.Be3 Nf8 20.c5 dxc5 21.bxc5 Rd8 22.d5 Bf5 Norris,Z (1929)-Mylovanov,V (1821) Peterborough 2025 0-1 (42)]

8...d6∓ 9.d3 Black is slightly better.

9...a6 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Qd2 Ne5 Threatens to win with ...Nf3+. **12.f3! Bd7 13.b3 b5 14.Bb2 Rb8 15.Rad1 bxc4 16.dxc4 a5 17.Qc2! a4** 1.01/20

18.Nxa4± White is more active. **18...Qa5 19.Nc3 Bc6** 1.76/20

[19...Qb6± 0.99/19]

20.Ba1 1.04/19

[20.a4+- 1.76/20]

20...Rfd8 1.71/20

[20...Qa6± 1.04/19]

21.e4 1.16/20

[White should play 21.a4+- 1.71/20]

21...e6 1.75/19

[21...Be8± 1.16/20]

22.Rf2 1.15/19

[22.a4+- 1.75/19]

22...Qc7 1.68/19

[22...Qb6± 1.15/19]

23.Rfd2 Bh6 2.00/21

[23...Ne8± 1.58/19 was called for. 24.a4 Nd7]

24.Nce2 0.80/20

[24.a4+- 2.00/21]

24...g5 1.52/22

[Black should play 24...Qe7 0.80/20]

25.hxg5

[25.Bxe5 dxe5 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 28.hxg5 Bxg5±]

25...Bxg5 26.Qc3 h4 2.67/20

[26...Qe7± 1.29/21 27.Qe3 Ne8]

27.gxh4+- Bxh4 28.Nh3 Ng6 2.62/18

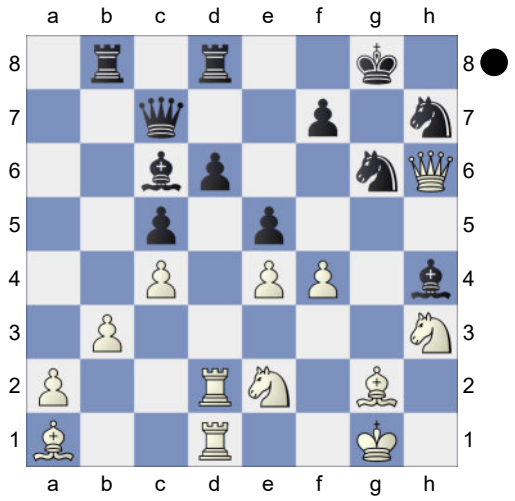
[⌓28...Kh7 1.75/19 29.Kf1 Qe7]

29.Qe3 e5 30.Qh6 Nh7? 4.07/22

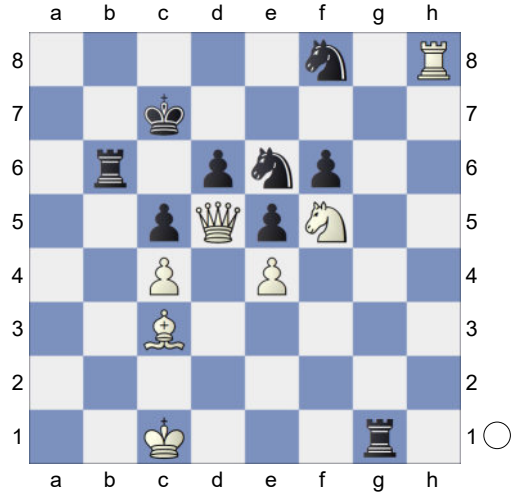
[30...Qe7± 1.41/22 31.Nc3 Ne8]

31.f4

(Diagram)



Bf6 32.f5 Ne7 33.Ng3 Kh8 34.Nh5 Ng8 35.Qe3 Qe7 36.Nxf6 Ngxf6 37.Nf2 Rd7 38.Kf1 Rg8 39.Bf3 0.31/23 Repels Nh5
[39.Qh6+- 3.45/21]
39...Ng5? 2.86/21
[39...Rg3!± 0.31/23 40.Rd3 Qf8 *(40...Ng5 41.Qe2±)*]
40.Ke2 Nfh7 41.Rh1 Kg7 42.Rh5 f6 43.Rd1 Kf8 44.Rdh1? 0.46/21
[44.Bb2+- 2.28/20]
44...Ra7 1.50/23
[44...Nxf3!± 0.46/21 45.Qxf3 Ng5]
45.a4± Be8? 3.19/21
[45...Qd8± 1.55/20 46.Bb2 Rb7]
46.Rh6+- Rb7 47.Bh5
[47.Ng4 Rg7 48.Kd2 Nxf3+ 49.Qxf3 Qf7±]
47...Bxh5+ 48.R1xh5
[48.R6xh5 Qf7 49.Rh6 Ke7±]
48...Ke8 49.Ng4 Kd8 50.Rg6? 0.90/20
[50.Bc3+- 5.43/21 has better winning chances.]
50...Qf7? 11.15/23
[50...Rxg6± 0.90/20 51.fxg6 Nf8]
51.Nh6 Qxg6 52.fxg6 Rxg6 53.Nf5 Nf8 54.Rh8 Nge6 55.Bc3 Nf4+ 56.Kd1 N4e6 57.a5 Rxb3 58.a6 Ra3 Repels Ba5+ **59.Kc1 Rxa6 60.Qd2 Kc7 61.Qd5** 7.09/24
[⌓61.Ba5+ 16.21/24 Kb8 62.Qd5 *(62.Nxd6 Rg7+-)* 62...Rg1+ 63.Kb2]
61...Rg1+ 62.Kc2 Rg2+ 63.Kd1 Rb6 38.49/24
[⌓63...Rg1+ 4.05/21 64.Kd2 Rg2+ 65.Ke3 Rc2]
64.Kc1 5.39/28
[⌓64.Ba5 38.49/24 Rgb2 65.Qxd6+ Pin *(65.Bxb6+ Rxb6+-)* 65...Kb7 66.Bxb6 Rxb6 67.Qe7+ Kc6 68.Qxf6 *(68.Rxf8 Nxf8 69.Qxf8 Kd7+-)*]
64...Rg1+ 65.Kc2 Rg2+ 66.Kc1? -0.01/25
[White has to play 66.Bd2+- 7.20/24]
66...Rg1+=



67.Kd2! Ba5 is the strong threat.
67...Rg2+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=1.00
68.Kc1? 0.01/32
[68.Ke3+- 5.55/25 Rb3 69.Qxd6+ Kb7 70.Kf3]
½-½

49 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2801**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Early blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]*

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.e4 d4** 9...0-0 is more advanced technology. 9...0-0 ist hochmodern.

[9...0-0 keeps more tension. 10.a3 Nh5 11.Bd2 Nf6]

[9...Nh5 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.h3 0-0 12.Bf4 *(12.Re1 Re8 13.e5 Nd7 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Qd2 Bf8 16.Ne2 Qxb2 17.Rab1 Qa3 18.Ned4 Nc5 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Nh2 h5 21.Nf1 h4 22.Nh2 a5 23.Ng4 Nxd3 24.cxd3 Bb4 25.Qe3 Bxe1 26.Bh6 Bxf2+* Torombot (3006)-Bitbybyte (2835) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (61)*)* 12...b5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Re1 Be6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.a3 Rc8 17.Rad1 Bf8 18.Be3 Qd7 19.Nd4 Ne5 20.Bf4 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Qb7 22.Re2 Bd7 23.Qf3 Rxe2 24.Ndxe2 Torombot (3050)-Expositor (2831) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (77)]

10.Ne2 Nh5N

[10...g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Be5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 0-0 14.Ng3 Nxg3 15.fxg3 f6 16.Qh5 fxe5 17.Qg6+ Kh8 18.Qxh6+ Kg8 19.Qg6+ Kh8 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Rf1 Bg7 22.Rf7 Qg8 23.Re7 1-0 (23) Sheng,J-Preotu,R 11: Dallas 2017 Mastering Chess Logic [Joshua Sheng & Guannan Song]]

11.Bd2 e5 12.h3N 'N'

[12.Ng3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Bg4 14.c3 h5 15.cxd4 Nxd4 16.Be3 h4 17.Qc1 hxg3 18.fxg3 Rc8 19.Nxe5 Qg5 20.Bxg5 Ne2# 0-1 Pershin,D (2358)-Xiong,J (2646) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Aug Late blitz 2024 (7)]

[RR 12.Ng3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Bg4 14.c3 h5 15.cxd4 Nxd4 16.Be3 h4 17.Qc1 hxg3 18.fxg3 Rc8 19.Nxe5 Qg5 20.Bxg5 Ne2# 0-1 (20) Pershin,D (2358)-Xiong,J (2646) Chess.com INT 2024]

[RR 12.c3 Bg4 13.cxd4 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Qa4+ b5 17.Qa3 Rb8 18.Kh1 Qe7 19.Qxe7+ Kxe7 20.a4 b4 21.Bxa6 Bxb2 22.Rab1 Bc3 23.Be3 Rhd8 24.Bc4 Bd4 25.Bb5 Bc3 26.Bc5+ Kf6 Ahmad,A (2279)-Xiong,J (2636) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (39)]

12...Be6 13.c3 dxc3! 14.Bxc3 Qf6 15.Kh2 -0.78/20

[15.b4∓ -0.39/18 is more appropriate. Bxb4 16.Bxb4 Nxb4 17.Qa4+ Nc6 18.Rab1]

15...Rd8∓ 16.Ne1 0-0 17.Qc2 Nf4 18.Nxf4 Qxf4+ 19.g3 Qf6 0x0.0010f9224561dp-1022s more active pieces. The white rooks are badly placed. **20.f4 Bd4 21.f5 Bc8 22.Nf3 Bxc3 23.Qxc3 Nd4 24.Bc4 Bd7 25.Bd5?** -2.19/23 This costs White the game.

[25.Nxd4∓ -0.68/20 exd4 26.Qb3]

25...Rc8-+ 26.Qa5 Rc2+ 27.Kh1 Bb5 28.Nxd4 exd4 29.Rf4? -6.93/20

[29.Rac1 -3.86/19 Rfc8 30.Rxc2 Rxc2 31.Re1]

29...d3 30.Qa3 d2 31.Rd1 Be2 32.Rxd2 Rxd2 33.Qe3 Qxb2 (→ ...Rc8) **34.Rf2**

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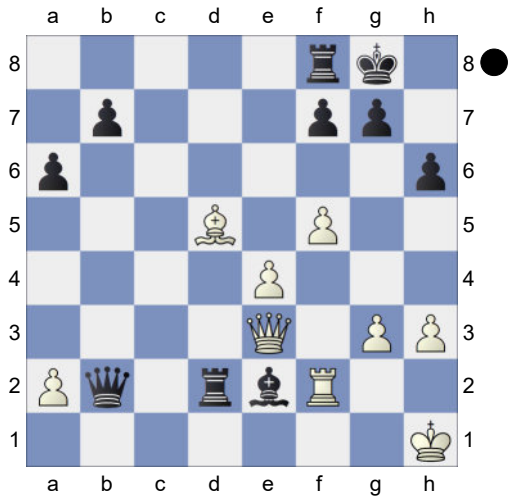
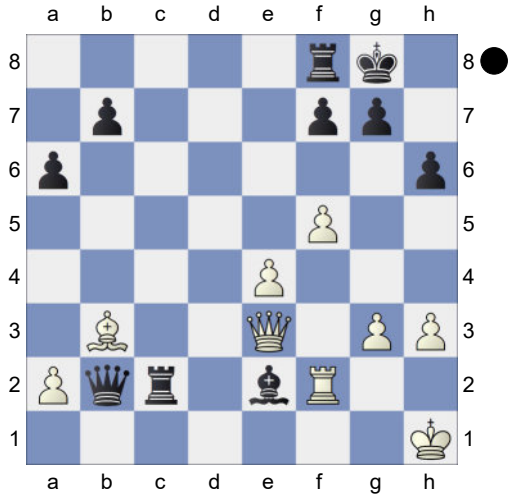


Rc2 -8.58/22
[⌓34...Bf3+! -#7/16 35.Qxf3 Rxf2 36.Kg1 Rxf3 37.e5 Rxg3+ 38.Kf1 Rc3 39.Bxf7+ Rxf7 40.h4 Rc1#]
35.Bb3



Qc1+ -9.41/22
[⌓35...Bf3+! -#7/16 36.Qxf3 Rxf2 37.Bd1 Rxf3 38.Bxf3 Rc8 39.Bg2 Qf2 40.Kh2 Rc2 41.h4 Qxg2#]
36.Qxc1 Rxc1+ 37.Kg2 Bc4
Weighted Error Value: White=1.02/ Black=0.65
0-1

50 **E20**
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2695**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Early blitz (9)
[Kitty Kat]*

E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d5 6.Nf3 dxc4 7.a3 Bxc3+N 7...Bxc3+ scores better than 7... Be7. 7...Lxc3+ punktet besser als 7... Le7.
[7...Be7 8.Ne5 Nc6 *(8...c5 9.dxc5 Qxd1+ 10.Nxd1 Bxc5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Nxc4 Nd4 13.Be3 Nd5 14.Bxd4 Bxd4 15.e3 Bf6 16.Rc1 Bd7 17.e4 Nb6 18.e5 Bg5 19.Nxb6 axb6 20.f4 Be7 21.Bxb7 Ra7 22.Bf3 b5 23.Nc3* ½-½ (36) Tan,D (2393)-Loiseau,J (2526) Ponomariov-Gelfand 2000 (8) *)* 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Nxc6 Qd6 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Qa4 c5 *(12...a5 13.0-0 Nd5 14.Qxc4* ½-½ Martinovic,S (2504)-Macieja,B (2619) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (10)*)* 13.Qxc4 cxd4 14.Qxd4 e5 15.Qh4 Bb7 16.0-0 Qe6 17.e4 h6 18.Be3 Ng4 19.Bc5 Rfd8 20.Rad1 Nf6 21.Be3 a5 22.f3 ½-½ (58) Lenderman,A (2619)-Quesada Perez,Y (2595) 9th Panamerican Team 2013 (4.3)]
8.bxc3 Nc6
[RR 8...Nbd7 9.a4 c5 10.a5 b5 11.axb6 Qxb6 12.Nd2 Nd5 13.Nxc4 Qd8 14.Na5 Nxc3 15.Qc2 Nd5 16.dxc5 Qc7 17.Bf4 Nxf4 18.Bxa8 Ba6 19.Bf3 Nd3+ 20.Kf1 N7e5 21.Kg2 Nxf3 22.exf3 Rb8 23.Rhb1 Ivanchuk,V (2710)-Fressinet,L (2700) Huaian 2016 1-0 (34)]
[RR 8...c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.a4 Re8 11.Ba3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Na5 13.Rc1 Bd7 14.Ne5 Rc8 15.Bb4 Nc6

16.Rxc4 Nxb4 17.Rxb4 b6 18.e4 Qe7 19.Qb3 Red8 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.Rd1 Rdc7 22.h3 h6 23.d5 Kryuchkov,E (2134)-Drygalov,A (2431) Sochi 2025 0-1]

9.0-0 Na5 10.Bg5 h6N

[RR 10...Rb8 11.e4 h6 12.Bh4 Qd7 13.Ne5 Qb5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Ng4 Qg5 16.f4 Qg6 17.e5 f5 18.Nf6+ Kh8 19.Ra2 b6 20.Bf3 Rd8 21.Rg2 c5 22.g4 cxd4 23.cxd4 Bb7 24.Bxb7 Nxb7 25.gxf5 Halkias,S (2563)-Molaei,M (2325) Chess.com INT 2020 1-0 (45)]

11.Bh4 Qe8!?N 1.10/17 An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

[11...b6 0.67/20 11...Nb3 0.06 12.e4 Qe8 1.46/20 *(⌓12...e5 0.71/19)* 13.Bxf6± gxf6 14.Nh4 Bb7 15.Qh5 Kh7 16.f4 Rg8 17.Rae1 0.97/18 *(⌓17.g4 1.50/18)* 17...Rg7 1.41/18 ½-½ (47) Shinkevich,V (2440)-Riazantsev,A (2645) Moscow blitz 73rd 2019 (16) *(* Black should try *17...Qe7* 0.97/18 *)*]

[11...Nb3= 0.06/19]

12.Bxf6± gxf6 13.Rb1 Bd7 14.Qc1 White has strong compensation.

14...Kg7 15.Qf4 Rc8 1.52/20

[⌓15...c5 0.92/17]

16.e4 0.79/18

[⌓16.Ne5! 1.52/20 fxe5 17.Qxe5+ Kh7 18.Qxa5]

16...Qe7

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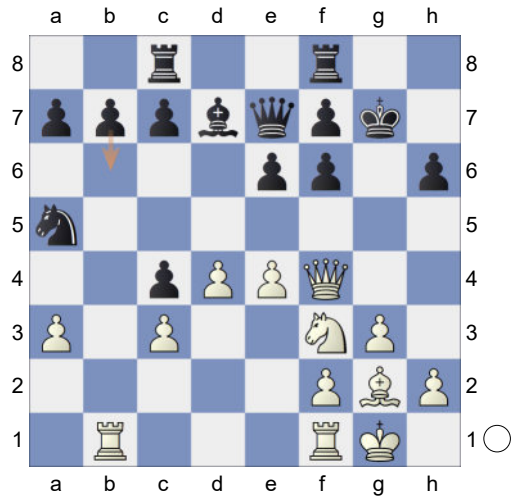

17.Rfe1 0.31/17

[17.Ne5!± 1.05/16]

17...b6!± 18.g4 -0.44/20

[18.Qh4± 0.52/17]

18...Rh8 0.01/18

[18...c5∓ -0.44/20]

19.h4 -0.35/18

[19.Re3= 0.01/18 feels stronger.]

19...Bc6 0.45/18

[19...c5∓ -0.35/18]

20.Re3 Rcg8 0.70/18

[20...Qd6!= 0.16/19 21.e5 fxe5 22.dxe5 *(22.Nxe5 f6±)* 22...Qe7]

21.Qg3 -0.01/19

[White should play 21.h5± 0.70/18]

21...Kf8 0.51/18

[21...Kh7!= -0.01/19]

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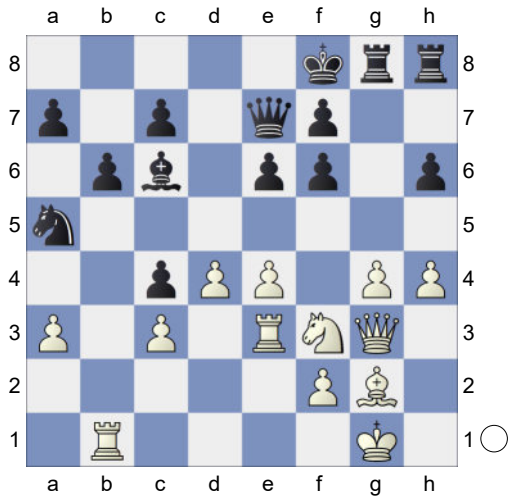


22.d5 -0.24/18 **Bd7** 0.79/19
[22...Be8= -0.24/18 remains equal.]
23.e5? -0.95/20
[23.Qxc7± 0.79/19 keeps the pressure on. Strongly threatening e5. Rxg4 24.Qxa7]
23...f5∓
[23...exd5?! 24.exf6 Qxf6 25.Qxc7 Bxg4 26.Qxa7 Bxf3 *(26...Nc6 27.Qxb6 Kg7 28.Qc5±)* 27.Qb8+ Kg7 28.Qg3+=]
24.d6 Qd8 25.g5 -2.21/20
[25.Nh2∓ -1.16/20]
25...Bc6-+ 26.Rd1 -3.02/19
[26.Rbe1 Bxf3 27.Rxf3 hxg5 28.hxg5 Rh5 *(28...Qxg5? 29.dxc7 Ke7 30.c8Q+-; 28...cxd6? 29.exd6 Qxg5 30.Rd1-+)* 29.dxc7 Qxc7]
[⌓26.Kf1 -2.12/18]
26...Bxf3 Remove Defender, Deflection
27.Qxf3 hxg5 28.h5 g4 29.Qf4 Rxh5 30.Qd4? -4.36/21
[30.d7 -2.53/20]
30...Qd7 31.Qf4 Kg7 32.Kf1 c6 -1.55/20
[32...Kh8-+ -3.28/19 and Black stays clearly on top. and ...cxd6 would now be decisive 33.Rg3 cxd6 34.exd6 f6]
Now White is beyond hope. **33.Ke2?** -3.21/20
[33.Rg3∓ -1.55/20 Qd8 34.d7]
33...Qd8 34.Rg3 Qg5 35.Qd4 -7.82/19
[35.Qxg5+ -2.93/21 Rxg5 36.Ke3]
35...Rd8 -3.48/19
[⌓35...c5 -7.82/19 36.Qd2 f4]
36.Bf3? -5.61/21
[36.f3 -3.48/19]
36...Rh4 Black is clearly winning.
[Not 36...gxf3+ 37.Kxf3±]
37.Bg2 -7.84/19
[⌓37.Rdg1 -5.04/21 Nb3 *(37...gxf3+? too greedy. 38.Ke1+-)* 38.Qe3]
37...Kf8 38.f4 gxf3+ 39.Kxf3 Qh5+ 40.Kf2 Rxd4 41.Rxd4 Nb3 42.Rxc4 Nc5 43.Bf3 Qh2+ 44.Rg2 Qxe5 45.Rh4
Weighted Error Value: White=1.03/ Black=0.64
45...Rxd6
0-1

51 **A15**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
■ **Navara,D** **2677**
Djerba Masters 2025 (9.1) 23.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.c4** 3:10 Roiz,Michael **1...Nf6** 15 **2.Nf3** 5 **e6** 8 **3.b3** 5 **d5** 30 **4.Bb2** 8 **c5** 54 **5.cxd5** 8 **exd5** 7 **6.g3** 4 **Nc6** 1:04 **7.Bg2** 5 **d4** 4:30 7...d4 scores better than 7...Be7. 7...d4 punktet besser als 7...Le7.
[RR 7...Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.0-0]
8.0-0 1:00 Black has an edge. **8...Be7** 3:39 **9.Na3** 1:12
[RR 9.e3 0-0 10.exd4 cxd4 11.Re1 Bg4]
9...0-0 14 **10.Nc4** 53 **Re8N** 2:02
[10...Be6 11.e3 *(* RR *11.Ng5 Bd5*

12.e4 dxe3 13.dxe3 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 h6) 11...Rc8 *(11...Bd5 12.exd4 cxd4 13.Re1 Re8 14.Nce5 Bc5 15.Rc1 Bb6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Qe1 Qd8 19.Qe5 d3 20.Nd4 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Qd5+ 22.Qxd5 Nxd5 23.Nf3 f6 24.Ne1 Rd8 25.Rc4 Kf7 26.Kf1* 1-0 Keymer,V (2717)-Radjabov,T (2745) Tata Steel India blitz Kalkata 2023 (2) *)*

A) 12.Nce5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Qb6 14.Rc1 dxe3 15.dxe3 Qa6 16.a4 Rfd8 17.Qc2 Nd5 18.Be4 Nf6 19.Bd3 Qb6 20.Nc4 Bxc4 21.Bxc4 Ne8 22.e4 Nc7 23.f4 Ne6 24.e5 Qc6 25.Rce1 a6 26.a5 Nd4 1-0 Glaser,G (2672)-Wirsching,A (2640) 89/465 Plovdiv 2003 (6.1);

B) RR 12.Nfe5 Nxe5 *(RR 12...Bd5)* 13.Nxe5 dxe3 14.dxe3 Bd5 15.Bh3;

C) 12.exd4 cxd4 13.Re1 Bd5

C1) RR 14.Nfe5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Re8 16.Nxc6 bxc6 *(RR 16...Rxc6 17.Qf3)* 17.Qf3 c5 18.d3 Bf8;

C2) 14.Nce5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 *(*RR *15.Rxe5 Bc5 16.Nh4 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qd6 18.Re1 Rfe8 19.Qf3 Qd7)* 15...Re8 *(*RR *15...Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qd5+ 17.Qf3)* 16.Bf3 *(*RR *16.Rc1 Rxc1 17.Qxc1 Bf8 18.Nf3 Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1 Qa5 20.Qa1 Bc5 21.d3 h6 22.Bxd4 Bxd4 23.Nxd4 Qd2)* 16...Bc5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Nd3 *(*RR *18.Nc4 Qc6 19.Ne5)* 18...Rxe1+ 19.Nxe1 Re8 20.Nd3 Bb6 21.Nf4 Bxf3 22.Qxf3 Qd7 23.h4 h6 24.Ng2 *(*RR *24.Kg2 Re5 25.Rc4)* 24...Ng4 25.Re1 ½-½ Giri,A (2777)-Ding,L (2778) Gashimov Memorial 5th Shamkir 2018 (4)]

[RR 10...Be6 11.e3 Rc8 12.exd4 cxd4 13.Re1 Bd5 14.Nce5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Re8 16.Bf3 Bc5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Nd3 Rxe1+ 19.Nxe1 Re8 20.Nd3 Bb6 21.Nf4 Bxf3 22.Qxf3 Qd7 23.h4 h6 24.Ng2 Ng4 25.Re1 Giri,A (2777)-Ding,L (2778) Shamkir 2018 CBM 184 [Roiz,Michael] ½-½ (69)]

11.e3 5:41 **Bf8N** 6:39

[RR 11...Bf5 12.exd4 cxd4 13.Re1 Rc8 14.Nce5 Be4 15.Nxf7 Qd5 16.N7g5 Bg6 17.Ne5 Qxe5 18.Rxe5 Nxe5 19.Bxd4 Nd3 20.h4 h6 21.Nf3 Rcd8 22.Be3 Ng4 23.Qf1 Bf6 24.Rd1 Nb2 25.Rc1 Bd3 26.Qe1 Keymer,V (2755)-So,W (2756) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (38)]

[RR 11...Bf5 12.exd4 cxd4 13.Re1 Rc8 14.Nfe5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Bg4 16.Bf3 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rb8 18.Rxe6 fxe6 19.Bc6 Rf8 20.Qe2 Qc8 21.Bg2 Bc5 22.d3 Kh8 23.Bh3 Re8 24.Rc1 Qb7 25.Bg2 Qa6 26.Ne5 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Kalashian,D (2398) Lichess.org INT 2020 ½-½ (76)]

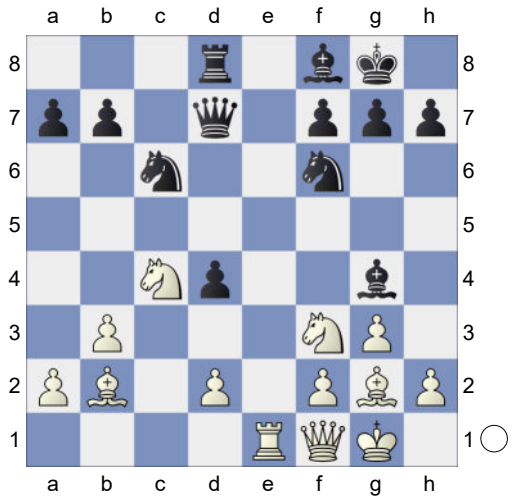
12.exd4 3:10 **cxd4** 1:49 **13.Re1** 6 **Bg4N** 0.50/20 14:46

[13...Rxe1+ 14.Qxe1 Be6 15.Nce5 Bd5 16.Rc1 Qa5 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.Bxd4 Re8 19.Qd1 Qxa2 20.Ra1 1-0 Xiong,J (2686)-Amar,E (2353) Titled Tuesday intern op 15 Mar Late blitz 2022 (6)]

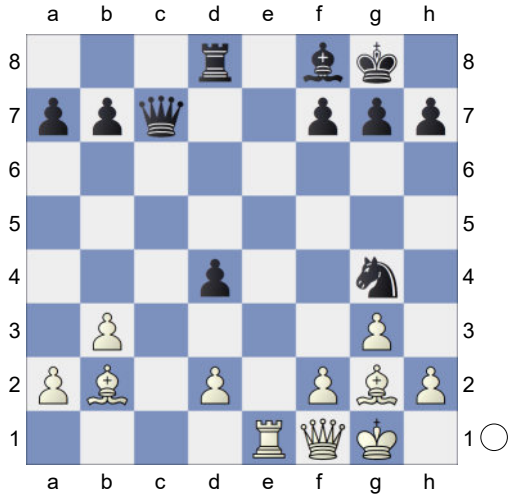
[13...Be6= 0.08/17]

14.Rxe8± 8:43 **Qxe8** 5:08 **15.Qf1** 4:36 **Rd8** 9:03 **16.Re1** 2:22 **Qd7** 22

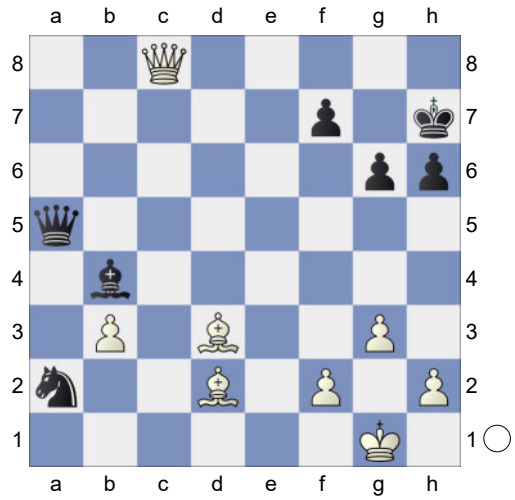
(Diagram)



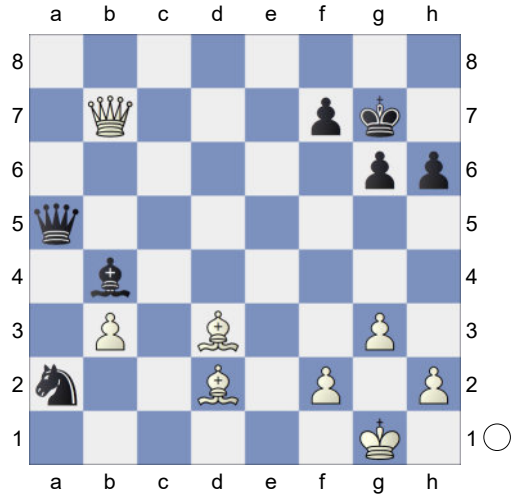
17.Nce5! 1:23 **Nxe5** 1.12/21 10
[17...Qd6± 0.63/17]
18.Nxe5± 14 **Qc7** 20 **19.Nxg4** 17:22 **Nxg4** 7



20.Re4! 3 **Nf6** 1.67/21 16:08
[20...Qc2± 0.75/20]
21.Rxd4+- 1:31 **Rxd4** 9 **22.Bxd4** 5 **Qc2** 1.91/22 1:19
[22...b6± 1.55/20 might work better. 23.Qc4 Qe7]
23.Bxb7 1:23 A strong pair of Bishops.
[23.Bxa7 Qxa2 24.Bd4 Qxb3±]
23...Qxd2 2:40 **24.Qa1** 34
[Not 24.Bxa7 Qxa2 25.Ba6 Qxb3±]
24...Ba3 2:43 **25.Ba6** 9:57
[Weaker is 25.Bxa7 Qd7∓]
25...Ne4 3:49 **26.Bxa7** 6:41 **Qa5** 2.51/23 58
[⌓26...Ng5 1.75/22 27.Bf1 Nf3+ 28.Kh1 h5]
27.Qf1 8 **h6** 8:58 **28.Be3** 7:50 **Nc3** 2:23
29.Bd2 1:16 Strongly threatening Qc4.
29...Bb4 4.66/22 16
[29...Qe5 3.13/21 keeps fighting. 30.Bc4 Nxa2]
30.Qc4 6:34 aiming for Qc8+.
30...Nxa2? 8.11/25 34
[30...g6 3.70/20 31.Bxh6 *(31.a4 Ne2+ 32.Qxe2 Bxd2+-)* 31...Nd1]
31.Qc8+ 19 White is clearly winning.
31...Kh7 5 **32.Bd3+** 6 **g6** 12



33.Qb7! 2:24 **Kg7** 1:37
[33...Qe5 34.Bxb4]



34.Bc4! 7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.39
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52 **D10**
□ **Bacrot,E** **2640**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
Djerba Masters 2025 (8.5) 22.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

D10: Slav Defence: 3 cxd5 (without early Nf3) and 3 Nc3 **1.d4** 7:22 **d5** 3:02 **2.c4** 9 **c6** 3 **3.cxd5** 3:09 **cxd5** 6 **4.Bf4** 3 **Nc6** 1:02 **5.e3** 6 **Bf5** 1:17 **6.Nc3** 2:09 **e6** 1:28 **7.Nf3** 2:57 **Rc8N** 4:51
[7...Nf6 8.Bb5 *(8.Qb3 Qb6 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.a3 Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Rc1 f6 13.Nd2 e5 14.Nxe4 exf4 15.Nc3 fxe3 16.fxe3 0-0-0 17.g3 Kb8 18.Bg2 Ne7 19.Rf1 h5 20.Nb5 h4 21.g4 h3 22.Bf3 g6* 1-0 Deac,B (2700)-Danielyan,V (2346) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (2)*)* 8...Bb4 *(8...Bd6 9.Ne5 Bxe5 10.Bxe5 0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 Qa5 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Na4 Bd3 15.Re1 Rab8 16.Nc5 Ba6 17.Nd7* ½-½ Nakamura, H (2708)-Carlsen,M (2810) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2010 (5)*; 8...Nd7 9.Qa4 Qb6 10.Nh4 Be4 11.0-0-0 Rc8 12.f3 Bg6 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Kb1 a6 15.Bd3 Bb4 16.Rc1 0-0 17.a3 Bxc3 18.Rxc3 e5 19.dxe5 Ncxe5 20.Qc2 Rxc3 21.Qxc3 Nxd3 22.Qxd3 Nc5 23.Qd4* ½-½ Grabinsky,J (2490)-Bratu, J (2595) Antofagasta 123/200 2015*)* 9.Ne5 Qa5 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 c5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.Qa4+ Ke7 15.g4 Bg6 16.g5 Ne8 17.Rab1 Qc8 18.Nc6+ 1-0 Elissalt Cardenas,H (2410)-Chavez,H (2060) Pinar del Rio 1997 (1)]
[RR 7...Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Nh4 Bg6 10.Bb5 Nf6 11.Bxc6+ Qxc6 12.Rc1 0-0 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Qa4 Qd6 15.0-0 Rfc8 16.Qb3 Qd7 17.Rc2 Rc6 18.Rfc1 Rac8 19.Ne2 g5 20.h3 Ne4 21.Qa4 f6 22.Rxc6 So,W (2770)-Carlsen,M (2847) chess24.com INT 2021 ½-½ (43)]
[RR 7...Bb4 8.Bb5 Nge7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Qa5 12.Bxc6+ Nxc6 13.Ne2 0-0 14.Ng3 Rfc8 15.Nh5 Bf8 16.Qg4 Kh8 17.Rfc1 Qd2 18.Rab1 Qd3 19.a3 Na5 20.Be5 Qg6 21.Qe2 Nb3 22.Rf1 Yurtseven,M (2333)-Holt,C (2540) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (36)]
8.Qb3 21:05 The position is equal.
8...Qd7 5:03 **9.Be2** 5:30 **f6** 2:07 **10.Nd2N** 5:59
[RR 10.0-0 g5 11.Bg3 h5 12.h4 g4 13.Nd2 Nge7 14.Rfd1 Ng6 15.Rac1 Bd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Qxb7 Rb8 18.Nb5 Qe7 19.Qxc6+ Kf8 20.Qd6 Qxd6 21.Nxd6 Rxb2 22.Rc8+ Kg7 23.Nxf5+ exf5 24.Rxh8 Kxh8 Doppelhammer,H (1987)-Karlstoetter, K (1872) Vienna 2023 1-0]
10...e5 28:03 **11.dxe5** 7:50 **fxe5** 20 **12.Bg3** 4:46 **Be6** 5:43 **13.Qa4** 3:59 **Bd6** 3:52 **14.Nf3** 3:56 **a6** 12:19 **15.0-0** 5:50 **Nf6** 1:45 **16.Rad1** 3:21 **h6** 2:45

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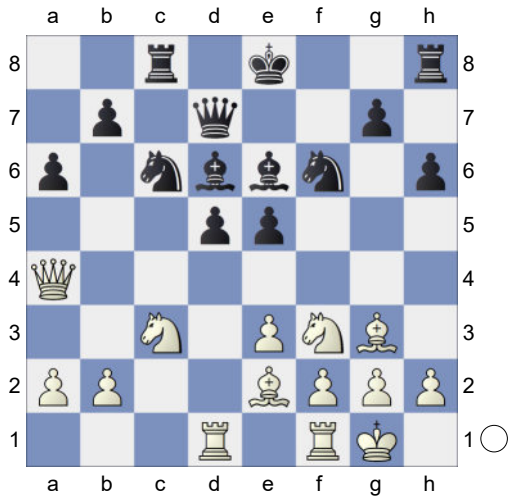
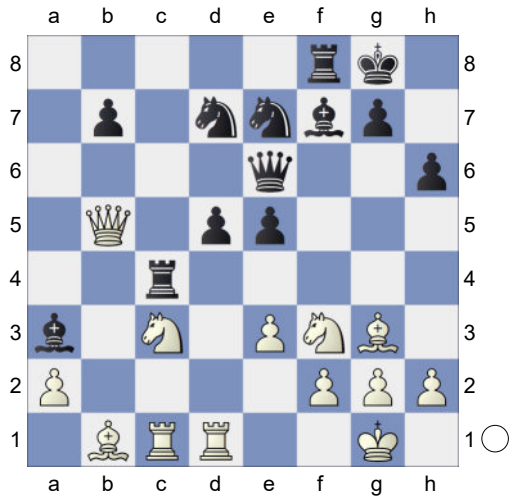


Repels Ng5 **17.b4** -0.57/20 8:59 **0-0** 0.13/21 15:26
[17...Bxb4 18.Nxe5 *(18.Bxe5 0-0=)* 18...Nxe5 19.Qxb4±]
[17...e4!∓ -0.57/20 18.Nh4 *(18.Bxd6? exf3 19.Bxf3 Qxd6-+)* 18...Bxb4]
18.b5= 24 **axb5** 5 **19.Bxb5** 31 **Qc7** 24 **20.Rc1** 2:41 **Bf7** 1:38 **21.Rfd1** 2:25 **Qe7** 5 **22.Nh4** 29 **Qe6** 1:50 Repels Nf5 **23.Nf3** 4:36 **Ne7** 1:30 **24.Bd3** 1:44 **Nd7** 4:22 **25.Bb1** -0.57/20 2:04
[25.Be2= 0.19/18]
25...Rc4 0.00/20 1:35
[25...Bh5∓ -0.57/20]
26.Qb5 -0.36/20 50
[26.Qb3= 0.00/20]
26...Ba3!∓ 53

(Diagram)



...Rfc8 would now be deadly. **27.Rc2!** 1 Threatens to win with Nxd5! **27...Rfc8** 39
28.Qb3 41
[28.Nxd5? Rxc2 29.Nxe7+ Bxe7-+]
28...Bd6 0.05/18 1:34
[28...Bg6?! 29.e4 dxe4 30.Nb5 *(30.Qxa3 exf3 31.Rcc1 Nf6∓; 30.Nd2 R4c6±)* 30...exf3 31.Nxa3±]
[28...Qa6!∓ -0.38/20 was preferrable. 29.Nb5 *(29.Bxe5? d4-+; 29.Nxe5? Nxe5 30.Nb5 Rxc2-+)* 29...Rxc2 30.Bxc2 Rxc2 31.Nxa3 *(31.Qxa3 Nc6∓)* 31...Rc5]
29.Nb5= 45 **Rxc2** 39 **30.Bxc2** 2 **Bb8** 13 **31.Bb1** 16 **Qa6** 45 **32.Qb2** 13 **Nb6** 0.95/21 26
[32...Bh5= -0.01/18]
33.Nxe5± 17 White is more active.
[33.Bxe5? Nc4 34.Qd4 *(34.Qb4? Nc6-+)* 34...Bxe5 *(34...Qxb5 35.Bxg7 Qb6 36.Qa1∓)* 35.Nxe5 Qxb5-+]
33...Bh5 1.52/20 32
[⌓33...Be8 0.71/22 34.Bd3 Nc4 35.Bxc4 dxc4]
34.Rf1 21 **Na4** 9 **35.Qb4** 1:10 **Bxe5** 51
36.Qxe7 0.93/22 2
[⌓36.Bxe5 1.60/23 Nc6 37.Qd6 Nxe5 38.Qxe5 *(38.Qxd5+ Nf7∓)*]
36...Re8 1.87/22 36

[36...Bf6± 0.93/22 keeps fighting. 37.Qd6 *(37.Qd7 Rc5=)* 37...Qxd6 38.Nxd6 Ra8]

37.Qd7→ 39 And now Rc1 would win. White has strong attack. **37...Nb6** 2.91/21 26

[37...Bxg3± 1.54/20 38.hxg3 Qc6]

38.Qf5+- 24 **g6** 30 **39.Qd3** 6 **Bg7** 3.42/22 32

[39...Bxg3 2.22/18 was necessary. 40.hxg3 Qa4]

40.Nc7 35 **Qxd3** 29 **41.Bxd3** 1 **Rd8** 32 **42.Rb1** 23 **d4?** 5.70/23 15

[42...Na4 2.95/21 43.Ne6 *(43.Rxb7 Nc5+-)* 43...Rc8 44.Nxg7 *(44.Rxb7 Rc1+ 45.Bf1 Bf6±)* 44...Kxg7 45.Rxb7+ Kf6]

43.Rxb6 1:20 **dxe3** 4 **44.Rd6** 9 Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.34

[44.Bxg6? Rd1#]

1-0

53 **D31**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**

■ **Maurizzi,Marc'Andria** **2581**

Djerba Masters 2025 (7.2) 21.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]*

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation RR: 'Inf 83/(394)' Istratescu,Andrei: 'Istratescu,A: 'Inf 81/(327)" **1.d4** 2:05 **d5** 1:04 **2.c4** 11 **e6** 31 **3.Nc3** 13 **Be7** 43 **4.cxd5** 2:58 **exd5** 1:38 **5.Bf4** 7 **Nf6** 3

[5...c6 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bg3 Ne7 8.e3 Bf5 9.Qb3 Nc8 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Be2 Qb6 12.Nd2 Re8 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Na4 Qa5 15.Nc3 Bxg3 16.hxg3 Nd6 17.a3 Nf6 18.Rfc1 Re7 19.Qd1 Qd8 20.b4 Shipov,S (2625)-Lautier,J (2653) Moscow (m/4) 83/(394) 2001]

6.e3 51 **Bf5** 8 **7.Nge2** 6:15 **0-0N** 25

[7...c6 8.Ng3 Be6 *(8...Bg6 9.h4 h5 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.Bg5 Bd6 12.f4 Qb6 13.Qd2 0-0-0 14.Rc1 Kb8 15.a3 Rde8* Chapter-5.Bf4 Nf6 6.e3 Bf5 7.Nge2 2019*)* 9.Bd3 0-0 *(9...g6 10.Qc2 Nbd7 11.Rd1 Nb6 12.f3 0-0 13.0-0 Rc8 14.Kh1 Nfd7 15.Nge2 f5 16.Bh6 Re8 17.e4 fxe4 18.fxe4 Bg5 19.Bxg5 Qxg5 20.Nf4 Bg4 21.Rde1 Nf6 22.Qc1* Istratescu,A (2578)-Vukovic,Z (2470) Bucuresti 81/(327) 2000 *)* 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qc2 h6 12.h3 Ne8 13.Nge2 Bd6 14.Rab1 Qe7 15.Na4 Nb6 16.Nc5 Bc8 17.Rfe1 Bxf4 18.Nxf4 Nd6 19.b3 Qf6 20.f3 Re8 21.Qf2 g6 22.g3 1-0 Einarsson,E (2613)-9. ♗d3 ♘c6 10. ♖d1 (2284) Cutro 1998 (5)]

8.Ng3 2:36 **Be6** 1:45 **9.Bd3** 4:32 **c5** 58 **10.dxc5** 6 **Bxc5** 5 **11.0-0** 23 **Nc6** 7 **12.Nb5** 16:25

[RR 12.a3 d4 13.Na4 Be7 14.e4 Nd7 15.Nf5 Nde5 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Rc1 Rad8 18.Re1 b6 19.b4 Qf6 20.Bg3 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Ne5 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 23.Nb2 Rc8 24.Rcd1 Rfd8 25.g3 Qf6 26.e5 Qf5 Nakamura,H (2780)-Topalov,V (2749) Saint Louis 2017 0-1 (55)]

12...Bb6 12:46 **13.Rc1** 8:41 **d4** 3 **14.exd4** 9:31

[RR 14.e4 Ng4 15.Nd6 Nge5 16.Ngf5 g6 17.Nxb7 Qf6 18.Bxe5 Nxe5 19.Nfd6 Qf4 20.g3 Qh6 21.Nc5 Bh3 22.f4 Bxf1 23.Bxf1 d3 24.Kg2 d2 25.Rc2 Rad8 26.fxe5 Qe3 27.b4 Rxd6 28.exd6 Bxc5 Bacrot,E (2635)-Maurizzi,M (2604) Vichy 2025 ½-½ (69)]

14...a6N 5:43

[RR 14...Nxd4 15.Bc7 Bxc7 16.Nxc7 Rc8 17.Nxe6 Rxc1 18.Qxc1 Nxe6

19.Bc4 Qa5 20.Qe3 Qc5 21.Qxc5 Nxc5 22.Rc1 Ne6 23.Nf5 Rd8 24.Ne3 Rc8 25.Rc2 Kf8 26.Kf1 g6 27.Ke1 Ke7 28.h4 Rc5 29.Bb3 Dubov,D (2600)-Ipatov,A (2587) Wijk aan Zee 2013 ½-½ (35)]

[RR 14...Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.Be3 Qxb2 17.Rb1 Qxa2 18.Bxb6 axb6 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Bc4 21.Re1 b5 22.h4 Rad8 23.Qh5 g6 24.Qc5 Rfe8 25.Bxb7 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qd2 27.Re5 Qd1+ 28.Kh2 Qd6 29.g3 Hoerstmann,M (2336)-Zumsande,M (2368) Germany 2005 0-1 (52)]

15.Nd6 18:10 **Nd5!** 4 **16.Be5** 4 **f6!** 2 **17.Qc2** -1.00/21 3:41 **Ncb4** -0.01/20 16:17

[17...fxe5 18.Nxb7 Qf6 19.Qxc6]

[17...Qd7∓ -1.00/21 18.Nxb7 *(18.Bxh7+ Kh8∓)* 18...Nxe5 19.Bxh7+ Kh8]

18.Bxh7+= 9 **Kh8** 1 **19.Qg6** 42 The position is equal. **19...fxe5** 2:04 **20.Qxe6** 1:41

[20.Nxb7? Qe7 21.Qe4 Qxb7-+]

[20.dxe5? Nf4 *(20...Nxa2 21.Qxe6 Nxc1 22.Be4±)* 21.Qe4 Nbd3-+ *(21...Nxa2 22.Rcd1∓)*]

20...Kxh7 2:18 **21.Qh3+** 7 **Kg8** 3 **22.Qe6+** 4 **Kh7** 6 **23.Qh3+** 6:04

[Much weaker is 23.Qxe5

A) 23...Nf4 24.Rcd1 Qd7 *(24...Nxa2 25.Nh5=)* 25.Qe4+ Kh8∓;

B) 23...Qf6 24.Rcd1 Qxe5 25.dxe5 Nf4∓]

[23.dxe5? Nf4 24.Qg4 Nbd3-+]

23...Kg8 4 **24.Nge4** 6

[24.Nxb7? perishes. Nf4 25.Nxd8 Nxh3+ 26.gxh3 Raxd8 27.dxe5

A) 27...Nxa2? 28.Rc6-+;

B) 27...Nd3? 28.Rc6-+;

C) 27...Bxf2+ 28.Kh1 *(28.Rxf2? Rxf2 29.Kxf2 Nd3+ 30.Ke3 Nxc1-+)* 28...Nd3-+ *(28...Nxa2? 29.Rc4-+)*;

D) 27...Rde8-+]

24...Bxd4 7:37 Strongly threatening ...Qe7. **25.Qe6+** 12:09 **Kh8** 3:08 **26.Qh3+** 1 **Kg8** 0 ...Qe7 would now be deadly. **27.Qe6+** 5:17 **Kh8** 15 White must now prevent ...Qe7. **28.Qh3+** 45 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

½-½

54 **B13**

□ **Moussard,J** **2595**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**

Djerba Masters 2025 (6.4) 20.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]*

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.e4** 8:59 **c6** 7 **2.d4** 38 **d5** 7 **3.exd5** 4 **cxd5** 7 **4.Bd3** 3 **Nf6** 31 **5.c3** 52 **Bg4** 56 **6.Qb3** 40 **Qc7** 28 **7.h3** 59 **Bd7** 22 **8.Nf3** 1:00 **e6** 1:54 **9.0-0** 31 **Bc6** 1:39 **10.Re1** 40 **Nbd7** 3:56 **11.Qd1** 1:28 **Bd6** 3:01 **12.Qe2** 6:48 **0-0** 26:44 **13.Nbd2** 8:50 **Nh5** 7:24 **14.Nf1N** 43

[14.Bxh7+ Kxh7 15.Ng5+ Kg6 16.Ndf3 Nf4 17.Qc2+ Kf6 18.g3 Ng6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Ng5+ Kg8 21.Qxg6 Nf6 22.Nxe6 Qd7 23.Bh6 Ne4 24.Rxe4 dxe4 25.Ng5 Rf7 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Nxf7 Qxf7 28.d5 Qxd5 1-0 Ganguly,S (2646)-Cheng,B (2476) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (9)]

[RR 14.Bxh7+ Kxh7 15.Ng5+ Kg6 16.Ndf3 Nf4 17.Qc2+ Kf6 18.g3 Ng6 19.a4 Rae8 20.b3 Ke7 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Qxg6 Kd8 23.Ng5 Bxg3 24.Nxe6+ Rxe6 25.Bg5+ Nf6

26.Rxe6 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Qh2+ 28.Ke1 Qg1+ Reyan,M (2163)-Merario Alarcon,A (2402) Andujar 2025 ½-½ (35)]

14...g6N 6:50

[RR 14...Nf4 15.Bxf4 Bxf4 16.Ne5 Rae8 17.Nd2 f6 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Nb3 e5 20.Bf5 e4 21.Bxd7 Qxd7 22.c4 f5 23.cxd5 cxd5 24.Nc5 Qf7 25.b4 Bb8 26.Na6 Bd6 27.Rad1 Re6 28.b5 Rg6 29.Rf1 Shubin,K (2439)-Rozum,I (2511) Moscow 2023 0-1 (31)]

[RR 14...Nf4 15.Bxf4 Bxf4 16.g3 Bd6 17.Ne3 Rae8 18.Rad1 f5 19.Ng2 e5 20.dxe5 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.Qd2 Kh8 23.Bc2 Rd8 24.Nf4 Bxf4 25.Qxf4 Qxf4 26.gxf4 d4 27.Rxd4 Rxd4 28.cxd4 Rd8 29.Rd1 Abdusattorov,N (2627)-Gukesh,D (2563) Chess.com INT 2020 1-0 (54)]

15.Ne5 10:44 **Rae8** 4:09 **16.Bh6** 2:59 **Ng7** 6 **17.Rad1** 2:00 **f6** 1:45 **18.Nxd7** 4:58 **Qxd7** 2:00 **19.c4** 42 **Bb4** 2:06 **20.Bd2** 5:43 **Bxd2** 5 **21.Rxd2** 1:01 **Nf5** 1:19 **22.Qg4** 2:58

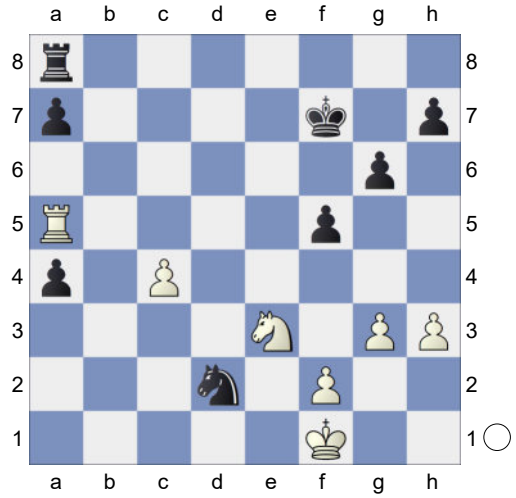
[Much worse is 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Qd1 *(23.Ne3? f4-+)* 23...f4∓ *(23...dxc4 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.d5=)*]

22...dxc4 3:31 **23.Bxc4** 1:04 **Bd5** 5 **24.b3** 1:00 **Bxc4** 4:22 **25.bxc4** 14 **Nd6** 4:19 **26.d5** 16:30 White is more active. **26...f5** 29 **27.Qd1** 1:18 **Ne4** 9:38 **28.Rd4** 8:00 **exd5** 1:53 **29.Rxd5** 6 **Qc6** 39 **30.Qd4** 47 Repels Nc3 **30...b6** 50 **31.Ne3** 1:27 **Qf6** 1:59 **32.Qxf6** 5:09

[32.Qd3 is more complex. Qb2 33.Nd1 Qc1 34.Rd7]

32...Nxf6 1:59 **33.Rdd1** 11 **Kf7** 29 **34.g3** 59 **Rd8** 1:52 **35.a4** 1:34 **Rxd1** 6:19 **36.Rxd1∓** 4 Endgame. KRN-KRN **36...Re8** 4 **37.a5** 1:18 **bxa5** 6 **38.Rb1** 10 **Ne4** 59 **39.Rb5** 1:49 **a4** 2:08 **40.Ra5** 27 **Ra8** 1:09 **41.Kf1** 2:13 **Nd2+?** 1.23/18 1:19

[41...Ke6∓ -0.36/19 stays ahead.]



42.Ke2 0.32/22 43

[42.Kg2± 1.23/18]

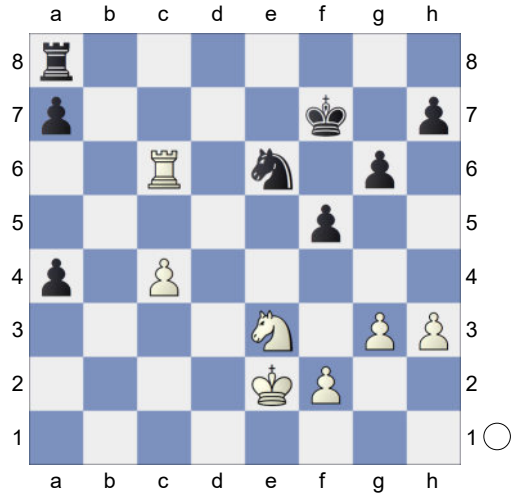
42...Nb3 1.22/20 5

[42...Ne4± 0.32/22]

43.Ra6 0.01/21 14

[Only move: 43.Rxa4± 1.22/20 And now Ra3 would win. a5 44.Ra3]

43...Nc5= 23 The position is equal. **44.Rc6** 44 **Ne6** 37



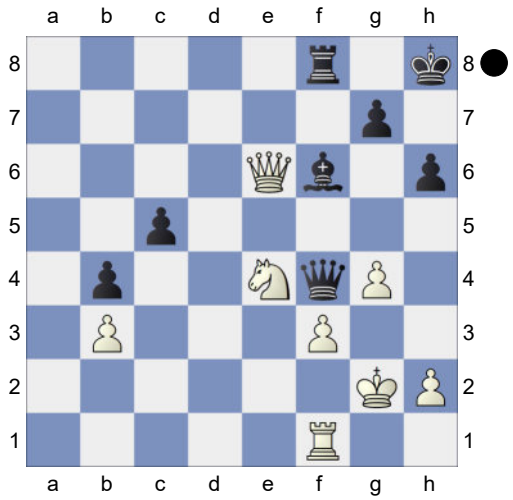
Hoping for ...Nd4+. **45.Ra6** 3 **Nc5** 1:05 **46.Rc6** 3 **Ne6** 17 Strongly threatening ... Nd4+. **47.Ra6** 2 **Nc5** 1:27 Weighted

Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

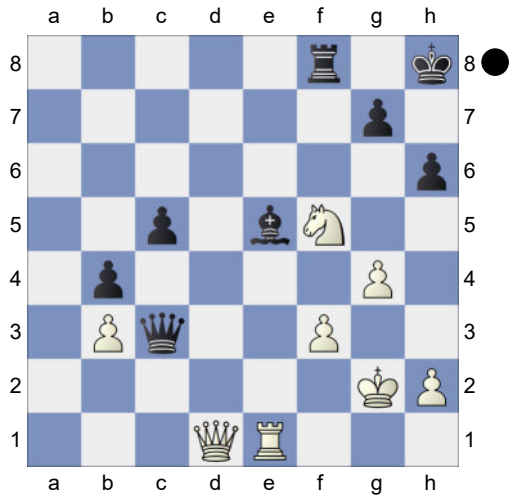
55 **C60**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
■ **Thorfinnsson,Bj** **2377**
Djerba Blitz 2025 (4.1) 19.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

C60: Ruy Lopez: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...g6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.0-0 d6 5.Re1 Bd7 6.c3 Ng6 7.d4 Be7 8.a4N An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[8.Be3 0-0 9.Bf1 Kh8 10.Nbd2 f5 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.d5 Nb8 13.Qb3 Nd7 14.Qxb7 Nb6 15.Bxb6 ½-½ Fedorowicz,J (2510)-Ritter,M (2415) Nassau CC-ch 1997]
[8.Nbd2 0-0 9.a4 a6 10.Bc4 Nh4 11.Nxh4 Bxh4 12.g3 Bg5 13.f4 exf4 14.Nf3 Bg4 15.gxf4 Bxf4 16.Bxf4 Qf6 17.Bg5 Qg6 18.h4 h6 19.Kf2 hxg5 20.hxg5 Rfe8 21.Qd2 Rxe4 22.Nh4 Qh5 1-0 (31) Schuyler,J-Shipman,W New York_174304 1989]
[RR 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nf1 Nh4 10.Nxh4 Bxh4 11.Ng3 Bf6 12.Be3 g6 ½-½ (12) Grosar,A (2475)-Sermek,D (2515) Ptuj 1995]
[RR 8.d5 Nb8 9.Bf1 0-0 10.c4 f5 11.Nc3 fxe4 12.Nxe4 Bg4 13.Be2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 Rxf4 15.Qc2 Nd7 16.Rad1 Qe8 17.Ng3 Qf7 18.h3 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Bh4 20.Bg4 Rf8 21.Be6 Nc5 22.Bxf7+ R8xf7 Ferreira,V (2128)-May Sanchez,A (2209) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0]
8...0-0 9.Be3N
[9.h3 Nh4 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Nf1 0.45/18 *(11.Bf1± 0.88/19)* 11...a6 12.Bc4 Qc8 1.20/17 *(⩲12...Nh4* 0.75/18 *)* 13.Ng3 Nd8 14.a5 Ne6 15.Nf5 0-1 (49) Hunt,H (2414)-Mona,K (2127) Online Olym Div Top-C rapid 2020 (5.3)]
[RR 9.h3 Nh4 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Nf1 a6 12.Bc4 Qc8 13.Ng3 Nd8 14.a5 Ne6 15.Nf5 Bf6 16.Nh2 Nef4 17.Bd3 d5 18.Bxf4 Nxf4 19.Ng4 Bd8 20.Nxe5 dxe4 21.Nxd7 Nxd3 22.Qg4 g6 23.Rxe4 h5 Hunt,H (2414)-Mona,K (2127) Chess.com INT 2020 0-1 (49)]
9...a6 White has an edge. **10.Bc4 Kh8 11.Nbd2 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5** White must now prevent ...d5. **13.Bd5** -0.01/20
[13.d5± 0.39/19]
13...exd4= 14.Bxd4 Nf4 15.Be4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 Qd7 18.Ne2 d5 19.Nxf4 Rxf4 20.g3 Rf7 21.c4? -2.36/20
[21.f4!= 0.02/20]
21...Rd8? 0.40/21
[21...Bb4-+ -2.36/20 22.Qxd5 Qxd5 23.cxd5 Bxe1 24.Rxe1 Re8]
22.cxd5 Qxd5 1.58/22
[22...Rf5= 0.23/20 keeps the balance.]
23.Qc2 0.25/20
[Only move: 23.Ng5!± 1.58/22 Rff8 *(23...Qxg5? 24.Qxd8+* Double Attack *Rf8 25.Qxe7+-)* 24.Qxd5 Rxd5 25.Rxe7 Rxg5 26.Rc1 *(26.Rxc7 b5±)*]
23...c6 1.36/22
[23...Qf5= 0.25/20]
24.Rad1± Qf5 7.72/22
[24...Qa5± 1.26/22]
25.Qb3? -0.01/20
[25.Rxd8++- 7.72/22 Bxd8 26.Nd6]
25...Rxd1 26.Rxd1 h6 27.Re1 -0.16/20
[27.Rd7 0.20/20 Qxd7 28.Qxf7]

27...b5 28.axb5
[28.Qc2 c5 29.b3 Rf8 30.axb5 axb5 31.Re3]
28...axb5 0.17/22
[⩲28...cxb5 -0.25/21 29.Qc3 Bf8]
29.Kg2= Rf8 30.f3 c5 31.g4 Qf4 32.Rf1
[32.Ng3 seems wilder. c4 33.Qxb5 Qxf3+ 34.Kh3]
32...b4
[32...Qb8 simplifies 33.Qe6 Bf6 34.Nxf6 Rxf6 35.Qe4 c4]
33.Qe6 Bf6 0.17/22
[⩲33...Bd8 -0.25/23]
34.b3? -1.82/22
[34.Nxf6= 0.17/22 and White stays safe. Qxf6 35.Qxf6 Rxf6 36.b3]



34...Bd4 -0.62/21
[Black should play 34...Be5!-+ -1.82/22 35.Ng3 Rd8]
35.Qc4? -3.65/23
[35.Ng3∓ -0.62/21]
35...Qe3? -0.62/22 White is weak on the dark squares
[35...Be5-+ -3.65/23 36.Ng3 Qxc4 37.bxc4 b3]
36.Qc2∓ Rf4 0.01/21
[36...Re8∓ -0.80/20]
37.Ng3 -0.49/22
[37.Qd1!= 0.01/21]
37...Qc3 -0.01/21
[37...Rf6∓ -0.49/22 is more appropriate.]
38.Qd1 -0.53/20
[38.Qxc3= -0.01/21 bxc3 39.Ne2]
38...Rf8 39.Re1 -1.41/21
[39.h4!∓ -0.68/18]
39...Be5 -0.01/21
[39...c4∓ -1.41/21 40.Re4 Rd8 *(40...Qxb3? 41.Qxb3 cxb3 42.Rxd4+-)* 41.bxc4 *(41.Ne2? Qxb3 42.Qc1 Qd3-+)* 41...Bf6 *(41...Qxc4 42.Qa4=; 41...b3? 42.Ne2∓)*]
40.Nf5



and Ne7 would now be decisive
40...Qa1? 5.96/23 What a fight!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.81
41.Qxa1
1-0

56 **D15**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
■ **Ivanchuk,V** **2619**
Djerba Masters 2025 (5.3) 18.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

D15: Slav Defence: 4 Nc3 a6 and gambit lines after 4 Nc3 dxc4 Keres,Paul: 'Keres, P: 'Inf 15/19'' **1.c4** 39 Shirov,Alexei
1...Nf6 14 **2.Nc3** 11 **c6** 36 **3.d4N** 1:05
[3.e4 d5 4.e5 *(4.cxd5 cxd5 5.e5 d4 6.exf6 dxc3 7.bxc3 gxf6 8.d4 Bf5 9.Nf3 e6 10.Be2 Qc7 11.c4 Bd6 12.0-0 0-0 13.d5 Nd7 14.Nd4 Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 Be5 16.Nxf5 Bxa1 17.d6 Qa5 18.Bd3 Kh8* ½-½ Castro Quijano,E (2453)-B3 (2447) Correspondence 2007 (5.5) *)*
A) 4...d4 5.exf6 dxc3 6.bxc3 *(6.fxg7 cxd2+ 7.Bxd2 Bxg7 8.Qc2 Nd7 9.Ne2 Nf6 10.Ng3 Qc7 11.Bd3 Bd7 12.Bc3 0-0-0 13.0-0-0 Ne8 14.Rhe1 e6 15.Bxg7 Nxg7 16.Qc3 Nf5 17.Qf6 Rhf8 18.Re5 Kb8 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.Qd6 Be6* ½-½ Keres,P-Smith,K 15/19 San Antonio 1972*)* 6...gxf6 7.d4 Qa5 8.Qb3 Bf5 9.Ne2 Qc7 10.Ng3 Bg6 11.Be2 Nd7 12.f4 f5 13.0-0 h5 14.Nh1 h4 15.Nf2 Bh5 16.Bxh5 Rxh5 17.Rb1 b6 18.Re1 e6 19.Qd1 ½-½ 5.f3 c6 6.Qd2 b5 (2638)-Panov Botvinnik Attack (2616) 8th TCh-Eur w Novi Sad SRB 2009;
B) 4...Nfd7 5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nb6 9.Bd3 Nd5 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Ne4 h6 12.a3 c5 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.b4 Be7 16.Bb2 Bd7 17.Nd4 0-0 1-0 Golombek,H-Horowitz,I Olympiad-06 Warsaw 1935 (19)]
3...d5 4 **4.Nf3** 5 **a6** 38 **5.c5** 6:12
[RR 5.a4]
5...Bf5 2:16
[RR 5...g6]
6.Qb3 4:49 **Ra7** 8:24
[RR 6...Qc8]
7.Bf4 18 **Nbd7** 28 **8.h3** 2:12
[RR 8.e3 Nh5 RR 9.Be2 Nxf4 10.exf4 e6]
8...e6 31 White is slightly better.
[RR 8...h6 9.e3 g5 10.Bh2 Bg7 11.Ne5 *(* RR *11.Be2 Ne4;* RR *11.Nd2)* 11...0-0 *(* RR *11...Ne4)* 12.f3 *(* RR *12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Nxd3 Ne4)* 12...Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Nd7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7
A) RR 15.Be2 Qc7 *(* RR *15...e5 16.0-0 Qf6 17.Rad1)* 16.Kf2 e5;
B) RR 15.0-0-0;
C) 15.e4 dxe4 16.fxe4 Bg6
C1) RR 17.e5 b6 18.cxb6
C1a) RR 18...Rb7 19.0-0-0 Rxb6 20.Qa3;
C1b) RR 18...Nxb6 19.Rd1 *(* RR *19.0-0-0)* 19...a5 *(* RR *19...Rd7 20.Bxa6 Rxd4 21.0-0;* RR *19...f6 20.Be2 fxe5 21.dxe5 Qc7 22.Rf1)* 20.Be2 Rd7;
C1c) 18...Qxb6 19.Qxb6 Nxb6 20.0-0-0 Nd5;
C2) 17.0-0-0 e5 18.Qc4 *(* RR *18.dxe5 Qe7;* RR *18.d5 Nxc5 19.Qc4 Nd7)* 18...Qf6
C2a) RR 19.d5 Qf4+ 20.Rd2 *(* RR *20.Kb1 cxd5* RR *21.Qxd5 Nf6)* 20...Qe3 21.b4 a5;
C2b) RR 19.Be2 exd4 20.Rxd4 Ne5 21.Qb3 Qf2 22.Rhd1 Qxg2 23.Qb6 Raa8 24.Qxb7 Qxh3;
C2c) 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Qd4 Raa8 *(* RR *20...Qf4+ 21.Qd2*

Qg3) 21.Qe3 Rad8 22.Be2 Qe7 23.Rhe1 Kramnik,V (2765)-Shirov,A (2685) Vienna 1996 CBM 055 [Shirov,Alexei] 0-1 (35) *(*RR *23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Rd1)*]

9.e3 1:52 **Be7** 10 **10.Be2** 1:53 **Ne4** 2:04 **11.a3N** 16:18

[RR 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Qc3 Qc8 14.b4 Bd8 15.a4 Bc7 16.Bxc7 Qxc7 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 Rxa1 19.Rxa1 cxb5 20.Bxb5 Bxf3 21.gxf3 e5 22.Rb1 exd4 23.exd4 Nf6 24.Qe3 h6 25.Qe5 Qc8 Sarana,A (2654)-Esipenko,A (2682) Chess.com INT 2020 ½-½ (75)]

[RR 11.Bh2 0-0 12.0-0 Re8 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Qc3 Bf6 15.b4 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 e5 17.Rfe1 Ra8 18.a4 g6 19.Rad1 Qe7 20.Kf1 Qf8 21.Bg4 Qe7 22.Qb2 e4 23.Bd6 Qd8 24.b5 axb5 25.axb5 h5 Laurent Paoli,P (2565)-Tan,J (2368) Cannes 2025 ½-½ (54)]

[RR 11.0-0 g5 12.Bh2 g4 13.hxg4 Bxg4 14.Qc2 f5 15.Ne5 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 0-0 17.f3 Ng5 18.Nd3 Bf6 19.Bd6 Rf7 20.b4 Rg7 21.f4 Nf7 22.Be5 Nh6 23.Ne1 Ra8 24.Nf3 Ng4 25.Nd1 Ndxe5 Adelberg,D (2031)-Le,C (2082) Las Vegas 2008 0-1 (34)]

11...Qc8 2:43 **12.Nxe4** 11:04 **Bxe4** 1:19 **13.Nd2** 2 **g5** 3:49 **14.Bd6** 0.32/20 2:22

[⌓14.Bg3 0.68/18]

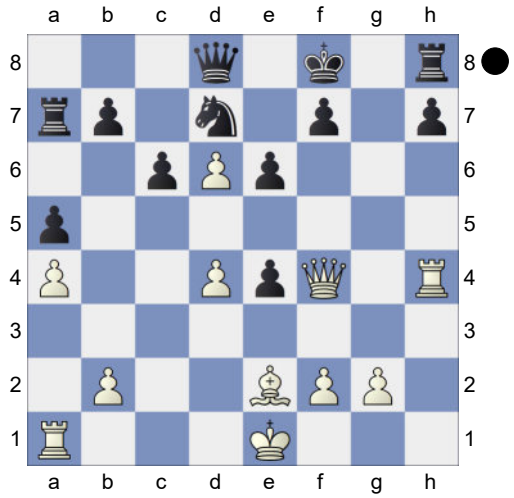
14...Bxd6 4:49 **15.cxd6** 32 **Bg6** 15

[15...Bxg2 16.Rg1 *(16.Rh2 Be4±)* 16...Be4 *(16...Bxh3 17.e4±)* 17.Rxg5 *(17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Bh5 Nf6±)*]

16.a4 6:01 **a5** 5:29 **17.h4** 7:44 **gxh4** 24 **18.e4** 2:37 **Bxe4** 1:51 **19.Nxe4** 45

[Reject 19.Rxh4 Qd8 20.Qg3 Bg6=]

19...dxe4 1 **20.Rxh4** 1 **Qd8** 1:04:25 **21.Qg3** 1:10 **Kf8** 0 **22.Qf4** 6:06



Black must now prevent Qh6+. White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **22...Qf6** 1.25/19 0

[22...Rg8± 0.63/20]

23.Qxe4± 26 **Ra8** 2.17/20 0

[23...Rg8± 1.28/20]

24.Ra3+- 2:13 Rf3! would now be deadly.

[And not 24.Rxh7 Rxh7 25.Qxh7 Qxd4=]

24...Qg5? 5.74/26 0

[24...Rg8 1.86/22 is a better chance. 25.Rxh7 Qg6 26.Qxg6 Rxg6 27.Rh8+ Rg8 28.Rxg8+ *(28.Rah3 Rd8±)* 28...Kxg8]

25.Rf3 6:18 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.46

1-0

57 **B44**

□ **Dardha,Daniel** **2652**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**

Djerba Masters 2025 (4.3) 18.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]*

B44: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nb5 **1.e4** 6 **c5** 3:20 **2.Nf3** 13 **e6** 7 **3.d4** 2:04 **cxd4**

7 **4.Nxd4** 6 **Nc6** 16 **5.Bf4N** 1:55
[5.g3 a6 *(5...Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7* 44/01 2001*)* 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.b3 *(8.a4 Be7 9.Re1 0-0 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.e5 Nd5 12.a5* Chapter 5-Taimanov-5.g3-Part I 2020 *)* 8...Bc5 9.Ne2 b5 10.Bb2 e5 11.a4 b4 12.Nd2 a5 13.Nc4 Ba6 14.Qd3 0-0 15.Rad1 d6 16.Qf3 Bxc4 17.bxc4 Rab8 18.Qb3 Qb6 19.Nc1 Bd4 0-1 6.d4 ♘ge7 7.♗e3 ♘g6-Krstevska,M CHI-ch Vina del Mar 1997 20.Bxd4 Nxd4 21.Qd3 Nd7 22.Nb3 Nc5 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Rb1 Rbc8 0-1 Rada,H-Kornprat,M corr Austria 1992]
5...Qf6 47 **6.Be3** 2:44 **Bc5** 15 **7.c3** 6:30 **Nge7** 10:11 **8.Qd2** 9:29 White is slightly better.
[8.Nb5 is interesting. Bxe3 9.Nd6+ Kf8 10.fxe3 Ne5 11.Na3]
[RR 8.Be2 Nxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Nc3 Qg6 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxe4 13.Bd3 Qc6 14.c4 d5 15.c5 Bd7 16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Qh5 h6 18.f4 g6 19.Qf3 Nc6 20.Qg3 Na5 21.Bxg6 Rg8 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 Birkisson,B (2320)-Jakubowski,K (2449) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½ (42)]
8...d5N 18:01
[RR 8...e5 9.Nb5 Bxe3 10.Nd6+ Kf8 11.fxe3 h5 12.Bc4 Nd4 13.Nxf7 Qh4+ 14.Kd1 d5 15.Nxh8 Bg4+ 16.Kc1 dxc4 17.exd4 Kg8 18.Nf7 Kxf7 19.dxe5 Nc6 20.Na3 Be6 21.g3 Qe7 22.Qd6 Qg5+ 23.Kc2 Jarocka,L (2169)-Trybus,D (1450) Karpacz 2023 1-0 (40)]
9.Nxc6 5:09 **Bxe3** 3:24 **10.Qxe3** 5
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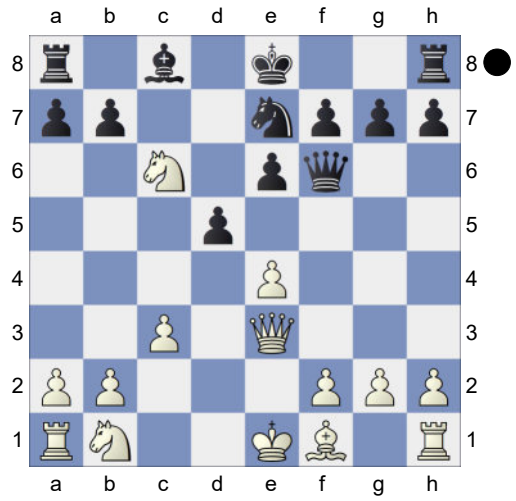

Strongly threatening Nxe7. **10...bxc6** 9 **11.Nd2** 4:03 **a5** 15:22 **12.h4** 6:47 **Ba6** 5:21 **13.Bxa6** 4:51 **Rxa6** 7 **14.h5** 46 **h6** 3:18 **15.Nb3** 5:46 **e5** 4:11 **16.Nc5** 6:19 **Ra7** 8 **17.Nd3** 6:21 **Nc8** 7:35 **18.exd5** 3:47 **cxd5** 6 **19.Qc5** 1:17
[19.Nxe5 Re7 20.f4 Qe6=]
19...Qe6 1.99/21 10:01
[19...Nb6⩲ 0.53/19]
20.0-0+- 29 Threatens to win with Nxe5!
20...Kd8? 3.47/21 8:37
[20...Qa6 1.82/20 was necessary. 21.Nxe5 *(21.Qxd5 f6+-)* 21...Ne7]
21.Rad1 1:37 And now Nxe5! would win.
[Weaker is 21.c4 Re8 22.Rfe1 *(22.cxd5 Qb6±; 22.Qxd5+ Qxd5 23.cxd5 e4±)* 22...e4+-]
21...f6 7.50/22 1:46
[21...Rd7 2.90/21 22.Qxa5+ Qb6 23.Qxb6+ Nxb6 24.Nxe5 Rb7]

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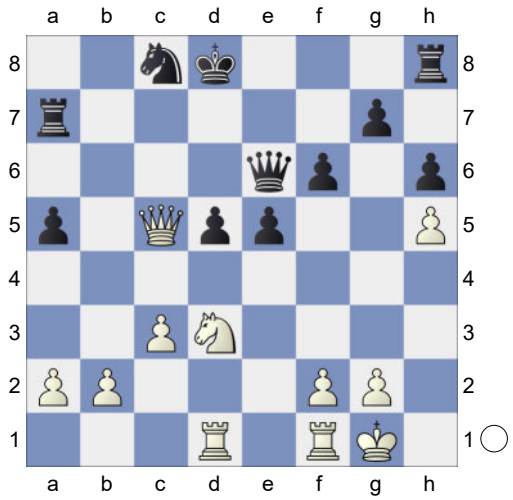

22.Nxe5! 57 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.40
1-0

58 **D31**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
■ **Oro,Faustino** **2447**
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[Kitty Kat]*

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.c4** 1:47 **e6** 6 **2.Nc3** 11 **d5** 6 **3.d4** 9
[3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Qc2 e5 8.cxd5 *(8.d4 e4 9.Nd2 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Be2 h5 12.Ba3 Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Bf5 14.b4 Nbd7 15.0-0 Nf8 16.a5 Ne6 17.Rfa1 g6 18.b5 axb5 19.cxb5 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Nb3 Nxb3 22.Qxb3 d4* 0-1 Los,A (2003)-Zwirs,N (2444) Hilversum op 2023 (1)*)* 8...cxd5 9.Nb5 Nc6 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 11.Bb5 Bg4 12.Bxc6 Bxf3 13.gxf3 bxc6 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Rg1 Rfe8 16.Qf5 d4 17.Kf1 g6 Gonzalez,J (2609)-Kramer,A (2536) Sharjah 121/(157) 2014]
3...Bb4N 8
[3...Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 c6 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.e3 Qe7 12.Qc2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nc4 Bf5 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.a3 Rad8 18.Re1 8 Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game]
4.cxd5 7:15 **exd5** 1:16 **5.Bf4** 23 **c5** 53 **6.dxc5** 7:10 **Nf6** 2:10 **7.e3** 4:16 **0-0** 8:38 **8.Bd3** 9:47 **Bxc5** 3:43 **9.Nge2** 4:11 **Nc6** 2:08 **10.0-0** 25 **d4** 14:45
[RR 10...Be6 11.Rc1 Bd6 12.h3 Rc8 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.exd4 Rfe8 16.Qd2 Bd7 17.Rfe1 h6 18.Rxe8+ Rxe8 19.Re1 Kf8 20.Rxe8+ Bxe8 21.Bc2 a5 22.a3 Qb6 23.Bb1 Bc6 24.Ba2 Kg8 25.Bb1 Turov,M (2658)-Grachev,B (2705) Tashkent 2012 ½-½]
[RR 10...a6 11.Rc1 Be6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Qe7 14.Nf4 Rad8 15.Nh5 g5 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Bg3 Ba7 18.Qh5 Kg7 19.Kh1 Bf5 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Rce1 Qg6 22.Qd1 f5 23.f4 g4 24.Qb3 Qf7 25.Bh4 Prokofyev,V (2424)-Dubiel,J (2363) Germany 2025 ½-½]
11.Na4 1:37 **Bd6** 1:22 **12.Bb5N** 47 The position is equal.
[12.Nxd4 Nxd4 *(12...Bxf4 13.Nxc6 Bxh2+ 14.Kxh2∓)* 13.Bxd6 Qxd6±]
[RR 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Bb5 Ng4 14.Ng3 Nge5 15.Bxc6 Nxc6 16.exd4 Nxd4 ½-½ (16) Zavadil,M (2158)-Porat,D (2206) Brno 2006]
[RR 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.exd4 Bg4 15.Qb3 Qxd4 16.h3 Be6 17.Qa3 Rac8 18.Rad1 Qh4 19.Nc3 a6 20.Qa5 Rfd8 21.g3 Qxh3 22.Bf5 Qxf5 23.Rxd8+ Ne8 24.Qxf5 Bxf5 25.Rxc8 Bxc8 26.Rd1 Kf8 Zawadski,S (2200)-Eustache,B (2100) France 1999 1-0 (46)]

12...Bxf4 2:36 **13.exf4** 14 **Bg4** 2:06 **14.f3** 5:35 **Bd7** 37 **15.Bxc6** 5:40 **Bxc6** 12 **16.Nxd4** 9 **Bxa4** 1:38 **17.Qxa4** 6 **Qb6** 1:06 **18.Rf2** 1:31 **Nd5** 8:36
[18...Rad8!? 19.Rd2 Rd5=]
19.Nb3 -0.19/20 11:31
[⌓19.g3! 0.28/19]
19...Rad8 12:39 Black has compensation. **20.g3** 2:29 **h5** 3:34 **21.Qa5** 12:55 **Qg6** 27 **22.Rd2** 5 **b6** 1:31 **23.Qa4** 6 **Nf6** 0.75/21 4:47
[23...Ne3= 0.12/19]
24.Rxd8 0.21/21 13:06
[Better is 24.Nd4± 0.75/21]
24...Rxd8= 6 **25.Qxa7** 2 **Qd3** 0.83/21 7:11
[25...Nd5= -0.01/20 26.Qa4 Ne3]
26.Qxb6± 55 **Re8** 11 **27.Rf1!** 1:03 **Qc2** 1:29 **28.Nc1** 3:39 **h4** 3:17 **29.Qf2** 13 **Qf5** 1:21 **30.Re1** 45
[30.gxh4 Nd5±]
30...Rd8 39 **31.Nb3** 1:07
[31.gxh4?! Nh5=]
31...h3 1:47 **32.Rc1** 0.56/22 2:09
[White should try 32.Nc5± 1.31/20]
32...Re8 1.49/22 48
[Black should play 32...Qe6± 0.56/22]
33.Qd2 1:17 **Qe6** 1:00 **34.Kf2** 1:51 **Qb6+** 2:37 **35.Nd4** 39 Black must now prevent g4. **35...Rd8** 1.73/23 31
[35...Nd5± 1.19/22 might work better. 36.a3 Rd8]
36.Rc4+- 5 **Qb7** 2.77/20 1:29
[⌓36...Nd5 1.74/21 37.b3 Re8]
37.g4 52 **Qd5** 3:01 **38.b3** 51 **Qd6** 49 **39.Kg3** 1:48 **g5** 59 **40.Qc1** 12 And now Nf5! would win.
[40.Kxh3 Nd5 41.Nf5 *(41.fxg5 Nf4+ 42.Kg3 Ne6+ 43.f4 Nxd4=)* 41...Nxf4+±]
40...Nd5 1:01 **41.Ne2** 38
[41.Kxh3? Nxf4+-+ *(41...Qxf4? 42.Qxf4 Nxf4+ 43.Kg3±; 41...Qxf4? 42.Qxf4 Nxf4+ 43.Kg3+-)*]
41...Kg7 1:58 **42.Rc6** 1:13
[42.Kxh3 Rh8+ 43.Kg2 Qh6]
42...Qe7 20 **43.Qb2+** 20 **Kg8** 6.23/23 14
[⌓43...Kh7 4.31/23 44.Rc4 *(44.Kxh3 Qxe2* Remove Defender, Decoy *45.Qxe2 Nxf4+ 46.Kg3 Nxe2+ 47.Kf2 Rd2-+)* 44...Nxf4 45.Nxf4 Qe1+ 46.Qf2 *(46.Kxh3 Rd2=)* 46...gxf4+ 47.Rxf4 *(47.Kxh3 Qxf2 48.Rxf4 Rh8 49.Rf5 Kg6+ 50.Rh5 Qxf3+ 51.Kh4 Qg2* Double Attack *52.Rxh8 Qxh2#)* 47...Qe5]
44.fxg5 35
[44.Kxh3? loses. Qe3 *(44...Nxf4+ 45.Nxf4 Qe3 46.Qc3+-; 44...Qxe2 45.Qxe2 Nxf4+ 46.Kg3-+)* 45.Kg2 Nxf4+ 46.Nxf4 Rd2+-+]
44...Ne3 5.86/21 2:56
[⌓44...Qxg5 3.80/20 45.Qd4 *(45.Kxh3 Qe3+-)* 45...Ne3]
45.Qf6 45 White is clearly winning.
45...Qxf6 45 **46.gxf6** 11 **Rd2** 17 **47.Nf4** 29 **Nf1+** 6 **48.Kh4** 4 **Nxh2** 12 **49.Rc3** 1:13 **Kh7** 1:41 **50.Kxh3** 28 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) / Black=0.41
1-0

59 **E08**
□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2657**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
Djerba Masters 2025 (2.2) 16.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: Qc2
1.d4 3 **Nf6** 1:21 **2.Nf3** 6 **d5** 50 **3.c4** 6 **e6** 27 **4.g3** 9 **Be7** 1:48 **5.Bg2** 8 **0-0** 19 **6.0-0** 6 **Nbd7** 1:13
[6...c6 7.b3 *(7.Nc3 a5 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.a3 Nbd7 11.Re1*

dxc4 12.bxc4 Bxc4 13.Nd2 Ba6 14.Bxc6 Rc8 15.Bb5 Nb8 16.e4 Ne8 17.Bxa6 Nxa6 18.Qe2 Nb8 19.Rad1 Nd6 20.e5 Nf5 21.Nf3 Qe8 1-0 Zhong,K (2566)-Kavalek,L (2598) 43rd Olympiad 2018 Open Batumi (3.1) *)* 7...Nbd7 8.Ba3 Bxa3 9.Nxa3 b6 10.Rc1 Qe7 11.Nc2 Bb7 12.Ne3 c5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nc4 N5f6 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Qd6 Rfe8 17.Rfd1 Bd5 18.Qxe7 Rxe7 19.Nfe5 Kf8 20.Nd6 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 ½-½ Keres,P (2615)-Spassky,B (2690) It "Central Chess Club" Moscow (Russia) 1967]

7.Qc2 21 **a5N** 7

[7...Ne4 8.b3 f5 9.Ba3 c6 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Nbd2 g5 12.Ne1 Qg7 13.e3 Kh8 14.Nd3 h5 15.Nf3 Qh6 16.Nfe5 g4 17.Kh1 h4 18.gxh4 Kg7 19.f3 Qxh4 20.fxe4 Rh8 21.Kg1 Qxh2+ 22.Kf2 1-0 Fominyh,A (2571)-Adly,A (2209) Golden Cleopatra op Cairo 2001 (4)]

8.Bf4 2:08 **dxc4** 24:06 **9.Qxc4** 29 **Nd5** 2:48 **10.Nc3** 40 **N7b6** 2:14

[RR 10...Nxf4 11.gxf4 c6 12.e3 Nb6 13.Qe2 Nd5 14.Rac1 f6 15.Rfd1 Kh8 16.a3 Qe8 17.Ne4 b6 18.Ng3 Bd7 19.Qd2 Bd6 20.Ne4 Be7 21.Ng3 Bd6 22.Ne4 Bc7 23.Nc3 Rd8 24.Ne2 Qf7 25.e4 Amin,B (2633)-Hakobyan,A (2625) Almaty 2025 ½-½ (67)]

11.Qd3 33 **Nxf4** 4:54 **12.gxf4** 3 **a4N** 40

[RR 12...Nd5 13.e3 b6 14.Rfd1 Bb7 15.Rac1 Rc8 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Ne5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Bd6 19.Qe4 Qh4 20.h3 Qh5 21.Qf3 Qxf3+ 22.Kxf3 f6 23.Nc6 Kf7 24.Na7 Rcd8 25.Nb5 c5 26.Nxd6+ Rxd6 27.dxc5 Lyakh,V (1877)-Berin,A (2140) Kiev 2023 ½-½]

[RR 12...Nd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Ne5 c6 15.Rac1 Bd6 16.e3 f6 17.Nf3 Qe8 18.Kh1 Qh5 19.Rg1 Kh8 20.Qd2 g5 21.Ne1 gxf4 22.exf4 Bf5 23.Bf3 Qh6 24.Ng2 Rg8 25.a3 Rxg2 0-1 (25) Foerster,E (2148)-Petrovskiy,V (2430) Schwaebisch Gmuend 2024]

13.e3 9:28 **Ra5** 5:06 **14.Rac1** 8:31 **Bd7** 3:37 **15.Ne5** 4:33 **f6** 1:26 **16.Nxd7** 3:20 **Qxd7** 19 **17.Rfd1** 4:38 **c6** 8 **18.Ne4** 3:38 **Nd5** 1:27 **19.Qe2** 18:52 **Kh8** 9:20 **20.Kh1** 6:34 **Qe8** 1:22 **21.Rg1** -0.15/17 2:18

[⌓21.a3 0.29/18]

21...Nc7 0.46/18 1:25

[21...a3= -0.15/17]

22.Ng3 0.03/19 4:22

[22.Qd2± 0.46/18 Ra8 23.Nc5]

22...Qf7 3:29 **23.Be4** 5:00 **g6** 19 **24.Bb1** 6:09 **a3** 8:04 **25.b3** -0.58/17 13

[25.Ne4= -0.14/17 feels stronger.]

25...Na6 -0.04/18 11

[Better is 25...Rd5∓ -0.58/17]

26.Qf3 3:34 **f5** 5:07 **27.Ne2** 9:34 **Bf6** 46 **28.Rgd1** 2:20 **c5** 6:22 **29.d5!** 48 **exd5** 58 **30.Rxd5** 45 **Nb4** 9 **31.Rd2** 2:03 **Rd8** 1:18 **32.Rxd8+** 37 **Bxd8** 2 **33.e4** 59 **fxe4** 3:05 **34.Qxe4** 2 **Bf6** 35 **35.Rd1** 1:46 **c4** 0.69/22 7:33 **36.Qxc4** 0.28/23 15

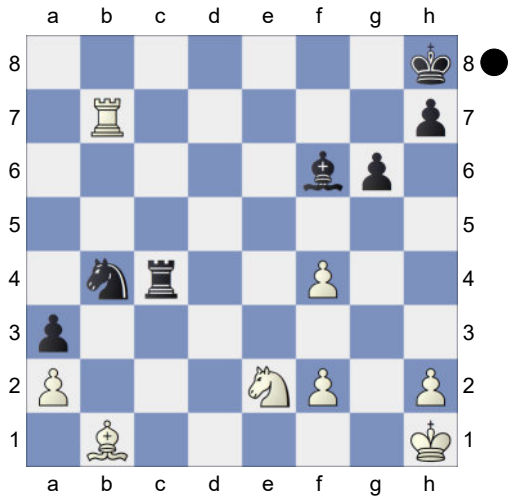
[36.bxc4± 0.69/22 Rc5 37.Rd8+ Decoy Bxd8 38.Qd4+ Kg8 39.Qxc5]

36...Qxc4= 14 **37.bxc4** 2 **Rc5** 7 **38.Rd7** -0.01/20 2:43

[38.Rd6!± 0.39/22 deserves consideration. Bh4 39.Rd4]

38...Rxc4 2:11 White must now prevent ...Nxa2! The position is equal. **39.Rxb7** 2

(Diagram)

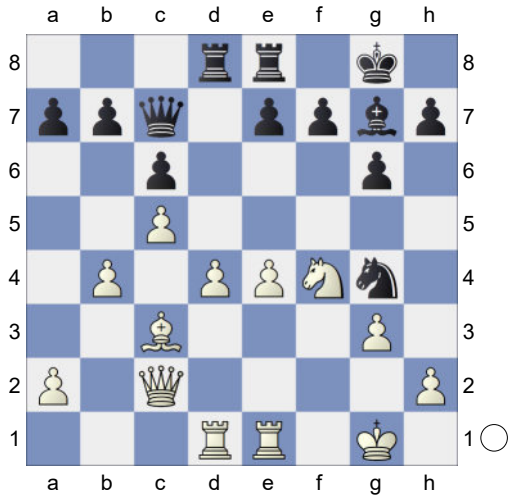


Nxa2! 32 Decoy **40.Rb8+** 26 **Kg7** 2 aiming for ...Nc1. **41.Rb7+** 6 **Kh8!** 4 ...Nc1 is the strong threat. **42.Rb8+** 6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

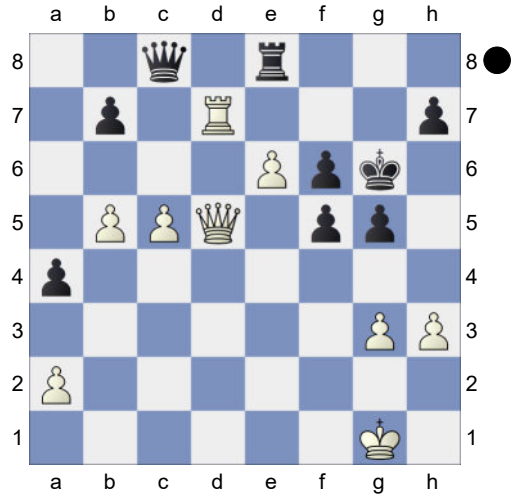
60 **E62**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
■ **Dau Khuong Duy** **2411**
Titled Tue 4th Feb Early blitz (6) 4.2.25
[Kitty Kat]*

E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ... a6 E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without . .. a6 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 c6 7.Nc3 Bf5 8.Nh4** 8.Ne1 might become the main line. 8.Se1 könnte zur Hauptfortsetzung werden. **8...Be6 9.b3 d5 10.c5 Ne4**
[10...b6 11.b4 a5 12.bxa5 bxc5 13.Nf3 Qxa5 14.Bd2 Qa7 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Rc1 Qa3 17.e4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Ng5 Bd5 20.Nxe4 Nd7 21.Bc3 Bxc3 22.Nxc3 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Nf6 24.Re1 Rfd8 25.Qb3 Harish,N (2115)-Valdes Escobar,A (2339) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½ (38)]
[RR 10...b6 11.cxb6 axb6 12.Bb2 c5 13.Nf3 Nc6 14.Nb5 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Ra5 19.Qd2 Qd6 20.Rfd1 Rd8 21.Qd3 Bf5 22.Bxf5 Rxf5 23.Rd2 e5 24.f3 Rh5 25.Rad1 Mazzilli,P (2303)-Ambartsumova,K (2405) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (40)]
11.Bb2 Nxc3 The position is equal.
12.Bxc3 Nd7 13.Qc2N
[13.b4 a5 14.bxa5 Nxc5! 15.Rb1 Ne4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Rxb7 -0.98/20 *(17.Qc2∓ -0.51/19)* 17...c5!∓ 18.e3 cxd4 19.exd4? -2.57/19 *(19.Bxd4∓ -1.05/20 Bxd4 20.Qxd4)* 19...Bxa2? -0.41/19 ;½-½ Peptan,C (2390)-Bulmaga,I (2402) Medias Kings blitz 10th 2016 (4) *(19...Qc8-+ -2.57/19 20.Rb3 Bxb3 21.Qxb3 Rb8)*]
[13.Qd3 g5 14.Nf3 h6 15.b4 f5 16.e3 Qe8 17.a4 Qh5 18.Bd2 g4 19.Ne1 Nf6 20.b5 Ne4 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Rb1 f4 23.gxf4 Bf5 24.Rb4 Nxf2 25.Qa6 Nh3+ 26.Kh1 g3 27.Nf3 Nf2+ Sabic,M-Fuller,M (2285) Sydney 1992 [ChessCalisthenics] 0-1 (44) 28.Kg1 Bd3 29.Qxc6 Bxf1 30.Kxf1 Ne4 31.Be1 gxh2 32.Nxh2 Kh8 33.Nf3 Bf6 34.Qe6 Rg8 35.Rb2 Rxg2 36.Kxg2 Rg8+ 37.Qxg8+ Kxg8 38.c6 Qg4+ 39.Kh2 Qxf3 40.c7 Nd6 41.Rb8+ Kf7 42.Rd8 Qe2+ 11.e5 de5 12.fe5-Gnidash,A (2285) Turin 1992 200 Traps In The Opening [IainMackintosh] 0-1 (44)]
[RR 13.Qd3 g5 14.Nf3 h6 15.b4 f5 16.e3 Qe8 17.a4 Qh5 18.Bd2 g4 19.Ne1 Nf6 20.b5 Ne4 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Rb1 f4 23.gxf4 Bf5 24.Rb4 Nxf2 25.Qa6 Nh3+ 26.Kh1 g3 27.Nf3 Nf2+ Sabic,M-Fuller,M (2285)

Sydney 1992 0-1 (44)]
13...Nf6 14.Rad1 Qd7 15.Rfe1 Bh3 16.f3 Bxg2
[16...b6 seems wilder. 17.Bxh3 Qxh3 18.b4 Rfb8]
17.Nxg2 Rfe8 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 Rad8 20.Nf4 Qc7 21.b4 Ng4 0.71/19
[21...Qc8!= 0.13/17 keeps the balance.]



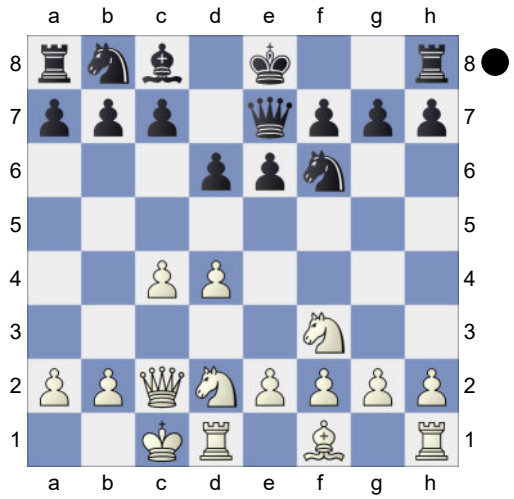
22.e5!± Black is on the road to losing.
22...Qc8 23.e6 &Bianco is more active.
23...f5 1.84/21
[23...fxe6± 0.82/17 24.Nxe6 Rd5]
24.d5+- cxd5 25.Nxd5 a5 3.04/22
[25...a6 1.77/17 might work better. 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Qc3+ Nf6]
26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.b5 aiming for Qc3+.
[27.bxa5 Nf6 28.Qc3 Kg8 29.Nxe7+ *(29.Nxf6+ exf6 30.c6 Rxd1+-)* 29...Rxe7±]
27...Nf6 28.Qc3 a4? 5.19/20
[28...Kg8 2.56/20]
29.Nb6 Qc7 11.93/20
[⌓29...Qb8 5.02/21 30.Nd5 *(30.Nxa4 Kg8±)* 30...f4 31.Nxf6 exf6 32.Rd7+ Rxd7 33.exd7 Rxe1+ 34.Qxe1 Qf8]
30.Rd7 Qb8 31.Red1 4.16/20
[⌓31.Nd5 10.52/22 White threatens Qxf6+ and mate. Kh6 32.Nxf6 exf6 33.Red1 Rxe6 34.Rxd8]
31...Rxd7 10.14/19
[⌓31...Kg8 4.16/20 32.Qd4 *(32.Nxa4 Ne4+-)* 32...Nxd7 33.exd7 Rf8]
32.Nxd7 Qc8 33.Nxf6 exf6 Endgame KQR-KQR **34.Rd7+ Kh6 35.Qc4** 5.67/21
[⌓35.Qd4 #12/18 Qxd7 36.exd7 Rd8 37.c6 bxc6 38.bxc6 Rf8 39.c7 Rf7 40.d8Q]
35...g5 36.Qd5 Kg6 37.h3



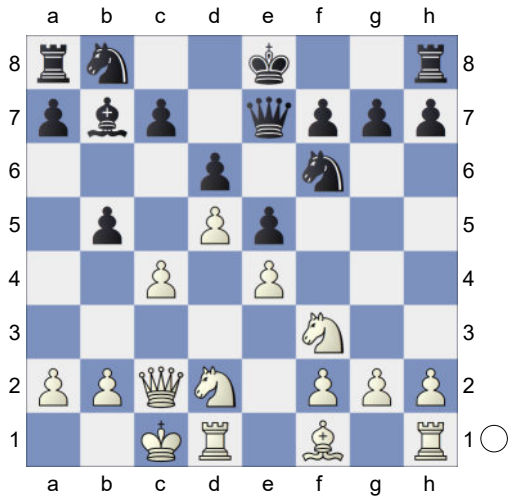
Black must now prevent g4. **37...h5** Prevents g4. **38.Kg2 a3** 9.76/21
[⌓38...Qa8 4.06/17 39.g4 *(39.Rxb7 Rd8±)* 39...fxg4 40.hxg4 hxg4 41.Qd3+ f5 42.Rf7 b6+ 43.c6 Rh8 44.Qxf5+ Kh6 45.Rf6+ Kh5 46.Qg6+ Kh4 47.Qh6+ Rxh6 48.Rxh6#]
39.Kf3 4.61/20
[⌓39.g4 9.76/21 fxg4 40.hxg4 hxg4 41.e7]
39...Qa8 9.13/19
[⌓39...b6 4.61/20 40.c6 Qa8]
40.Qxb7 Qa4 41.Rg7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/Black=0.84
1-0

61 **E11**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2674**
■ **Levitskiy,Andrey** **2274**
Titled Tue 28. Jan Early (8) 28.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

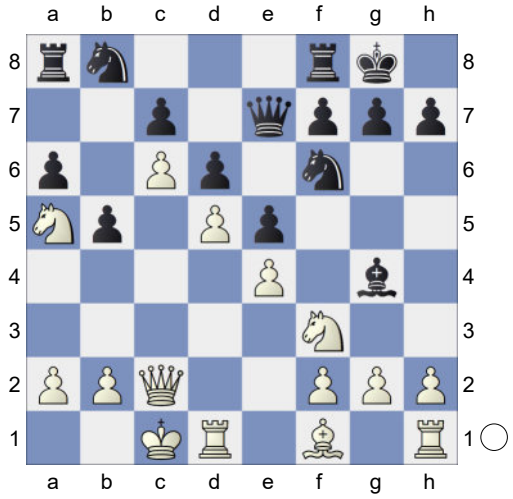
E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.Qc2N
[5.Nc3 b6 *(5...0-0 6.g3 d6 7.Bg2 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Ne4 9.Qc2 f5 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Nd2 Nxc3 12.Qxc3 e5 13.e3 c6 14.f4 e4 15.g4 h6 16.Rae1 Nf6 17.g5 hxg5 18.fxg5 Nh5 19.h4 d5 20.cxd5* 0-1 (31) Van Scheltinga,T (2310)-Mishchenko,V (2610) Nova Gorica op 8th 2003 (5)*)* 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 a5 9.a3 Bxc3 10.Bxc3 Ne4 11.Be1 f5 12.Nd2 Ng5 13.f4 Nf7 14.e4 Nh6 15.Qe2 d6 16.Nf3 Nd7 17.Bh4 Qe8 18.Rae1 Qh5 19.Bg5 Rae8 (40) Level 5-Sam Shankland-Ivan Saric Intr]
[5.g3 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 0-0 7.Bg2 d5 *(7...d6 8.Nc3 c5 9.dxc5 dxc5 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Qf4 Nbd7 12.Ng6 e5 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.Qf3 e4 15.Qf4 Qxf4 16.gxf4 Nb6 17.Nxc8 Raxc8 18.b3 Rce8 19.e3 Re7 20.Rd1 g6 21.0-0 Kg7 22.a4* (32) Chapter 27-Game 1 Chapter 27 Game 1*)* 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Na3 c5 10.dxc5 Qxc5 11.Rac1 Nc6 12.Nxc4 Qe7 13.Nfe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Nd5 15.Rfd1 Nb6 16.Qa5 g6 17.Rd3 Nd5 18.e4 Nb6 19.Bf1 Re8 1-0 (24) 19) Model Games-Kasparov - Petrosian Positional Prowess 2024]
5...Bxd2+ 6.Nbxd2 d6 7.0-0-0!?
An interesting side line.
Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[RR 7.g3 e5 8.e3 0-0 9.Bg2 Re8 10.d5 e4 11.Nd4 c5 12.Ne2 Bf5 13.h3 h6 14.g4 Bh7 15.Ng3 Nbd7 16.0-0 Kh8 17.Qd1 Ne5 18.b3 Nd3 19.Qe2 Qe5 20.Rad1 Nb2 21.Rb1 Nd3 Kosteniuk,A (2543)-Zatonskih,A (2469) Bilbao 2014 0-1 (61)]
[RR 7.Rc1 0-0 8.c5 Nc6 9.e4 e5 10.cxd6 cxd6 11.d5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Be2 Re8 14.0-0 Nxe4 15.Nb3 Bf5 16.Nxd4 Bg6 17.Bd3 Qf6 18.Nb5 Rad8 19.Nxa7 h5 20.Nb5 h4 21.h3 Re5 Goncharov,V (2077)-Bjerre,J (2636) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (33)]



7...b5N 0.64/21
[RR 7...0-0 8.g4 e5 9.h3 e4 10.Ng5 e3 11.fxe3 Qxe3 12.h4 Bxg4 13.Bg2 Nc6 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Rdf1 Bh5 16.Rxf6 Bg6 17.Rf3 Qxf3 18.Ngxf3 Bxc2 19.Kxc2 Rfe8 20.e4 f6 21.h5 Kf7 22.Rf1 Gareyev,T (2606)-Paciorkowski,L (2220) Las Vegas 2021 1-0 (37)]
8.e4± e5 is the strong threat. **8...Bb7 9.d5** 0.14/20
[9.cxb5± 0.73/20 a6 10.Kb1]
9...e5 1.44/21
[9...0-0= 0.14/20 keeps the balance.]



10.c5!± a6 11.Nb3 0-0 1.65/25
[11...Bc8± 1.17/21]
12.Na5 Bc8 13.c6 Bg4 2.29/21
[13...Nh5± 1.42/21 was called for.]



14.Be2!+- Bh5 15.Rhe1 Bg6 16.Bd3 h6 17.Kb1 Bh5 18.Qe2 Kh8 19.h3 Bg6 20.Nd2 Nh5 21.g3 Inhibits Nf4.
21...f5 22.exf5 Bxf5 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Ne4 Nf6 25.f3 Qf7 26.Nxf6 Rxf6 27.Rd3 Qg6 28.Rg1 Qf7 29.h4 Qg6 30.Qe4 Qf7 31.a3 Qf8 32.Rf1 Qf7 33.Rd2 Rg6 34.f4 Rxg3 35.Rdf2
[35.fxe5? Qxf1+ 36.Ka2 dxe5 37.Qxe5 Nxc6 38.dxc6 Qf7+ 39.Qd5 Qxd5+ 40.Rxd5 Rg4-+]
35...Rg4 36.Ka2 Rxh4? 7.07/23
[36...Nxc6 3.17/22 37.Nxc6 Kg8]
37.Qd3? 0.01/25
[37.fxe5+- 7.07/23 Qxf2 38.Qb1 Qxf1 39.Qxf1 Nxc6 40.Nxc6 dxe5 41.Nxe5]
37...Rxf4=
[37...exf4?! 38.Re2±]
38.Rxf4 exf4 39.Qe4 Nxc6 0.66/27
[39...g5= 0.01/25]
40.Nxc6 -0.01/23 White is more active.
[40.Rxf4± 0.66/27 Qe8 *(40...Qxf4 41.Qxf4 Nxa5 42.Qf7=)* 41.Nxc6 *(41.dxc6 g5+-)* 41...Qxe4 42.Rxe4]
40...Re8! 41.Rxf4
[41.Qxf4? is the wrong capture. Qxd5+ 42.Ka1 Qxc6-+]
41...Qg8? 6.42/27
[41...Rxe4= 0.01/22 42.Rxf7 h5]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.74
42.Qf3
[Stronger than 42.Ne7 Rxe7 Remove Defender 43.Qxe7 Qxd5+ 44.Ka1 Qh1+ 45.Ka2 Qd5+ 46.Kb1 Qd1+ 47.Ka2 Qd5+=]
1-0

62 **A05**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2674**
■ **Christiansen,Johan Sebastian**
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[Kitty Kat]*

A05: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 Nf6
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d6 3.Bg2 g6 4.0-0
[4.d3 Bg7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.h4 c5 7.h5 Nxh5 8.Bg5 Nf6 9.Bh6 Bxh6 10.Rxh6 Kg7 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.0-0-0 Ng4 13.Rh4 h5 14.Rxh5 Rh8 15.Rxh8 Qxh8 16.Rh1 Qg8 17.Ng5 Kf8 18.Qf4 Nf6 0-1 (37) Herrera Reyes,J (2341)-Ibarra Jerez,J (2563)

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4...Bg7 5.Nc3

[RR 5.d3 e5 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.e4 h5 8.Nc4 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 h4 11.g4 Nd4 12.Bg2 Ne6 13.c3 Nh7 14.Be3 Qf6 15.Qb3 0-0 16.Qxb7 Nhg5 17.Qb3 Nf4 18.Bxf4 Qxf4 19.Qd1 Rab8 Balasubramaniun,R (2408)-Ebenezer,J (2203) Chennai 2004 ½-½ (36)]

[RR 5.d3 Nc6 6.c3 0-0 7.b4 a6 8.Bb2 Ng4 9.Qc2 Rb8 10.Nbd2 Nge5 11.a4 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 d5 15.Bg2 Qd7 16.Kh2 e5 17.e4 Ne7 18.c4 dxc4 19.dxc4 Nc6 Egorov,A-Struzhkin,D (2102) Kimry 2016 0-1 (59)]

5...0-0N

[RR 5...Bg4 6.h3 Bf5 7.Kh2 0-0 8.b3 Nc6 9.Bb2 Nb4 10.Rc1 Nh5 11.d3 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Nxa2 13.g4 Bxg4 14.hxg4 Nxc3 15.Qd2 Na2 16.Ra1 Nf4 17.Qxf4 Nb4 18.Qxb4 b6 19.Qf4 e5 20.Qh6 Nguyen Vu Hoang,M-Tran,T Hue 2003 1-0]

[RR 5...e5 6.d3 0-0 7.Rb1 a5 8.b3 Be6 9.Bb2 Nfd7 10.h4 h6 11.d4 f5 12.d5 Bf7 13.e4 Nf6 14.Nd2 f4 15.Ne2 g5 16.hxg5 hxg5 17.f3 Bg6 18.g4 Kf7 19.Kf2 Nbd7 20.c4 Papadopoulos,D (1560)-Emmanouilidis,A (1685) Chania 2003 1-0 (42)]

6.e4N

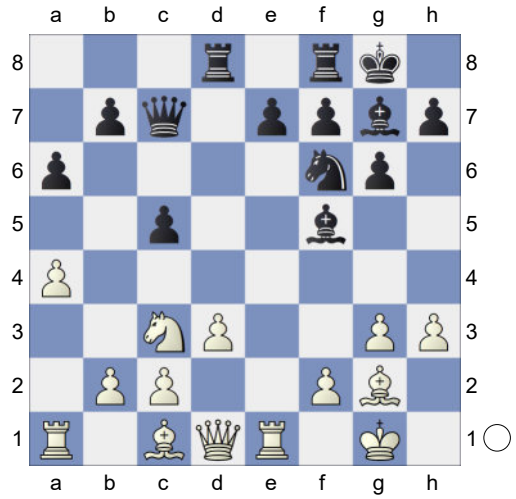
[6.d3 e5 7.e4 Nc6 8.Ne1 Nh5 9.f4 exf4 10.gxf4 Bd4+ 11.Kh1 Qh4 12.Ne2 Bh3 13.Nf3 Qg4 14.Bxh3 Qxh3 15.Nfxd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Ng3+ 17.Kg1 Nxf1 18.Qxf1 Qd7 19.Bd2 c5 20.Ne2 d5 1-0 (88) Kanev,E (1606)-Mrkic,S (1526) EU-ch Amateur U1700 2022 (7)]

6...c5 7.h3 Nc6 8.Re1 The position is equal. **8...Rb8 9.a4 a6 10.e5 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Qc7** 0.33/21

[12...Nd7= -0.14/22 13.Re1 b5]

13.Re1± Bf5 14.d3 Black must now prevent Bf4. **14...Rbd8** 0.86/21

[14...Rfe8= 0.30/20 keeps the balance.]



15.Bf4 0.41/20

[15.Qf3!± 0.86/21]

15...Qd7 16.g4 Be6 17.Qf3 -0.01/21

[17.a5!± 0.53/22]

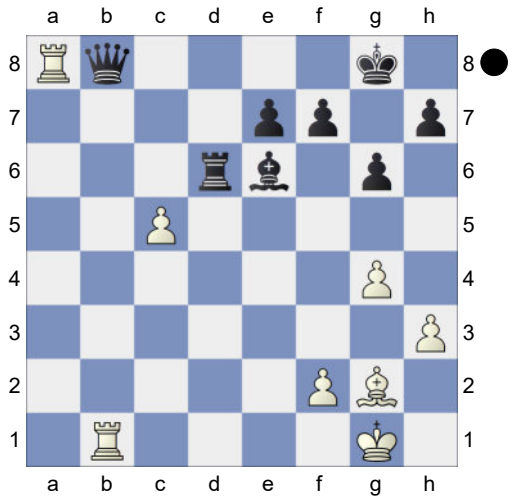
17...b5= 18.axb5 axb5 19.Be5 b4 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 Bxe5 22.Qxe5 b3 23.cxb3 Qxd3 24.Qxc5 Qxb3 25.Reb1 Rd6 26.Ra3 Qb8 27.b4 Rc8 Prevents b5 **28.Ra8 Rxc5** 0.65/25

[28...Qxa8= -0.09/26 29.Bxa8 Rxc5 30.bxc5 Rd3]

29.bxc5 -0.01/23

[29.Rxb8+± 0.65/25 Rc8 30.Rxc8+ Bxc8 31.b5]

(Diagram)



29...Qxa8! 30.Bxa8 KRB-KRB **30...Rd2 31.Rc1 Ra2 32.Bb7 Rb2 33.c6 Bd5?** 2.90/24

[Better is 33...Kf8± 0.31/22]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.32

34.Ba6

1-0

63 **E10**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2674**

■ **Petukhov,Alan** **2325**

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[Kitty Kat]*

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 b5 5.g3N**

[5.a4 bxc4 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.e4 exd5 8.exd5 d6 9.Bxc4 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 Re8 12.Bf4 Nbd7 13.a5 E 10/06 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]

[5.dxe6 fxe6 6.cxb5 d5 7.g3 *(7.Nc3 Bb7 8.e4 d4 9.e5 Nfd7 10.Na4 Be7 11.Bc4 0-0 12.Bxe6+ Kh8 13.Bg4 Qa5+ 14.Kf1 Qxb5+ 15.Kg1 Qc6 16.h3 Nxe5 17.b4 c4 18.b5 Qe4 19.Bb2 c3 20.Bxc3 Nxg4 21.hxg4 dxc3* 1-0 Buckley,G (2345)-Rewitz,P (2217) EU-chT Sesniors 50 2023 (9.5)*; 7.Nbd2 Be7 8.g3 0-0 9.Bg2 Qb6 10.0-0 Qxb5 11.e4 Nc6 12.Re1 c4 13.h3 Bc5 14.e5 Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Qb6+ 16.Kf1 Nh5 17.Bh1 Nxg3+ 18.Kg2 Nxh1 19.Kxh1 Bb7 20.Rg1 Rf5 21.Qe1 Raf8* 0-1 Van Wessel,R (2327)-Ward, C (2485) Gent op 28th 2005 (6)*)* 7...a6 8.bxa6 Nc6 9.Bg2 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nc3 Bxa6 12.b3 h6 13.Bb2 Qe8 14.Rc1 Qh5 15.Re1 Rad8 16.Na4 Ne4 17.Ba3 Ne5 18.Bxc5 Ng4 19.Bxe7 Rxf3 0-1 Ferrer Sanchez,P (2729)-Trice,E (2770) Togliatti 86/ (399) 2002 (3.7)]

[5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Nc3 b4 8.Nb5 Kd8 9.a3 Qxb2 10.e4 exd5 11.exd5 a6 12.axb4 Bb7 13.Rb1 Qf6 14.Nd6 Bxd6 15.bxc5 Bxc5 16.Rxb7 a5 17.Be2 Bb4+ 18.Kf1 Na6 19.g3 Re8 0-1 Luch,M (2480)-Collette,B (2430) 111/(22) Russia 2011]

5...bxc4 6.Nc3 exd5

[RR 6...Bb7 7.e4 exd5 8.exd5 d6 9.Bg2 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.Nxc4 Ba6 13.Qa4 Qc8 14.Re1 Re8 15.Bf4 Nb6 16.Nxb6 axb6 17.Qc6 Qd8 18.Bh3 Rb8 19.Rad1 Bb7 20.Qb5 Bf8 21.Rxe8 Nepomniachtchi,I (2587)-Nakamura,H (2651) Playchess.com INT 2007 1-0 (75)]

7.Nxd5 White wants to play Bf4. **7...Bb7 8.e4** The position is equal.

[RR 8.Nxf6+ Qxf6 9.Bg2 d5 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Bg5 Qe6 12.Nd2 Bc6 13.e4 d4 14.e5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Bxe5 16.Qf3 Qc6 17.Nxc4 Qxf3+ 18.Kxf3 f6 19.Nxe5 fxe5 20.Rfe1 Nc6 21.Rac1 0-0+ 22.Kg2 Rf5 Moore,N-Papasimakopoulos,A (2401)

Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½ (73)]

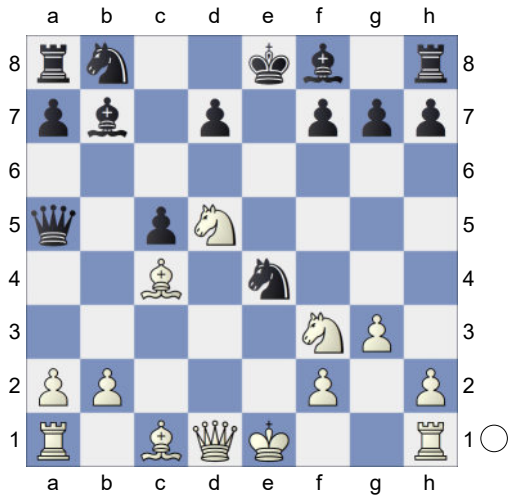
8...Nxe4N 2.77/23

[8...Nxd5!= 0.14/23 9.exd5 a6]

[RR 8...Nxd5 9.exd5 Qe7+ 10.Be3 Qe4 11.Bg2 Na6 12.0-0 Qxd5 13.Qe2 Qd3 14.Qe1 0-0-0 15.Qa5 d5 16.Bh3+ f5 17.Rad1 Qe4 18.Ng5 Qe8 19.Bxf5+ Kb8 20.Ne6 Bd6 21.Rfe1 d4 22.Nxd8 Qxd8 23.Qxd8+ Norwood,D (2335)-Johansen,D (2425) London 1985 1-0 (42)]

9.Bxc4+- Qa5+? 4.06/21

[9...Bd6 2.41/21 10.Qd3 0-0]



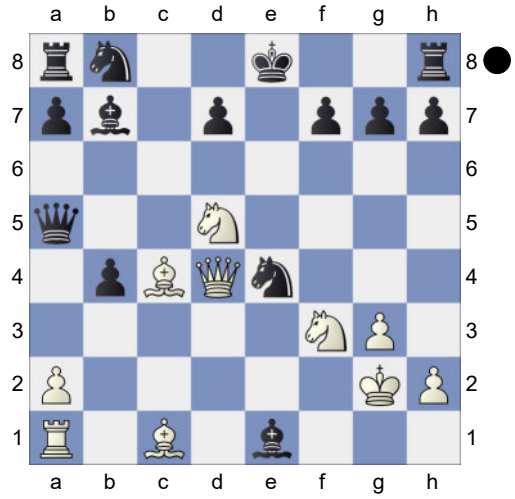
10.b4! cxb4 11.0-0 Bc5 12.Re1?? -6.11/23

[12.Qd3 Nd6+-]

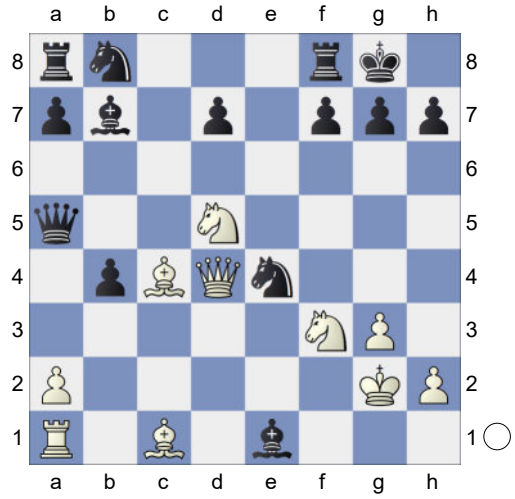
[12.Qc2+- 3.26/19 Nd6 *(12...Bxd5? 13.Bxd5 Bxf2+ 14.Rxf2+-)* 13.Qe2+ Kd8 14.Bf4]

12...Bxf2+-+ 13.Kg2 Bxe1 14.Qd4

(Diagram)



0-0?? 15.13/26



15.Qxe4?? -5.35/24

[15.Bh6!+- 15.13/26 is the narrow road to win. Nf6 16.Nxf6+ Discovered Attack, Remove Defender gxf6 17.Qg4+ *(17.Rxe1? Qf5-+)* 17...Qg5 18.Bxg5 fxg5 19.Qxg5+ *(19.Rxe1 Nc6+-)* 19...Kh8 20.Qf6+ *(20.Rxe1 f6+-)* 20...Kg8 21.Rxe1 *(21.Qg5+ Kh8 22.Qf6+ Kg8 23.Rxe1 Bxf3+ 24.Kxf3 Nc6 25.Re4 Ne7 26.Qxe7 h6 27.Rg4+ Kh7 28.Bd3+ Kh8 29.Qf6#)*]

15...Bc3 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Qxb7 Nc6 18.Nxc6 -7.52/22

[⌓18.Ng5 -4.72/23 Rae8 *(18...Bxa1 19.Qxa8 Qd8 20.Qxd8∓; 18...Nxe7*

19.Nxf7+ Kg8 20.Nh6+ Kh8 21.Nf7+ Kg8 22.Nd6+ Kh8 23.Nf7+=) 19.Nxc6]

18...dxc6 19.Rb1 Qf5 20.Rxb4 Qc2+ 21.Bd2 Bxd2 22.Bb3 Qc3 -4.39/24

[22...Bxb4+? 23.Bxc2 Rab8 24.Qa6+- *(24.Qxc6 Rbc8+-; 24.Qxa7 Ra8+-)*]

[⌓22...Qd3 -8.86/22 23.Bc4 Qe4]

23.Re4 Bh6? 0.01/19

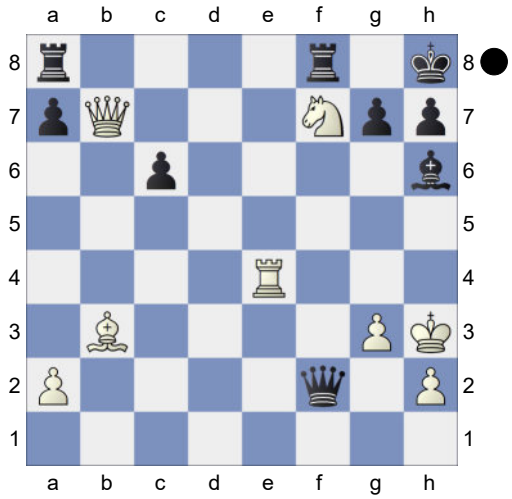
[23...f6-+ -4.76/23 24.h4 Be3]

24.Ne5!= Qd2+ 25.Kh3 Qf2 Strongly threatening ...Qf1+.

[25...Kg8? 26.Nxf7 Qf2 *(26...Be3? 27.Rg4+-)* 27.Nxh6+ Kh8 28.Nf7+ Rxf7 29.Qxf7+- *(29.Qxa8+ Rf8+-)*]

26.Nxf7+

[26.Bc4 is interesting. Qf5+ 27.g4 Qf2 28.Qxa8 Rxa8 29.Nxf7+ Qxf7 30.Bxf7 g6 31.Bb3]

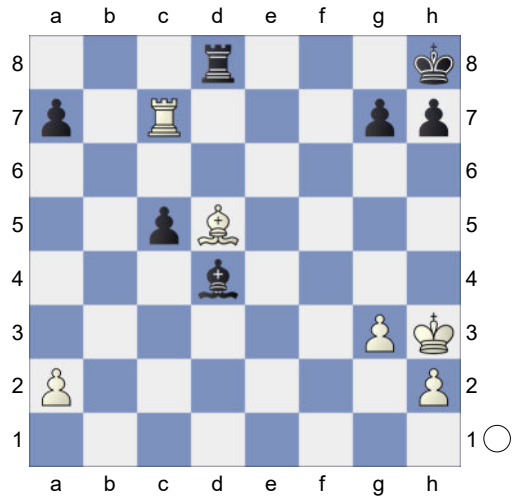


26...Rxf7! 27.Qxf7

[27.Qxa8+? Rf8-+]

27...Qxf7 28.Bxf7 Endgame KRB-KRB. Black is a pawn up. **28...Bg5 29.Rb4 Bf6 30.Rb7 Bd4 31.Rc7 c5 32.Bd5 Rd8**

(Diagram)



33.Rxa7! h5

[33...g6 34.Ra8]

34.Bc4 a4 would now be deadly. **34...g5 35.Rf7 Rd6 36.Rf5 Bf6 37.Bd5**

[37.Rxc5 Bd8]

37...Kg7 38.g4 hxg4+ 39.Kxg4 Ra6 40.Bb3 Rb6 41.Rxc5 Rb4+ 42.Bc4 Rb2 43.h3 Rf2 44.Rc7+ Kh6 45.Bd3 Rf4+ 46.Kg3 Bg7? 2.75/27

[46...Re4]

47.h4+- White wants to mate with hxg5+.

47...Rxh4 5.97/25

[47...Rd4 2.44/26 is more resistant.]

48.Rc6+ White is clearly winning.

48...Kh5 49.Be2+ g4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/Black=0.90 **50.Rc5+** Deflection

1-0

64 **C65**

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■ **Labog,Eric Jr** **2291**

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[Kitty Kat]*

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nbd2 d6 6.c3 0-0 7.h3 a6**

[7...Ne7 8.d4 Bb6 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Qe2 Ng6 11.g3 Qe7 12.Bd3 a5 13.Nc4 Bc5 14.Be3 Rd8 15.Bxc5 Qxc5 16.Ne3 h6 17.0-0-0 Be6 18.Kb1 b5 19.c4 b4 20.Nd5 Nd7 21.Ne1 c6 22.Nc7 ½-½ 11...♕c7 12.♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2803)-Deslandes,P (2787) GER VM001A corr 2001 (4)]

8.Ba4 The position is equal. **8...Ba7**

[RR 8...b5 9.Bb3 Bb6 10.0-0 h6 11.Re1 Re8 12.Nf1 Na5 13.Bc2 c5 14.Ng3 Nc6 15.a4 Rb8 16.Be3 d5 17.Qc1 dxe4 18.dxe4 Kh7 19.Rd1 Qc7 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nh4 Ne7 22.c4 bxc4 23.Ba4 Movahed,S (2518)-Tabatabaei,M (2670) Al Ain 2025 1-0 (72)]

9.Nf1N

[9.0-0 Ne7 10.d4 Ng6 11.Re1 b5 12.Bc2 Bb7 13.Nb3 c5 14.d5 c4 15.Nbd2 Qb6 16.Qe2 Nf4 17.Qf1 Nd7 18.Nb1 f5 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.exf5 Bxd5 21.Nbd2 Rae8 22.a4 Nf6 23.axb5 axb5 1-0 Predke,A (2671)-Jumabayev,R (2577) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (9)]

[RR 9.0-0 Ne7 10.d4 Ng6 11.Re1 b5 12.Bc2 Bb7 13.Nb3 c5 14.d5 c4 15.Nbd2 Qb6 16.Qe2 Nf4 17.Qf1 Nd7 18.Nb1 f5 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.exf5 Bxd5 21.Nbd2 Rae8 22.a4 Nf6 23.axb5 axb5 Predke,A (2671)-Jumabayev,R (2577) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (47)]

9...Ne7N

[9...d5 10.Qe2 b5 11.Bb3 d4 12.Ng3 a5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bd5 hxg5 15.Bxc6 Rb8 16.cxd4 Bxd4 17.Rc1 Rb6 18.Qc2 g4 19.Nxd4 Qxd4 20.hxg4 Nxg4 21.Qd2 Qd6 22.Bd5 a4 23.Nh5 Qe7 24.f3 7 Chapter-Game Chapter 13 Game]

10.g4 -0.48/18

[White should play 10.Ng3= 0.30/18]

10...Ng6∓ 11.Ng3 d5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 -1.07/20

[13.Bd2∓ -0.69/16]

13...Qxf6∓ 14.Nh5 Qb6 15.Qe2 dxe4 16.dxe4 Be6 17.0-0 Rad8 18.Rfd1 c6 -0.85/23

[⌓18...Rxd1+ -1.40/22 19.Bxd1 Bc4]

19.b4 -1.63/21

[19.Qc2∓ -0.85/23]

19...Rxd1+ -1.07/20

[19...c5-+ -1.63/21 20.Qb2 c4 21.Rxd8 Rxd8]

20.Rxd1 Rd8 -0.93/21

[20...c5! -1.31/21 21.Rd2 cxb4 22.cxb4 Qxb4]

21.Rxd8+ Qxd8 22.Bb3 Bd7 23.Nd2 Qe7 24.Nf1 -1.15/20

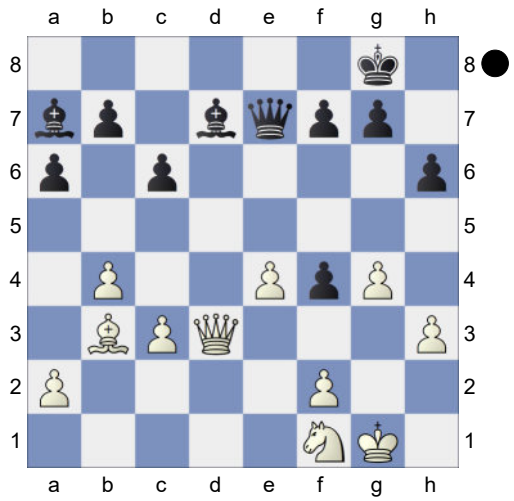
[24.Nf3∓ -0.59/19]

24...Nf4 -0.33/21

[24...Nh4∓ -1.15/20 25.Nhg3 g6]

25.Nxf4!∓ exf4 26.Qd3 -0.77/20

[26.Qf3∓ -0.39/20 feels stronger.]



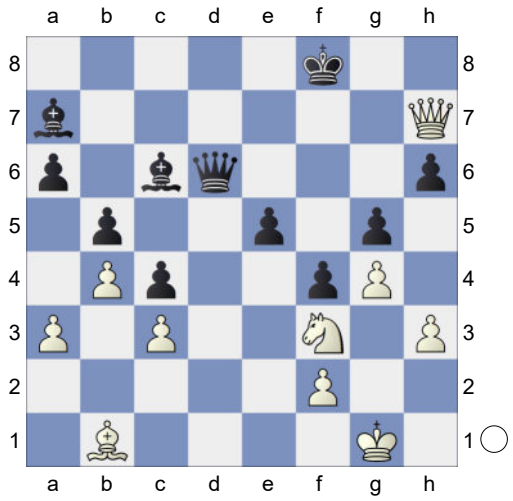
26...g5 0.01/21

[26...h5!∓ -0.77/20 27.Nh2 Bc8]

27.Nd2= Black should prevent e4-e5!.

27...Kg7 28.Nf3 c5 29.a3 b5 And now ...c5-c4 would win. **30.Bc2 c4 31.Qd5 Qe6 32.Qd2** -0.50/20

[32.Qa8= -0.11/23 Qb6 33.Nd4]
32...f6 0.01/23
[32...Bb6∓ -0.50/20]
33.Nd4 Qe7 34.Bb1 Kf8 35.Qc2 -0.58/18
[35.Nf5= 0.01/23 Bxf5 36.exf5]
35...Qe5 0.01/23
[35...h5∓ -0.58/18 36.f3 Qd6]
36.Nf3! Qd6 37.e5 fxe5 38.Qh7 Bc6? 4.07/22
[38...Qb6= 0.01/23 39.Qh8+ *(39.Qxd7 Qxf2+ 40.Kh1 Qxf3+ 41.Kh2 Qg3+* Deflection *42.Kh1 Qxh3#)* 39...Kf7 40.Nxe5+ *(40.Qxe5 Qxf2+ 41.Kh1 Qxf3+ 42.Kh2 Qg3+* Deflection *43.Kh1 Qxh3#)* 40...Ke6 41.Qxh6+ *(41.Bf5+ Kd5=)* 41...Kxe5 42.Qxg5+ Kd6 43.Qxf4+ Ke7]

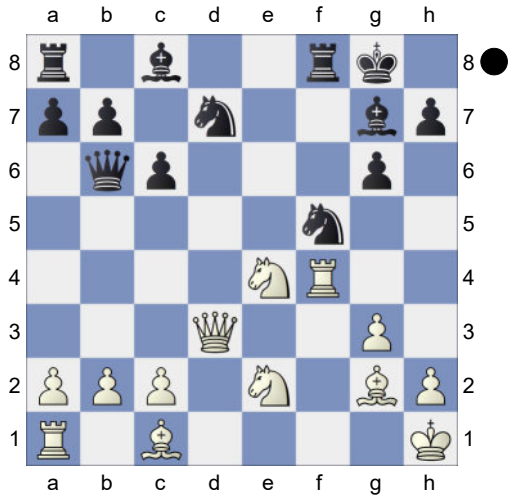


39.Be4? 0.01/22
[39.Bg6!+- 4.07/22 Qd1+ 40.Kh2]
39...Bxe4 40.Qxe4 Endgame KQB-KQN. Black is a pawn up. **40...Bb8**
[40...Qb6 looks sharper. 41.Qf5+ Kg8 42.Qc8+ Kg7]
41.h4 gxh4 42.Nxh4 -1.44/22
[42.Qb7= 0.01/19]
42...Qf6 0.01/22
[Black should play 42...Qd1+∓ -1.44/22 43.Kh2 Qxg4]
43.Nf5 Qg5 44.f3 Qd8! 45.Nxh6? -3.52/23
[45.Qb7= 0.00/21 and White stays safe.]
45...Kg7?? 2.79/25
[45...Qb6+-+ -3.52/23 and all is fine. 46.Kg2 Qxh6 47.Qf5+ Ke7]
46.Qc6 Ba7+? 3.88/24
[46...e4 2.05/22]
47.Kg2+- Hoping for Nh6-f5+. **47...Qb6** #5/12
[Wrong is 47...Qd2+? 48.Kh3 Qd8 49.Nf5+ *(49.Qxa6 Qd7+-)* 49...Kf7 50.Qb7+ *(50.Qxa6 Qd7+-)* 50...Ke6 51.Qxa7]
[47...Bb8+- 4.47/23 48.Nf5+ *(48.Qxa6 Qd2+ 49.Kh3 Qd7+-)* 48...Kf7]
48.Nf5+ Kf7 49.Qd7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.57
1-0

65 **B07**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2674**
■ **Merino Garcia,R** **2385**
Titled Tue 21. Jan Late (1) 21.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]*

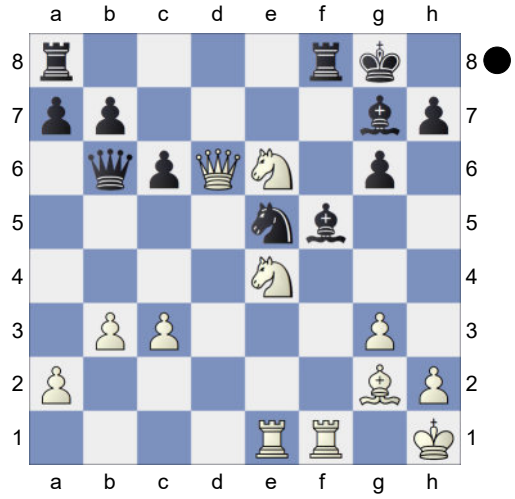
B06: Modern Defence
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nd7 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 e5 6.Nge2 Ne7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Be3N
[8.Bg5 f6 9.Be3 Kh8 10.Qd2 Ng8 11.f4 c6 12.Rf2 Qe7 13.Raf1 Nb6 14.b3 Be6 15.a4 Rad8 16.a5 Nc8 17.d5 Bf7 18.Bh3 c5 19.f5 g5 20.Ra1 Be8 21.Na4 Qc7 22.Bf1 h5 1-0 (52) Regis,D-Tunks,D (1935) manoeuvring in club play: port 1984]
8...f5 9.f4!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
9...fxe4 10.dxe5 -0.02/21

[10.Bxe4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nb6]
[10.Nxe4± 0.45/21 Nf5 11.Bf2]
10...Nf5= The position is equal. **11.Bc1 dxe5 12.Nxe4 exf4N** 0.40/21
[12...c6 13.Qd3 -0.33/20 *(13.a4= 0.06/23)* 13...Qb6+ 0.32/21 *(13...Nf6∓ -0.33/20)* 14.Kh1± exf4 15.Rxf4 -0.80/22 *(15.Bxf4± 0.31/24 a5 16.Ng5)*



15...Nc5 0.30/22 ½-½ Mohrlok,D (2415)-Ostl,A (2345) BL2-Sued 9394 1993 [2] *(15...Re8!∓ -0.80/22 16.Qb3+ Kh8)*]
[12...c6= -0.01/18]
[RR 12...c6 13.Qd3 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 exf4 15.Rxf4 Nc5 ½-½ (15) Mohrlok, D (2415)-Ostl,A (2345) Germany 1994]
13.Nxf4± Ne5 14.c3 0.13/22
[14.Qxd8± 0.67/22 Rxd8 15.Nc5]
14...c6=
[14...Qxd1 simplifies 15.Rxd1 c6 16.a4 a5]
15.b3 Qb6+ 16.Kh1 Ne3 17.Bxe3 Qxe3 18.Qd6 Bf5 19.Rae1 Qb6 20.Ne6? -4.62/24
[20.h3∓ -0.32/20]

(Diagram)



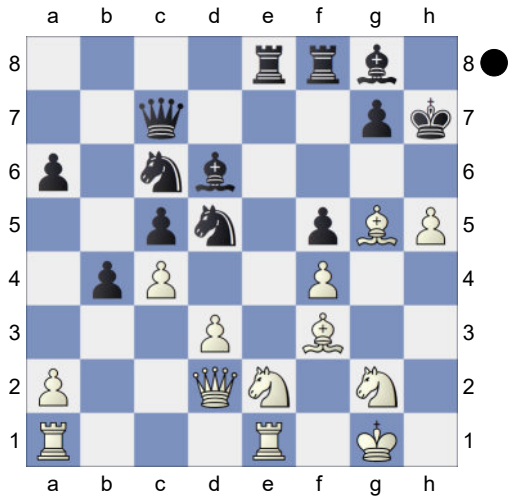
20...Bxe6? 0.34/26
[20...Nf7!-+ -4.62/24 21.Qd7 Rad8]
21.Qxe6+± Kh8 22.Nd6 0.11/21
[22.Qe7± 0.48/24 is more appropriate.]
22...Rxf1+?? 3.73/27
[22...Nd3!= 0.11/21 23.Nf7+ Rxf7 24.Qxf7 Nxe1 25.Rxe1 Rf8]
23.Rxf1+- and Ne8 should not be overlooked **23...Rd8** 9.04/25
[23...h5 3.41/25 24.Be4 Qd8 25.Bxg6 *(25.Nxb7 Qd2±)* 25...Qd7 26.Qxd7 *(26.Nf7+ Kg8+-)* 26...Nxd7 27.Bxh5 Nf6]
24.Ne8 Threatening mate with Qxe5!.
24...Ng4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=1.19
25.Qe7
1-0

66 **B30**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2674**
■ **Teterev,V** **2257**
Titled Tue 14th Jan Early blitz (4)
[Kitty Kat]*

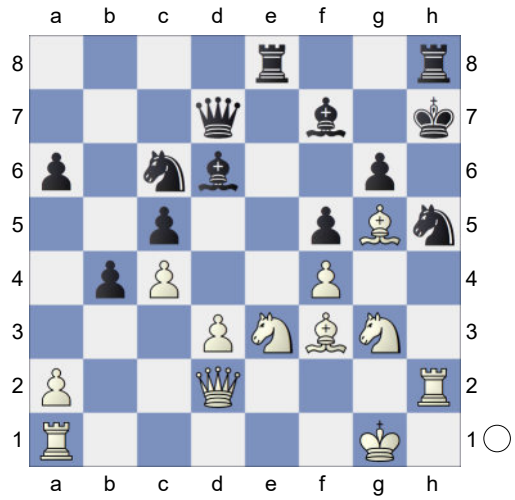
B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 0-1 (26) Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Syre Memorial op 34th 2011 (3)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 (72) Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11.♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 (30) Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8)]
4...Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 Bg4 8.d3 e6 9.Be3 Be7 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.h3 The position is equal. **11...Bh5 12.g4!?** Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[RR 12.Be2 b5 13.Nh2 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 d5 15.exd5 exd5 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Re8 18.Qf3 Qd7 19.Nb3 c4 20.dxc4 bxc4 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Rab8 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Qc3 h5 25.Nf3 Qb5 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 Lysakov,A (1947)-Aligozhin,Z (2333) Almaty 2024 0-1 (47)]
12...Bg6 13.Nh4 Nd7 14.Ng2N
[14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.f4 d5 16.Nf3 Qc7 17.Qd2 -0.54/21 *(17.e5=* 0.24/20 *)* 17...Rad8 0.30/20 *(17...d4!∓* -0.54/21 *18.Bf2 e5)* 18.exd5 -0.56/20 *(18.Qh2=* 0.30/20 *)* 18...exd5∓ 19.Qf2 Bd6 20.Ng5 0-1 (50) Micanek,T (2076)-Hagarova,Z (2288) CZE-chT2B 2223 2022 (11.3)]
[RR 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.f4 d5 16.Nf3 Qc7 17.Qd2 Rad8 18.exd5 exd5 19.Qf2 Bd6 20.Ng5 Rfe8 21.Bd2 Nf6 22.Bg2 Re7 23.Rxe7 Nxe7 24.Rf1 Qb6 25.Bc1 Qb5 26.Re1 Qxd3 27.Bf1 Qb1 28.b3 Qa1 Micanek,T (2076)-Hagarova,Z (2288) Czech Republic 2023 0-1 (50)]
14...Kh8 15.f4 f5 16.Be2 -0.09/19
[16.exf5± 0.52/20 exf5 17.g5]
16...b5 0.66/21
[16...fxg4= -0.09/19 17.Bxg4 e5]
17.exf5± exf5 18.Bf3 Inhibits d5.
18...Rc8 19.g5 Nb6 0.79/19
[19...Bf7= 0.25/21 keeps the balance.]
20.h4 0.31/20
[20.Nb3± 0.79/19]
20...Bf7 0.72/19
[20...Na4± 0.31/20]
21.h5 -0.01/22
[White should play 21.Nb3± 0.72/19]
21...d5= 22.Bf2 d4 23.Nf1 -0.43/20
[23.Bxc6= 0.09/20 Rxc6 24.cxd4]
23...Nd5 0.49/19
[23...Qd7∓ -0.43/20]
24.Ng3? -1.04/21
[24.c4± 0.49/19 keeps the upper hand. bxc4 25.dxc4]
24...Bg8? 1.10/22
[24...dxc3∓ -1.04/21 25.bxc3 Nxc3]

25.Qd2 0.01/18
[White must play 25.c4± 1.10/22]
25...Bd6 26.Ne2 dxc3 0.66/19
[26...Bc7= -0.22/19]
27.bxc3± Hoping for h6. **27...Qc7** 1.71/20
[27...Qd7± 0.51/19]
28.g6? -1.13/18
[28.c4+- 1.71/20]
28...Rcd8 -0.53/18
[28...Nf6∓ -1.13/18 29.Nh4 Ng4]
29.gxh7 -0.93/19
[29.Bh4∓ -0.53/18 was preferable.]
29...Kxh7∓ 30.Bh4 -1.03/20
[30.Kh1∓ -0.60/19]
30...Rde8 -0.65/21
[30...Be7∓ -1.03/20 31.Bf2 b4 32.cxb4 Ndxb4 *(32...cxb4 33.Nh4∓; 32...Ncxb4 33.a3=)*]
31.Bg5∓ b4 32.c4



Nf6 -0.31/20
[Black should play 32...Nc3!∓ -0.75/21 33.Nxc3 bxc3 *(33...Nd4 34.Rf1∓)* 34.Qxc3 Nd4]
33.Ne3 -1.19/20
[33.Nh4∓ -0.31/20]
33...Qd7 34.Rf1 -2.13/20
[34.Kg2∓ -0.98/20]
34...Bf7? 0.52/22
[34...Bc7-+ -2.13/20 aiming for ... Ne4!. 35.Rf2 Ne4 36.Bxe4 fxe4]
35.Rf2? -1.58/21
[35.h6± 0.52/22]
35...Nxh5? 3.33/23
[35...Bxh5∓ -1.58/21 and life is bright. 36.Rh2 Kg6 37.Bxh5+ Nxh5]
36.Rh2+- g6 37.Ng3 1.89/20
[⌓37.Nd5 3.41/23 Re6 *(37...Bxd5 38.Bxd5 Be7 39.Bxe7∓)* 38.Kh1]
37...Rh8? 4.48/23
[37...Nd4 1.89/20 38.Bxh5 gxh5 39.Nxh5 Bxh5 *(39...Nf3+? 40.Kf2+-)* 40.Rxh5+ Kg8]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.83
38.Nexf5! Deflection
1-0

67 **B12**
□ **Ivic,Velimir** **2620**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**
Titled Tue 24th Dec Late blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]*

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.b4 Qa6 8.Qd1** White has an edge. **8...e6 9.c3 Ne7**

[9...Qb6 10.Nd2 a5 11.bxa5 Qxa5 12.Rh3 Ne7 13.c4 Nf5 14.c5 Qc7 15.Bb2 Nd7 16.Rb3 Nxh4 17.Kf1 Be7 18.Rb1 Rxa2 19.Ne2 Nf5 20.Ba3 Qa5 21.Bb4 Qa8 22.Rh3 g6 23.Nf3 g5 24.Nc3 Roebers,E (2361)-Donchenko,A (2627) Wijk aan Zee NED 2023 [Daniel Fernandez] 0-1]

[RR 9...Qb6 10.Nf3 a5 11.bxa5 Qxa5 12.0-0 Qa4 13.Qd3 Ne7 14.Ba3 Nd7 15.Bd6 c5 16.Nbd2 c4 17.Qb1 b6 18.a3 g6 19.g3 Nc6 20.Bb4 Be7 21.Kg2 Kf8 22.Ng5 Kg7 ½-½ (22) Iankin,A (1976)-Marchesich,G (2189) Bratislava 2025]

10.a4 Nd7 11.Ne2 b6N

[11...Nf5 12.Nd2 Be7 13.Nf3 b6 14.g3 c5 15.b5 Qb7 16.0-0 a6 17.Bg5 axb5 18.axb5 Rxa1 19.Qxa1 0-0 20.Bxe7 Nxe7 21.Nf4 Ra8 22.Qd1 g6 23.Ng5 Nf8 24.g4 hxg4 25.h5 cxd4 26.cxd4 Kramnik,V (2753)-Melkumyan,H (2645) chess.com INT 2022 [Daniel Fernandez] 1-0 (38)]

[RR 11...Nf5 12.Nd2 Be7 13.Nf3 b6 14.g3 c5 15.b5 Qb7 16.0-0 a6 17.Bg5 axb5 18.axb5 Rxa1 19.Qxa1 0-0 20.Bxe7 Nxe7 21.Nf4 Ra8 22.Qd1 g6 23.Ng5 Nf8 24.g4 hxg4 25.h5 cxd4 26.cxd4 Kramnik,V (2753)-Melkumyan,H (2645) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (38)]

12.Nd2 Nf5 13.Nf3 Qc8 0.65/22

[13...g6= 0.24/20]

14.Ng3± Be7 15.Nxf5 exf5 16.Bg5 Nf8 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Qd3 g6 19.c4 Ne6 20.b5 0.42/21

[20.cxd5± 0.76/21 cxd5 21.b5]

20...Rd8! 21.0-0 c5 22.Rac1 Qb7 23.dxc5 bxc5 24.Rfd1 d4 25.a5 Kf8 26.a6 Qe4 27.Qxe4 0.49/19

[27.g3= 0.18/21]

27...fxe4 28.Nd2

[Reject 28.Ng5 Nxg5 29.hxg5 Re8∓]

28...e3 29.fxe3 dxe3 30.Ne4 -0.45/19

[30.Nf3!= 0.01/20]

30...Rd4∓ 31.Nd6 -1.42/18

[31.Ng5!∓ -0.54/17]

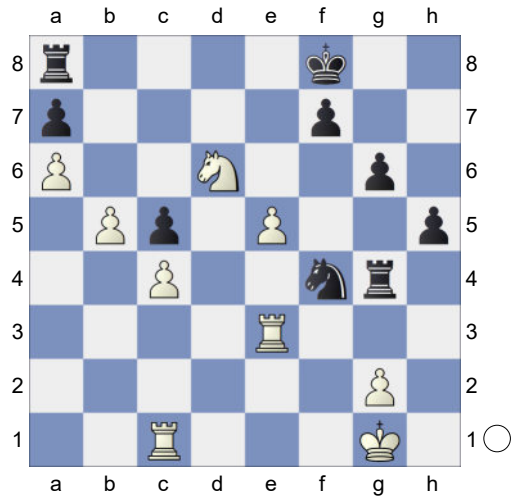
31...Rxh4? 1.23/20

[31...Nf4∓ -1.42/18 (→ ...Ne2+) 32.g3 Ne2+ 33.Kf1 Nxc1 34.Rxc1 f5]

32.Re1± Rg4 1.52/20

[⌓32...f5 1.14/18]

33.Rxe3 aiming for Rf1. **33...Nf4**



34.Rc2! &Bianco is more active. **34...h4 35.Kh2** Prevents Rg3. **35...Ke7 36.Ne4 Ne6 37.Rf2 Rf8?** 3.99/19 This costs Black the game.

[37...g5± 1.27/18 38.Nd6 Rf4 39.Nf5+ Kd8 40.Rxf4 Nxf4]

38.Nf6 2.24/20

[⌓38.b6 3.99/19]

38...Rd4? 7.61/19

[38...Rxc4 2.24/20 39.b6 Rd4]

39.Nd5++- Kd7 40.Ref3 3.40/17

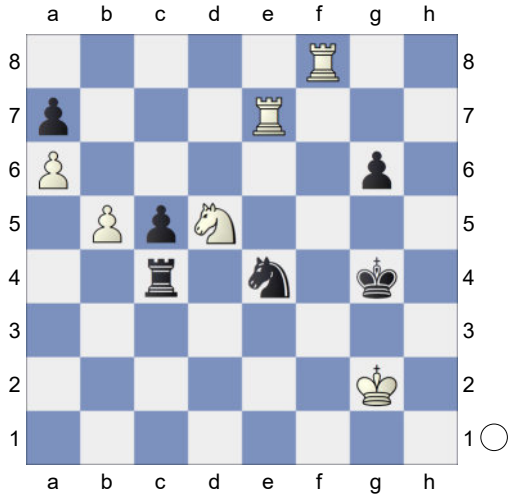
[⌓40.b6 7.73/17 Kc6 41.b7]

40...Ng5? 8.46/18

[40...f5 3.40/17 41.exf6 Rxc4]

41.Rf6 h3 42.Rd6+ Kc8 43.e6 hxg2 44.e7 Re8 45.Kxg2 Ne4 46.Rc6+ Kd7

47.Rxf7 Rxc4 48.Rf8 White wants to mate with Rxe8. **48...Rxe7 49.Rc7+ Kd6 50.Rd8+ Rd7 51.Rcxd7+ Ke6 52.Re7+ Kf5 53.Rf8+ Kg4**



54.Rxe4+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.72
1-0

68 **C17**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**
■ **Trost,Edvin** **2443**
Titled Tue 17th Dec Early blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]*

C17: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 sidelines

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5
[4...Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 b6 7.Qg4 Ng6 8.h4 h5 9.Qg3 Ba6 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.Ne2 Qd7 12.Nf4 Nxf4 13.Bxf4 Rg8 14.Qg5 Qa4 15.Qxh5 Qxc2 16.0-0 Qxc3 17.Be3 Qc6 18.Rac1 Qd7 19.Bg5 Loehr,H (2550)-Hafner,R (2641) Hrvatska 101/369 2003 CBM 118 [Chelushkina,I; Prudnikova,S] 1-0 (40)]
[4...b6 5.Qg4 Bf8 6.Nf3 Qd7 7.Be3 Ne7 8.Qh5 Ng6 9.0-0-0 Ba6 10.Kb1 Bxf1 11.Rhxf1 Nc6 12.Nd2 Bb4 13.Ne2 Bxd2 14.Bxd2 0-0-0 15.f4 Nge7 16.Qxf7 h5 17.f5 Nxf5 18.Qxd7+ Kxd7 19.c3 Stukopin,A (2564)-Ruiz Castillo,J (2503) Dulles 2021 CBM 208 Extra [Stukopin, Andrey] ½-½ (35)]

5.Bd2 Ne7 6.Nf3 b6
[RR 6...0-0 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 b6 9.h4 Ba6 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.h5 h6 12.Bd2 Nc6 13.c3 Nc7 14.Qe2 a6 15.Rh4 f6 16.Rg4 f5 17.Rg6 Ne7 18.Nh4 Nxg6 19.Nxg6 cxd4 20.cxd4 Nb5 21.Qd3 Sjugirov,S (2712)-Shipov, S (2541) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (55)]
[RR 6...Bxc3 7.Bxc3 b6 8.Bd3 Ba6 9.a4 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nbc6 11.a5 c4 12.Qd2 b5 13.0-0 0-0 14.b4 a6 15.Qf4 Nf5 16.Bd2 f6 17.exf6 Qxf6 18.c3 Rae8 19.Rfe1 Qg6 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.Qxe5 Zhandos,A (1981)-Nazarbek,A (1808) Almaty 2025 1-0 (132)]
[RR 6...cxd4 7.Nb5 Bc5 8.b4 Bb6 9.a4 0-0 10.a5 Bc7 11.Bd3 Ng6 12.Qe2 Nc6 13.Nxc7 Qxc7 14.Bxg6 fxg6 15.b5 Ne7 16.Bb4 Nf5 17.0-0 Rd8 18.g4 Nh6 19.Nxd4 Bd7 20.f4 Rac8 21.c3 Maghsoodloo,P (2732)-Pesotskiy,M (2143) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (45)]

7.Bb5+N
[7.Nb5 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 0-0 9.c3 Ba6 10.Be2 Nbc6 11.0-0 Ng6 12.Qe3 Qe7 13.g3 f6 14.Rfe1 Rad8 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Qxc5 e5 18.Rad1 Nge7 19.Nh4 g5 20.Ng2 Kh8 21.a4 d4 Dolgitser,K-Mueller,T corr USA 1989 UltraCorr3a [DeVault] ½-½ 22.cxd4 exd4 23.h4 gxh4 24.Nxh4 Rg8 25.Ng2 Bb7 26.Qh5 a6 27.Na3 Ne5 28.Qh4 Qc6

0-1 (28) Faizrakhmanov,R (2410)-Zienkiewicz,J (2638) Linares 2003 130 Games Section [Chelushkina,I; Prudnikova,S]]

7...Bd7N

[RR 7...Nec6 8.0-0 Ba6 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.Qe2 Nc7 12.Bg5 Qd7 13.Na4 h6 14.Bf4 Ne7 15.b3 d4 16.Rfd1 Ba3 17.c3 Ncd5 18.Bg3 dxc3 19.Qc4 Qc6 20.Nxc3 Bb2 21.Ne4 Bxa1 22.Nd6+ Sanchez,R (1966)-Shuvalov,E (2149) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (44)]

8.Bd3 Bc8 0.54/18

[8...Nbc6= 0.01/18]

9.a3 Bxc3 10.Bxc3 Ba6 11.b4 Bxd3 12.cxd3 cxd4 13.Bxd4 0-0 14.0-0 Nbc6 15.Bb2 Rc8 0.21/18

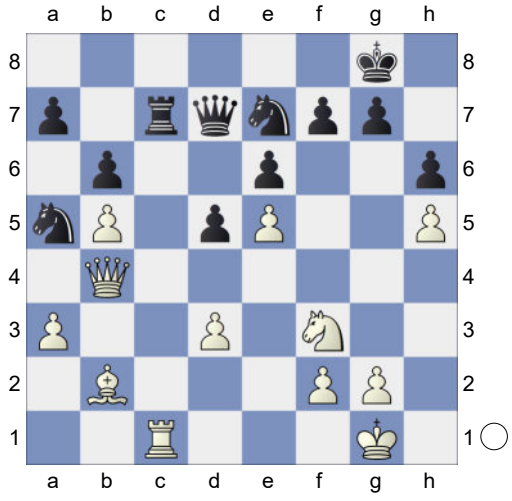
[⌓15...b5 -0.16/18]

16.Rc1 Qd7 17.h4 Rc7 0.46/20

[17...b5= 0.04/18]

18.h5 h6 19.b5 Na5 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 21.Qa4 Rc8 22.Rc1 Against Qc2 **22...Qd7 23.Qb4** &Bianco is more active. **23...Rc7** 1.74/23

[23...Rxc1+± 0.55/22 24.Bxc1 d4]



24.g4 0.60/22

[24.Rxc7!+- 1.74/23 Qxc7 25.Qd6]

24...Qc8 2.30/25

[24...Nb7± 0.60/22]

25.Rc3 0.82/20

[25.Rxc7+- 2.30/25 is more deadly. Qxc7 26.Qd6]

25...d4 1.30/24

[⌓25...Rxc3 0.82/20 26.Bxc3 Qc7]

26.Nxd4 0.27/22

[26.Rxc7± 1.30/24 Qxc7 27.Qd6 *(27.Nxd4 Nb7±; 27.Bxd4 Qc1+ 28.Kg2 Nd5∓; 27.Qxd4 Nd5±)*]

26...Nd5= Pair of Knights! **27.Rxc7 Qxc7 28.Qd6** Black is now going downhill. **28...Nb7** 1.13/23

[⌓28...Qc8 0.81/24]

29.Qxc7±

[29.Qc6 is more complex. Nc5 30.Qa8+ Kh7 31.Nc6]

29...Nxc7 Endgame KBN-KNN **30.Kf1 Nc5 31.Ke2 Kf8 32.Bc3 Ke8 33.f4** 1.37/22

[33.Bd2+- 1.88/22]

33...Nd5 1.85/22

[33...g6± 1.37/22 34.Bb4 gxh5]

34.Bd2+- a6 2.20/23

[34...g6 1.69/20 keeps fighting. 35.f5 g5]

35.bxa6 Nxa6 36.Nb5 f6 37.d4 Nac7? 3.13/23

[37...Kf8± 1.49/21 38.f5 fxe5]

38.Nd6+ Ke7 39.f5 Ne8 3.57/24

[39...Na6 2.34/20 was necessary. 40.fxe6 Nac7 41.Nf5+ Kf8 42.exf6 Nxf6 43.Bb4+ Kg8 44.Ne7+ Kh7]

40.Ne4 Nec7 41.Kd3 b5 4.84/24

[⌓41...fxe5 3.26/21 42.dxe5 Kf8]

42.Nc5 Na8 7.58/24

[⌓42...exf5 4.71/24 43.gxf5 Nb6]

43.Ba5 exf5 44.gxf5 Nf4+ 45.Ke4 Nxh5 46.Kf3

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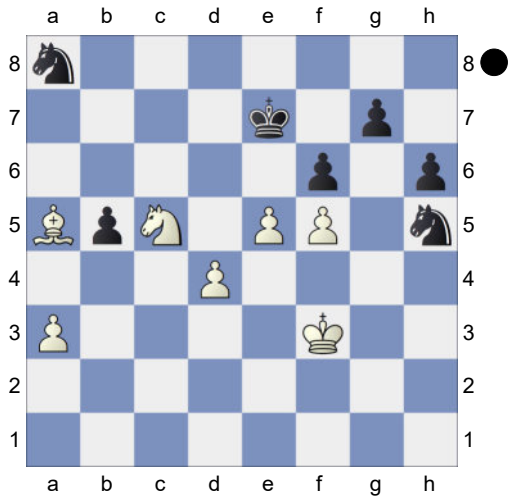

Against Ng3. aiming for Kg4. **46...fxe5 47.dxe5 Kf7 48.Ne4** Kg4 is the strong threat. **48...g6 49.e6+ Ke8 50.fxg6 Ng7 51.Bb4 Nxe6 52.Kg4 Nac7 53.Kh5 Nd5 54.Kxh6 Ndf4 55.Nf6+ Kd8 56.g7 Nxg7 57.Kxg7 Kc7 58.Kf7 Kc6 59.Ke7 Nd3 60.Ke6 Nb2** 8.93/35
[⌓60...Nc5+ 4.69/26 61.Kf5 Nd7]
61.Ng4 Nc4 62.Kf5? 2.31/27
[62.Ne5+ 8.57/29 Nxe5 63.Kxe5]
62...Nb6? 8.30/29
[62...Kd5 2.31/27 63.Kf4 Kd4]
63.Ke4 Nc4 64.Kd4 Nb6 65.Ne5+ Kb7 66.Kc5 Ka6 67.Kc6 Nc8 68.Bc5 Ka5 69.Nd3 Ka6 70.Nb4+ 7.88/5
[⌓70.Kc7 #15/26 Na7 71.Bb4 Nc6 72.Kxc6 Ka7 73.Kc7 Ka6 74.Nc5+ Ka7 75.Ba5]
70...Ka5 71.Kc7 White mates. **71...Ka4 72.Nc2 Na7 73.Bxa7 Kb3 74.Kb6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.37
1-0

69 **B90**
□ **Uskov,Artem** **2430**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.18)
[Kitty Kat]*

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 h6**
[6...e6 7.g4 d5 *(7...Be7 8.Be3 Nfd7 9.h4 Nc6 10.g5 0-0 11.Bg2 Nde5 12.Qe2 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Nc6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.f4 Na5 16.0-0 Rc8 17.f5 Nc4 18.Bd4 f6 19.g6 Qe8 20.Qh5 h6 21.b3 Na3 22.Rf2* 0-1 Abdumalik,Z (2464)-Christiansen, J (2561) Capo d'Orso 140/76 2019*)* 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Bd2 b5 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.0-0 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 b4 14.Be1 Ra7 15.c3 h5 16.f4 hxg4 17.hxg4 g5 18.f5 Bd6 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Qd3 Rh6 21.Rd1 1-0 Smirin,I (2630)-Mista,A (2537) EU-ch 9th Plovdiv 2008 (7)]
7.Be3N
[7.g4 e6 8.Bg2 Be7 9.Be3 Qc7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.f4 Rb8 12.g5 hxg5 13.fxg5 Nh5 14.g6 Nhf6 15.gxf7+ Kxf7 16.Nxe6 Kxe6 17.Qd5+ Nxd5 18.exd5+ Ke5 19.Rae1 Bh4 20.Bh6+ Kd4 21.Re4+ 0-1 Chunga,J (2069)-Opitz,P (2087) corr GER-PER 2011]
[RR 7.a4 e5 8.Nde2 Be7 9.g3 b6 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.f4 b5 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.d6 Bf6 17.Bxb7 Qb6+ 18.Kh2 Qxb7 19.Nc3 Rac8 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nd5 Rc5 Maghsoodloo,P (2676)-Carlsen,M (2862) Chess.com INT 2020 ½-½ (50)]
[RR 7.Bd3 e5 8.Nde2 Be7 9.0-0

0-0 10.Ng3 Be6 11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 Nc6 13.Qd2 Ne5 14.Bxh6 gxh6 15.Qxh6 Ne8 16.Nf5 Bg5 17.Qh5 Ng7 18.Qe2 Re8 19.Kh1 Rc8 20.Qf2 Ng6 21.Nd5 Bxd5 Paravyan,D (2589)-Maghsoodloo,P (2695) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (31)]

7...e5

[RR 7...e6 8.Be2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.f4 Nc6 11.Bf3 Qc7 12.Qe1 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 e5 14.Be3 b5 15.Qg3 Kh7 16.a3 Bb7 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Qf2 Qc4 19.Be2 Qc8 20.Nd5 Nxe4 21.Qf3 Nf6 22.fxe5 Ortiz Lopera,M (2010)-Velandia,W (1761) Manizales 2025 0-1 (58)]

8.Nb3 Be7 White is slightly better.

9.g4N

[RR 9.Qf3 b5 10.0-0-0 b4 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 a5 13.g4 a4 14.Nc5 Ra5 15.Nd3 b3 16.a3 bxc2 17.Rd2 Na6 18.Bg2 Bb7 19.Qe2 Qa8 20.Bb6 Bxd5 21.Bxa5 Bxg2 22.Rg1 Bf3 23.Qe1 0-0 Pulkkinen,K (2239)-Paravyan,D (2629) Porto Carras 2018 0-1 (31)]

9...Nbd7 10.a4 b6 11.Nd2 Bb7 12.Bg2 Rc8 13.0-0 Nf8 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Ng6 16.c4 h5 0.90/21 **17.a5 b5** 1.21/21

[17...hxg4± 0.57/19 18.hxg4 *(18.axb6 gxh3 19.Be4 Bg5±; 18.Bxb6 Qd7=)* 18...bxa5]

18.cxb5!±

[18.gxh5?! Nh4=]

18...axb5 19.a6 Ba8 20.Qe2 Qd7 1.89/21

[20...0-0± 1.44/19]

21.Rfc1

[21.gxh5?! Nh4±]

21...0-0 22.Be4 1.21/21

[22.gxh5 Nh4±]

[22.Rxc8+- 1.78/20 Rxc8 23.Be4 *(23.gxh5 Nh4±)*]

22...Nh4? 2.87/23

[22...Rxc1+± 1.21/21 was called for. 23.Rxc1 hxg4]

23.Nf3+-

[23.gxh5 f5 24.Rxc8 Rxc8=]

23...g6 24.Nxh4 Bxh4 Black is weak on the light squares **25.Kh2 Kg7 26.a7 Rc4 27.Rxc4 bxc4 28.Rc1** 1.44/17

[28.Qxc4 hxg4 29.Rc1 Rh8±]

[28.gxh5+- 3.25/21 f5 29.Bh1]

28...Rh8? 3.48/23

[28...hxg4± 1.44/17 29.hxg4 *(29.Rxc4 f5±; 29.Qxg4 Qxg4 30.hxg4 f5+-)* 29...Rh8]

29.g5

[29.Rxc4 hxg4 30.Bg2 f5±]

29...Qe7 30.Qd2

[30.Rxc4 Bxg5 31.Bb6 Bf4+ 32.Kg2 Rf8+-]

30...Rc8 31.b3? 0.72/21

[31.Rc3+- 3.52/23 has better winning chances.]

31...c3± 32.Rxc3 Rxc3 33.Qxc3 Bxg5 34.Bb6! Qf6 1.31/26

[Black should play 34...Qd7 0.94/24]

35.Kg1↑ White has strong initiative. White is more active. **35...Qf4 36.Bg2** 1.12/21

[36.Qc4!+- 1.84/23]

36...Qd2 37.Qxd2 Bxd2 Endgame. KBB-KBB **38.Kf1!** And now Ke2 would win. **38...f5** 1.47/27 Black is on the road to losing.

[38...Bb7!± 0.39/28]

39.Ke2 Bb4 40.Kd3 Kf7 2.75/24

[40...Be1± 1.54/25]

41.Kc4+- Bd2 42.Kb5 1.26/21

[42.Bf3+- 2.16/23]

42...Ke7? 3.39/26

[42...Be1± 1.26/21 was worth a try.]

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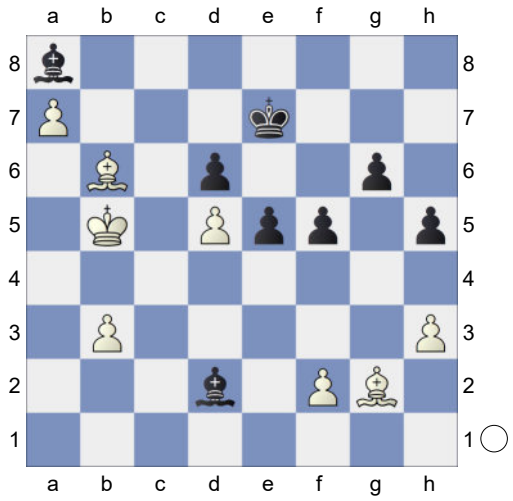
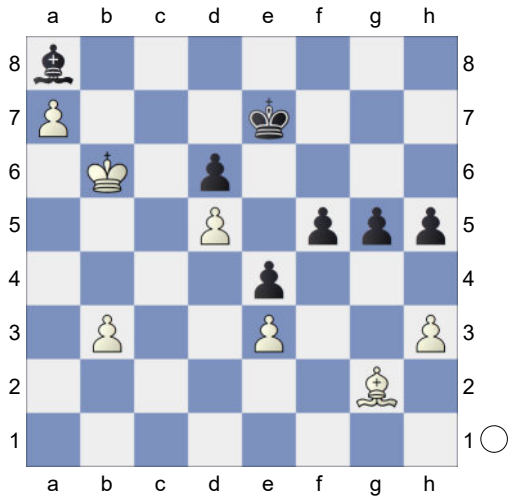
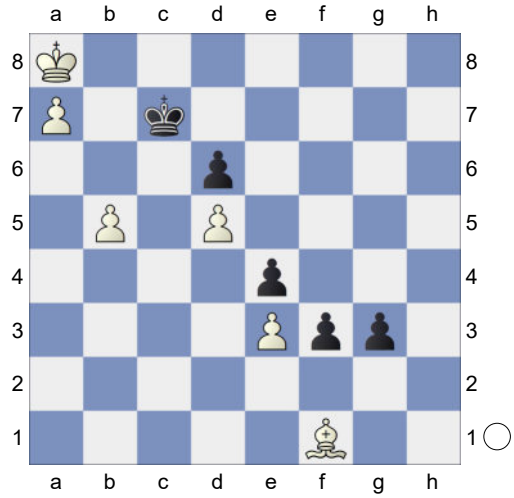


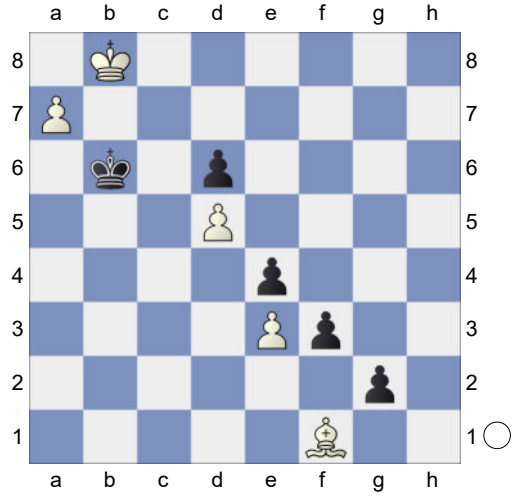
43.Be3? 1.23/24
[43.Ba5!+- 3.39/26 is the precise move to win. Bh6 44.Kb6]
43...Bxe3 5.83/19
[43...Be1± 1.23/24 is a better chance.]
44.fxe3± KB-KB **44...e4 45.Kb6 g5**



46.Kc7! g4 47.hxg4 hxg4 48.Kb8
[48.b4 f4 49.Kb8 *(49.exf4? e3-+; 49.Bxe4? fxe3 50.Bd3 g3-+)* 49...f3+-]
48...Kd8 49.Kxa8+- Kb7 would kill now.
KB-KP **49...Kc7 50.b4 f4 51.b5**
[51.exf4 e3 52.Bf1 g3∓]
[51.Bxe4 fxe3 52.b5 e2 53.b6+ Kxb6=]
51...f3 52.Bf1 Threatens to win with b6+! **52...g3**



53.b6+! Kxb6 Strongly threatening ...g2.
54.Kb8 g2

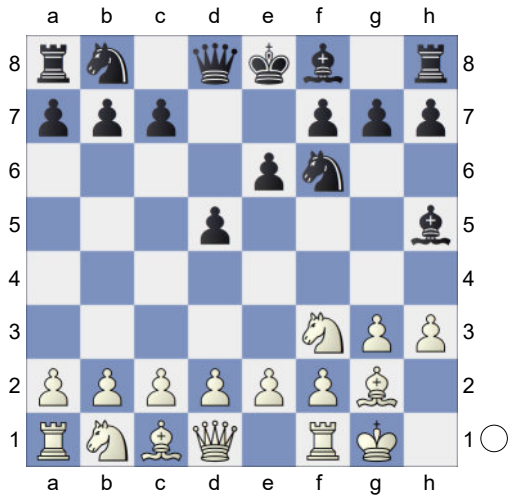


55.Ba6! Decoy, Promotion **55...g1Q**
56.a8Q Intending Qc6+ and mate.
[56.a8R? g e t s m a t e d . Qg7 *(56...Qxe3? 57.Ra7-+; 56...Qxe3? 57.Bc4-+)*]
56...Qg8+ 57.Bc8 Threatening mate with Qc6+. **57...Qd8** 16.21/23
[⌓57...f2 4.24/18 58.Qa3 f1Q *(58...f1B?* is the wrong capture. *59.Qb4+ Bb5 60.Qxd6+ Ka5 61.Qa3+ Ba4 62.d6+-)* 59.Qa7+ *(59.Qa6+ Qxa6=)* 59...Kb5 60.Qa6+ Skewer, Double Attack Kb4 61.Qxf1 Qxd5]

58.Qc6+ Ka5 59.Qc7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.46
1-0

70 **A07**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**
■ **Garifullina,Leya** **2451**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.16)
[Kitty Kat]*

A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems
1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Bg4 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 Nf6 5.h3 Bh5



6.c4! c6 7.d4 Nbd7 8.cxd5 White is slightly better. **8...exd5 9.Nc3**
[9.Nh4 Bg6 10.Nc3 Bd6 11.Bg5 *(11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Rb1 a5 13.Bg5 0-0 14.Qd3 Re8 15.Rfe1 Be7 16.h4 Nf8 17.Bf3 N8h7 18.Bd2 Bd6 19.a3 Qd7 20.Kg2 Re7 21.e4 dxe4 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Nf6 24.Bf3 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Bc5* 0-1 (80) Nikitenko,M (2522)-Suyarov,M (2281) Kazakhstan Cup 2023 (5)*)* 11...Qc7 12.Rc1 Qb6 13.Na4 Qa6 14.a3 Be4 15.b4 0-0 16.f3 Bg6 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.g4 b5 19.Nb2 Qxa3 20.Rxc6 Qxb2 21.Rxd6 Qxb4 22.Rc6 Rfc8 23.Ra6 Qc4 ½-½ (31) Donchenko,A (2658)-Edouard,R (2645) 146/23 Bremen 2020]
[9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Nd2 f5 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Qb3 Qb6 14.e4 Qxb3 15.axb3 dxe4 16.g4 Bg6 17.Ra4 ½-½ Aradhya,G (2412)-Nezad,H (2326) Abu Dhabi op-A 30th 2024 (6)]
[RR 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Nd2 Nxd2 12.Bxd2 Bc5 13.Rc1 Qe7 14.Kh2 0-0 15.g4 Bg6 16.f4 h6 17.Qe1 Rfe8 18.Qg3 Bh7 19.h4 Rad8 20.g5 hxg5 21.hxg5 Bb4 22.Bxb4 Qxb4 23.f5 Qxb2 Nepomniachtchi,I (2766)-Duda,J (2750) Madrid 2022 1-0 (35)]
[RR 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Nd7 11.Nc3 Bc5 12.Na4 Be7 13.f4 f5 14.Be3 Nf8 15.Rc1 Ne6 16.Nc5 Bxc5 17.Bxc5 Nxc5 18.Rxc5 Qb6 19.Qd4 Bxe2 20.Re1 Bh5 21.a4 a5 22.e6 0-0 23.Rxd5 Qxd4+ Svane,R (2626)-Salinas Herrera,P (2447) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (44)]
[RR 9.Ne5 Ne4 10.Nd2 f5 11.g4 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nxd2 13.Bxd2 Bg6 14.gxf5 Bxf5 15.Qb3 Qb6 16.Qg3 0-0-0 17.b4 Be7 18.a4 Qd4 19.Rfd1 Bh4 20.Qe3 Qxe3 21.Bxe3 Rhe8 22.Bd4 Be7 23.Bc3 g5 Rostovtsev,D (2292)-Garifullina,L (2446) Moscow 2025 0-1 (55)]
9...Bd6 Repels Ne5 **10.Qb3N**
[10.Nh4 0-0 11.Qb3 Qb6 12.Qxb6 axb6 13.f4 b5 14.g4 b4 15.Nd1 Nxg4 16.hxg4 Bxg4 17.Bf3 f5 18.Ne3 h5 19.Ng6 Rf6 20.Ne5 Nf8 21.Bxg4 hxg4 22.Bd2 Ne6 23.Nc2 Rh6 24.Kg2 Ra4 1-0 (46) 2.d3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4. ♗g2 î (2590)-Heymann,U (2609) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2005 (11)]
[10.Re1 0-0 11.Qb3 Qb6 12.Bf4

Bxf4 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.gxf4 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 b5 16.a3 Rfe8 17.e3 Nb6 18.Rac1 Na4 19.Rc2 Nxc3 20.Rxc3 Kf8 21.Rcc1 Re6 22.Kg2 Ke7 23.Bg4 Rd6 24.Bf3 Re6 ½-½ (30) Houghton,G (2208)-Bernstein,O (2187) 22/449 Sochi 1976 (7.2)]

[RR 10.Nh4 Bg6 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Rb1 a5 13.Qc2 0-0 14.h4 Re8 15.Bf3 Qe7 16.Bg5 Qe6 17.Qb3 b5 18.a4 b4 19.Nd1 Ne4 20.Qe3 c5 21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.dxc5 Bxc5 23.Qf4 f6 24.Ne3 fxg5 Khotenashvili,B (2467)-Garifullina,L (2423) Samarkand 2023 0-1]

10...Qb6 11.Nh4 Bg6 Dodges Nf5

12.Qd1 0-0 13.a3 Rfe8 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.Qd3 Repels Ne4 **15...a5 16.Rd1 a4 17.Bg5 Nh7**

[17...Qxb2? 18.Rdb1+-]

18.h4 Nxg5

[18...Qxb2? 19.Rdb1+-]

19.hxg5 Nf8

[19...Qxb2? is the wrong capture. 20.Rdb1+-]

20.e3 Re7

[20...Qxb2? perishes. 21.Rdb1+-]

21.Rd2 Rae8 0.70/22

[21...Ne6= 0.30/20 was preferrable.]

22.Nxa4 -0.03/26

[22.e4!± 0.70/22]

22...Qa5 23.Nc3 Nh7! 24.Qe2 -0.39/21

[24.Re2= 0.00/25 should be considered.]

24...Nxg5∓ 25.Qg4 Nh7 26.Rc1 Re6 27.Rdc2 f5 28.Qh3 -1.59/26

[28.Qd1∓ -0.32/21]

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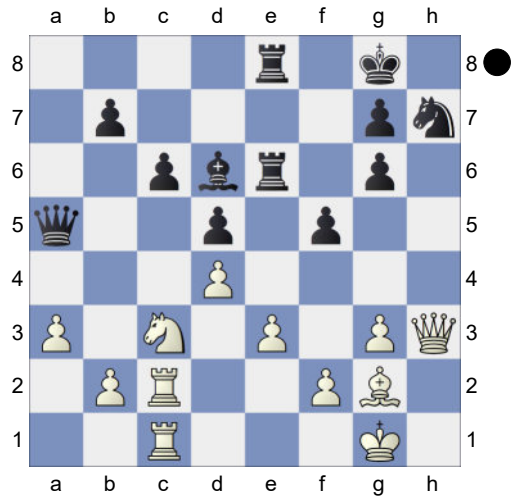


28...Ng5 -0.85/23

[Black should play 28...Rf8! -1.59/26 29.b4 Qd8 *(29...Qxa3 30.b5∓)*]

29.Qh4∓ Nf7 30.Qh3 Ng5 -0.28/21

[30...Rf6∓ -0.73/23]

31.Qh4 -0.94/20

[31.Qh1= -0.28/21 keeps the balance.]

31...Nf7 32.Qh3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)

½-½

71 **E20**

□ **Lodici,Lorenzo** **2564**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.7) 10.12.24

[Kitty Kat]*

E01: Catalan: Early deviations **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.g3 d5 5.Bg2 c6**

[5...0-0 6.a3 *(6.Nf3 dxc4 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Qa4 Nd5 9.Qc2 Be7 10.Rd1 Rb8 11.e4 Ncb4 12.Qb1 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nd3 14.Qb5 Nxc1 15.Raxc1 c5 16.Qxc4 Qc7 17.Ne5 b5 18.Qe2 Bb7 19.f4 Rfc8 20.d5 exd5* 1-0 Goltseva,E (2378)-Kazakouski,V

(2577) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (8)) 6...Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Nf3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nc6 11.0-0 Ne4 12.c4 Re8 13.Bb2 Na5 14.cxd5 Nc4 15.Rb1 Nxb2 16.Rxb2 Qxd5 17.Qd3 Bd7 18.Rfb1 Rab8 19.Rb5 Bxb5 20.Rxb5 1-0 Mamedyarov,S (2748)-Safarli,E (2664) Gashimov Memorial 3rd 2016 (7)]

[RR 5...dxc4 6.Qa4+ 1-0 (6) Kouzari,M (2622)-Meier,G (2623) Chess.com INT 2019]

6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Nd2N Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

[7.0-0 dxc4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.a4 Qe7 10.Bf4 Nd5 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bd2 a5 13.e4 N5b6 14.Be3 Rd8 15.Rad1 Nf8 16.d5 Qc7 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Nd4 Bg4 19.f3 Bd7 20.Qf2 Nc8 21.f4 Bg4 1-0 Maze,S (2573)-Lysyj,I (2631) Biel MTO op 43rd 2010 (11) 22.Rd2 Re8 23.h3 Bh5 24.g4 Bf7 25.Nf5 Ne7 26.Bb6 Qb8 27.Rfd1 Nc8 28.Be3 Ne6 29.h4 Bf8 30.Rd7 g6 31.e5 gxf5 32.gxf5 fxe5 33.Ne4 Bg7 34.Rxf7 1-0 Moore,T (2573)-Lusgin,V (2631) corr 15DMP board 1 2003 (11)]

[7.Qb3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Rd1 Nb6 10.c5 Nbd7 11.Qc2 b6 12.cxb6 axb6 13.e4 Ba6 14.Bf4 Nh5 15.Bd2 Nhf6 16.Rac1 Qb8 17.e5 Ne8 18.Bg5 Qd8 19.h4 h6 20.Be3 Nc7 21.Qd2 Kh7 1-0 Bellon,L (2515)-Burt,G (2445) Southern Open 2002 (4)]

[RR 7.0-0 Bxc3 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Nd2 Nb6 10.Qb3 Re8 11.f3 e5 12.c5 Nbd7 13.e4 exd4 14.cxd4 Nf8 15.e5 N6d7 16.f4 b6 17.cxb6 Qxb6 18.Qe3 a5 19.Ba3 Ba6 20.Rab1 Bb5 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 Petrosian,T-Kakiashvili,R Tbilisi 1945 1-0 (38)]

[RR 7.0-0 Bxc3 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Qc2 h6 10.Nd2 Nb6 11.c5 Nbd7 12.e4 e5 13.Rd1 exd4 14.cxd4 dxe4 15.Nc4 Nd5 16.Bxe4 N7f6 17.Bg2 Nb4 18.Qb2 Nbd5 19.Nd6 Qc7 20.Re1 Rd8 21.Bd2 Rxd6 Timergazi,L (1946)-Dai,Z Wellington 2025 1-0 (38)]

[RR 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 Bd6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Ng5 Re8 11.Ngxe4 Be7 12.Bf4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Nf6 14.Rfd1 a5 15.c5 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 g6 17.h4 f5 18.Bg2 Rf8 19.Qc4 g5 20.hxg5 Bxg5 21.Bd6 Rf6 Gomez,A (2054)-Suarez Duarte,W (1967) Bucaramanga 2011 1-0 (41)]

7...Nb6N

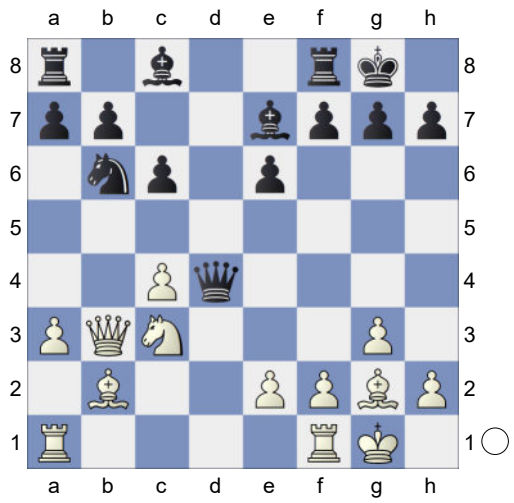
[7...0-0 8.Qb3 Bd6 9.0-0 Re8 10.e4 dxe4 11.Ndxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Be7 13.Be3 Nf6 14.Rad1 Qa5 1-0 Pawar,S (1468)-Nehan,S (1245) Mumbai ICS-ch 2022 (5)]

8.a3 Be7 9.b3 White is slightly better.

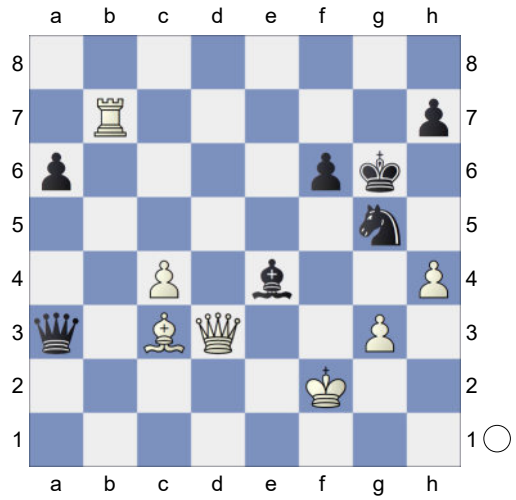
9...0-0 10.0-0 dxc4 11.Nxc4 Nfd5 0.80/22

[11...Nxc4± 0.34/21 feels stronger. 12.bxc4 e5]

12.Bb2 Nxc4 13.bxc4 Nb6 14.Qb3 Qxd4



15.Nd5! Discovered Attack **15...Qc5 16.Nxe7+**
[16.Qc3!? f6□ 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.a4=]
16...Qxe7 17.a4 aiming for a5. **17...Nd7 18.a5** Ba3 would now be deadly. White has strong compensation. **18...Rb8 19.Rfd1↑** White has good play. **19...f6** 0.97/17 White stays focused until the end.
[19...Re8± 0.51/23]
20.Rd2± Rf7 21.Rad1 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **21...c5 22.Qa4 a6** 2.26/21
[22...Qd8± 1.52/18 was called for.]
23.Ba3+- A strong pair of Bishops. **23...g5** 3.09/19
[23...h6 2.13/19 keeps fighting. 24.Rd6 f5]
24.Rd6 Kg7 25.Qb3 Qd8? 4.44/21
[25...e5 2.54/18 might work better. 26.R1d5 g4]
26.Bh3 Qxa5 4.83/20
[⌓26...Qe8 3.39/18 27.Bb2 *(27.Rxe6 Re7+-)* 27...Re7]
27.Bxe6
[27.Rxe6 Nf8 28.Re8 Qc7±]
27...Ne5 28.Bxf7 Nxf7 29.Rb6 Bg4 30.f3
[30.Rxb7 Rxb7 31.Qxb7 Qxa3∓]
30...Rd8 Threatens to win with ...Rxd1+. **31.Rxb7**
[31.fxg4 Rxd1+ 32.Qxd1 Qxb6=]
31...Bc8 32.Re7
[Weaker is 32.Rb8 g4 33.fxg4 Rxd1+ 34.Qxd1 Bxg4+-]
32...g4 33.Rxd8 Overworked Piece **33...Qxd8 34.Bxc5 Qa5 35.Bb4 Qa1+ 36.Kg2** Hoping for c5. **36...Kg6 37.fxg4** Strongly threatening c5. **37...Bxg4 38.Qd3+ Bf5 39.e4 Bg4 40.Bc3 Qa3 41.Rb7 Ng5 42.h4 Bf3+ 43.Kf2 Bxe4**
(Diagram)

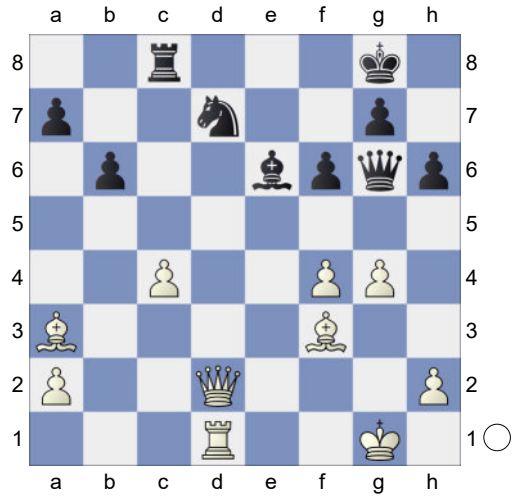


44.Rg7+!! Skewer, Decoy **44...Kh5**
[44...Kxg7 45.Bxf6+]
45.g4+ White mates. **45...Kh6 46.hxg5+ fxg5 47.Qh3#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.33
1-0

72 **D20**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**
■ **Idani,P** **2603**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.6) 09.12.24
[Kitty Kat]*

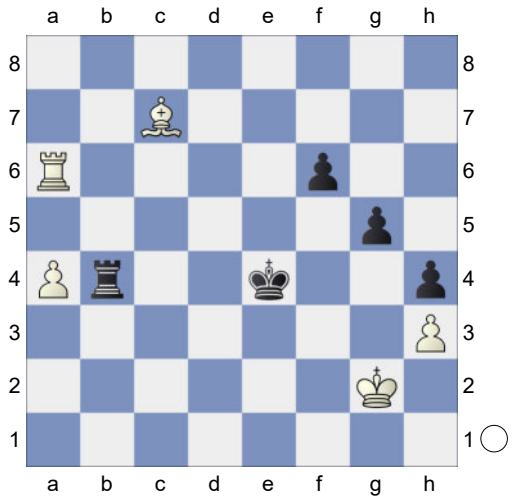
D20: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 e3 and 3 e4 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Nc3 exd4 6.Nxd4 Nd7** is now debated instead of 6...Ne7. wird nun anstelle von 6...Se7 disktutiert. **7.Bxc4** Qb3 would now be deadly. **7...Ngf6 8.f3 0-0** White is slightly better. **9.Be2 Ne5 10.Be3 Qe7 11.0-0 c5**
[11...Rd8 12.Qc1 c5 13.Nc2 Bxc3 14.bxc3 b6 15.a4 Be6 16.Kh1 Bc4 17.Bxc4 Nxc4 18.Bg5 h6 19.Ne3 Nxe3 20.Bxe3 Rd3 21.a5 Rad8 22.axb6 axb6 23.Rb1 Qe6 24.Re1 Nd7 25.Bf4 Ne5 26.Qc2 0-1 Andreikin,D (2729)-Aronian,L (2775) Chess.com RCC Wk17 Swiss

chess.com INT 2022 (7)]
12.Nc2! Rd8N
[12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 Be6 14.Na3 Rfd8 15.Qc2 a6 16.c4 Nc6 17.Qb2 Nd4 18.Rfd1 Nxe2+ 19.Qxe2 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Nd7 21.Qb2 b5 22.cxb5 axb5 23.Nxb5 Rxa2 24.Qc3 h6 25.Nc7 Kh7 26.Bf2 c4 27.Qd4 ½-½ So,W (2766)-Gukesh,D (2718) Dusseldorf WR Masters_877 Düsseldorf 2023 (3) Nf8 28.Nd5 Bxd5 29.Qxd5 Qe6 30.Rc1 Qxd5 31.exd5 Rd2 32.h4 Rxd5 33.Rxc4 ½-½ Sudgen,J (2766)-Sikorova,J (2718) Paris-ch Blitz 2015 (3)]
13.Qe1 Ba5 14.Qf2N 'N'
[14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 Ng6 16.Bg3 Nh5 17.Nd5 Bxe1 18.Nxe7+ Nxe7 19.Bxe1 ½-½ Nyzhnyk,I (2687)-Druska,J (2515) Hollywood Masters op 2022 (4)]
[RR 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 Ng6 16.Bg3 Nh5 17.Nd5 Bxe1 18.Nxe7+ Nxe7 19.Bxe1 ½-½ (19) Nyzhnyk,I (2687)-Druska,J (2515) Los Angeles 2022]
14...b6 15.Bg5 Strongly threatening f4. **15...Bxc3 16.bxc3** And now f4 would win. **16...h6 17.Bc1 Be6 18.Qg3 Ng6**
[18...Bc4 looks sharper. 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 20.Bxh6 Nh5]
19.Qe1 Qd7 20.c4 Ne5 21.Qc3 Nc6 22.Rd1 Nd4 23.Nxd4 cxd4 24.Qb2 Qc7 25.Rxd4 Rxd4 26.Qxd4 Nd7 0.90/22
[26...Rd8± 0.34/21 27.Qc3 b5]
27.Ba3 Rc8 28.Rd1 Qe5 29.Qd2 f6 2.19/20
[29...Qc7± 0.99/21]
30.f4!+- Qxe4 31.Bf3 A strong pair of Bishops. **31...Qf5**
[31...Qxc4 32.f5 Bf7 33.Qxd7]
32.g4 Qg6
[32...Ne5? 33.Qd8+ *(33.gxf5 Nxf3+ 34.Kf2 Nxd2=)* 33...Kh7 34.gxf5+-]

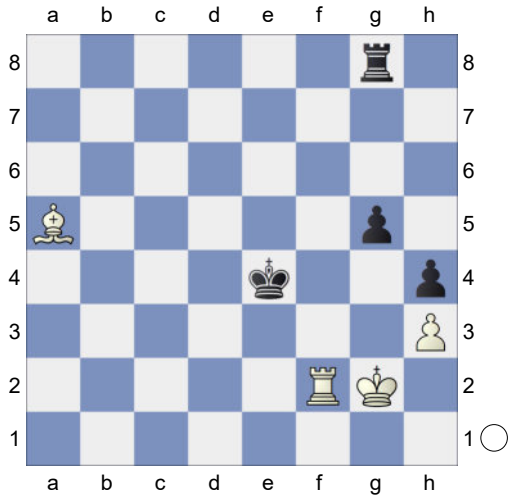


33.f5! Ne5 34.Qg2
[34.fxg6? Nxf3+ 35.Kf2 Nxd2 36.Rxd2 Bxg4-+]
[34.Qd8+ Qe8 35.Qxe8+ Rxe8-+]
34...Nxf3+
[34...Qg5? 35.Bc1 Nxf3+ 36.Qxf3+-]
35.Qxf3 Bxf5 36.Qxf5 Qxf5 37.gxf5 Rxc4 Endgame. KRB-KR **38.Rd8+ Kh7 39.Rd7 Rf4** 2.52/24
[39...a5 1.73/20 was called for. 40.Kh1 Kg8 41.Rd8+ Kh7]
40.Rxa7 Rxf5 41.Bb4 h5 42.a4 Rf4 43.Be1 h4 44.h3 Kg6? 3.47/22
[44...f5 1.90/24 45.Bc3 Rc4]
45.Bf2 Rb4 46.Ra6! Kf5 47.Bxb6
[47.Rxb6 Rxa4 48.Rb5+ Ke6±]
47...Kf4 48.Kg2 g5 49.Bc7+ Ke4

(Diagram)



50.Rxf6? 0.07/23
[50.a5!+- 2.63/19]
50...Rxa4= 51.Rf2 Black must now prevent Kh2. **51...Rc4?** 3.94/21
[51...Ke3= 0.00/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]
52.Bd8+- Rc8 53.Ba5
[53.Bxg5 Rg8=]
53...Rg8



54.Bc7? 0.00/29
[54.Bd2!+- 2.69/29]
54...Ke3!= The position is equal.
55.Bb6+ Ke4 56.Re2+ Kf5! 57.Bf2 g4 58.Bxh4
[58.hxg4+ Rxg4+ 59.Kh3 Re4±]
58...gxh3+ 59.Kxh3 Kf4 60.Re7 Kf3 61.Rf7+ Ke3 62.Bg3
[62.Re7+ Kd3 63.Bf6 Kc4+- *(63...Rg6 64.Rf7±)*]
62...Ke4 63.Kg2 Re8 64.Kf2
[64.Rf4+ Kd3 65.Rg4 Rc8+- *(65...Re2+ 66.Kh3±)*]
64...Kd3 65.Kf3 Re3+ 66.Kf4 Re8 67.Rd7+ Ke2 68.Bh4 Rf8+ 69.Ke4 Re8+ 70.Be7 Rg8 71.Bd6 Re8+ 72.Be5 Re6 73.Rh7 Re8 74.Rh2+ Ke1 75.Ra2 Re7 76.Kf4 Kd1 77.Bd4 Re2 78.Ra3 Re8 79.Be5 Ke2 80.Ke4 Re7 81.Ra2+ Ke1 82.Rb2
[82.Ra1+ Kf2 83.Rh1 *(83.Rd1 Re8 84.Rd2+ Ke1+-)* 83...Ke2+-]
82...Re8 83.Rh2 Re7 84.Kd4 Kf1 85.Ra2 Re8 86.Kd5 Re7 87.Kd4
[Less strong is 87.Ra1+ Ke2 88.Bf6 Re8+-]
87...Re8 88.Ra5 Ke2 89.Ke4 Re7 90.Ra8 Kd2 91.Rh8 Ke2 92.Rh2+ Ke1 93.Kd4 Kf1 94.Ra2 Re8 95.Bf4 Re2 96.Ra8 Re7 97.Kd3 Kf2 98.Rf8 White threatens Bd6+ and mate. **98...Kg2 99.Be3 Kg3 100.Ke2 Re4 101.Rf5 Ra4 102.Rf1** Rg1+ is the strong threat. **102...Kg4 103.Kd3 Ra3+ 104.Ke4 Ra4+ 105.Bd4 Rb4 106.Rg1+ Kh4 107.Ke5 Kh3 108.Rg8 Ra4 109.Bb6 Rb4 110.Bc7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
½-½

73 **A09**
□ **Aaditya,Dhingra** **2448**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.14) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]*

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.g3 Bxf3 5.exf3 e5**

[5...e6 6.b5 *(6.a3 c6 7.Bg2 a5 8.b5 cxb5 9.cxb5 Nd7 10.f4 Nc5 11.0-0 a4 12.d3 Ra5 13.f5 exf5 14.Re1+ Be7 15.Qc2 Rxb5 16.Qc4 Qd7 17.Re5 Nf6 18.Bg5 0-0 19.Nd2 Ra5 20.Rae1 Re8* Cseh,D (1324)-Zoka,Z Budapest 2022 0-1 Cseh,D (1324)-Zoka,Z Budapest 2022 0-1 0-1 Cseh,D (1324)-Zoka,Z HUN-chT U18 Budapest 2022 (3.6)*)* 6...Nf6 7.Bg2 a6 8.f4 axb5 9.cxb5 c6 10.0-0 Be7 11.bxc6 Nxc6 12.a4 0-0 13.Na3 Nd7 14.d3 Ra6 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.Bd2 b6 17.f5 e5 18.f4 Nc5 19.Qf3 e4 20.dxe4 Salman,F (2729)-Deslandes,P (2813) Cetinje 2017 CBM 92_01 [Michalczak] 0-1 (40) Salman,F (2729)-Deslandes,P (2813) Cetinje 2017 CBM 92_01 [Michalczak] 0-1 (40) 0-1 Salman,F (2729)-Deslandes,P (2813) 55/172 Cetinje 1992 (14.1)]

[RR 5...e6 6.Qb3 a5 7.b5 Nd7 8.Bg2 Nc5 9.Qc2 h5 10.d3 h4 11.f4 Nh6 12.Nd2 a4 13.Ba3 Ra7 14.Rb1 Be7 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Bxe4 0-0 18.b6 cxb6 19.Rxb6 Ng4 20.0-0 Caruana,F (2807)-Anand,V (2783) Saint Louis 2017 ½-½ (40)]

6.Bg2 Bxb4N

[6...Nd7 7.a3 a5 8.b5 Bd6 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxb7 Rb8 11.Bg2 Ngf6 12.d3 Qe7+ 13.Kf1 Nc5 14.Bc6+ Kf8 15.Ra2 Nfd7 16.gxf4 Qf6 17.Nd2 Qxf4 18.Ne4 Qf5 19.h4 h5 20.Bg5 Ne5 21.Nxc5 Rapport,R (2675)-Najer,E (2707) Tbilisi 2017 CBM 181 [Marin,Mihail] 1-0 (50) Rapport,R (2675)-Najer,E (2707) Tbilisi 2017 CBM 181 [Marin,Mihail] 1-0 (50) 1-0 Rapport,R (2675)-Najer,E (2707) FIDE World Cup Tbilisi 2017 (4.4) Bxc5 22.Be4 Qe6 23.Bd5 Qf5 24.Be4 Qe6 25.f3 Rxb5 26.Bd5 Qd6 27.Bxf7 Rb7 28.Bd5 c6 29.Be4 Bxa3 30.Qa4 Bb4 31.f4 Rf7 32.Kg2 Ng4 33.Qxc6 Qxc6 34.Bxc6 Ne3+ 35.Kf3 g6 36.Be4 Salman,F (2675)-Oskooei,M (2707) 6: San Diego (rapid) 2017 CBM 145 [FS 12/1979 p311] 1-0 (50) Salman,F (2675)-Oskooei,M (2707) 6: San Diego (rapid) 2017 CBM 145 [FS 12/1979 p311] 1-0 (50) 1-0 Salman,F (2675)-Oskooei,M (2707) 6: San Diego (rapid) 2007 (4.4)]

[RR 6...Nd7 7.Qb3 h5 8.d3 h4 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 Qe7+ 11.Kd1 0-0-0 12.Qa4 Kb8 13.c5 Qf6 14.Qa5 Rc8 15.Qb5 Qa6 16.Qxd7 Nf6 17.Qxf7 Qxd3+ 18.Nd2 Ng4 19.Qd5 Qb5 20.Qf3 h3 21.Bxh3 Winchell,B (2113)-Rahul,M (2092) Houston 2025 1-0 (62)]

7.f4! Qa4+ would now be deadly.

7...Nd7N

[RR 7...Nc6 8.0-0 exf4 9.Qb3 Nge7 10.a3 Bd6 11.Qxb7 Rb8 12.Qa6 Qd7 13.d3 0-0 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.c5 Bxc5 16.Ne4 Bb6 17.Bxf4 N7g6 18.Bd2 f5 19.Ng5 f4 20.Rfe1 f3 21.Bh3 Qd6 22.Qa4 Mekhitarian,K (2540)-Ibadov,D (2360) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0]

[RR 7...Nc6 8.fxe5 Nge7 9.0-0 0-0 10.f4 d3 11.Bb2 Nd4 12.Nc3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Ne2+ 14.Kh1 Nf5 15.Rf3 Qd7 16.Bb2 Rad8 17.Qb3 Ned4 18.Qd1 Nxf3 19.Qxf3 c6 20.Bc3 Qe6 21.Qe4 h5 22.Bf3 Harsha,B (2567)-Xiong,J (2645) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (35)]

8.fxe5 White has an edge. White has an edge. White is slightly better.

[8.Bxb7 Rb8 9.Bg2 exf4∓]

8...Ne7 0.64/21

[8...Nxe5= 0.25/22 9.0-0 *(9.Qa4+ Qd7∓)* 9...Ne7]

9.0-0 0.24/18

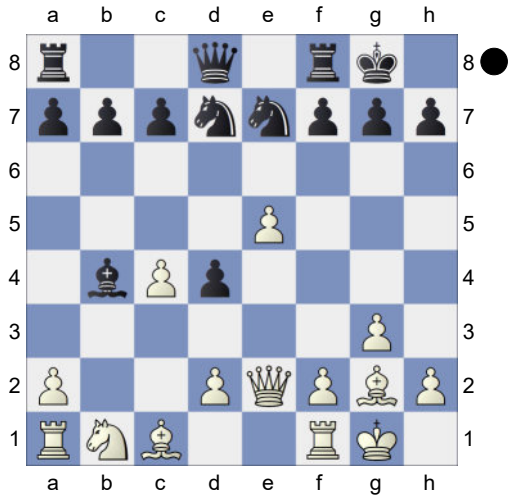
[9.Qa4 a5=]

[Reject 9.Bxb7 Rb8 10.Bg2 0-0=]

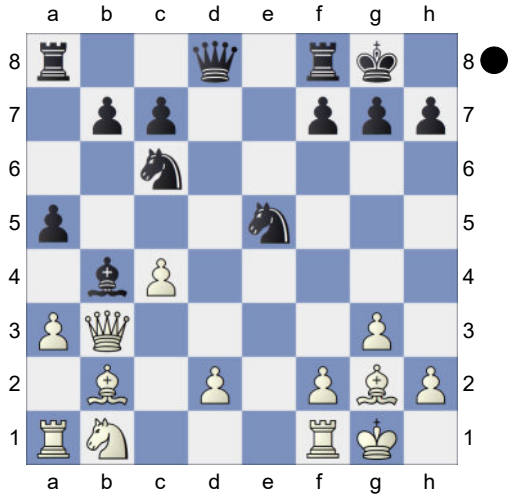
[9.a3± 0.61/21 Bc5 10.e6 fxe6 11.d3]

9...0-0 10.Qe2 -0.16/20

[White should try 10.f4± 0.58/20]



10...d3!= Deflection **11.Qxd3 Nxe5 12.Qb3 N7c6 13.Bb2** White is weak on the dark squares **13...a5 14.a3**



Bxe5 is the strong threat. [#] Bxe5 is the strong threat. And now Bxe5 would win. **14...a4!**

[14...Bc5 simplifies 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.Nc3 c6]

15.Qc2 Hoping for Bxe5. Hoping for Bxe5. Bxe5! is the strong threat. **15...Bc5! 16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.Nc3! c6**

[Don't take 17...Nxc4 18.Ne4 *(18.Nxa4 Bd4±)* 18...Bd4 19.Qxc4±]

18.Nxa4 Bd4 19.Rab1 f5 -0.06/19

[19...Ra7!∓ -0.48/21]

20.c5 Kh8 White must now prevent ... Ng4. White must now prevent ...Ng4. aiming for ...Ng4. **21.Nc3!**

[21.Rxb7 f4 22.Nb6 Rxa3∓]

21...f4 aiming for ...Ng4. **22.Ne4**

[Of course not 22.Rxb7 fxg3 23.hxg3 Qg5∓]

22...Rxa3 next ...fxg3 is good for Black. next ...fxg3 is good for Black. Threatening ...fxg3. **23.Rxb7 h6**

[23...fxg3!? 24.hxg3 Ng4=]

24.gxf4 -0.49/19

[24.Kh1= 0.03/23]

24...Nf3+!∓ 25.Bxf3 Rxf3 26.Rb3 R3xf4 27.Rg3 Be5 Black has compensation. **28.Rg2 Rf3 29.Qc4 R8f4** -0.09/25

[29...R3f4∓ -0.51/21 deserves consideration. 30.Re1 Qh4 *(30...Bd4)*]

30.Qe2= Qd5 31.Re1 Bd4 32.Kf1 -0.56/22

[32.Rg3!= -0.09/25 Rxf2 33.Nxf2 Bxf2+ 34.Qxf2 Rxf2 35.Kxf2]

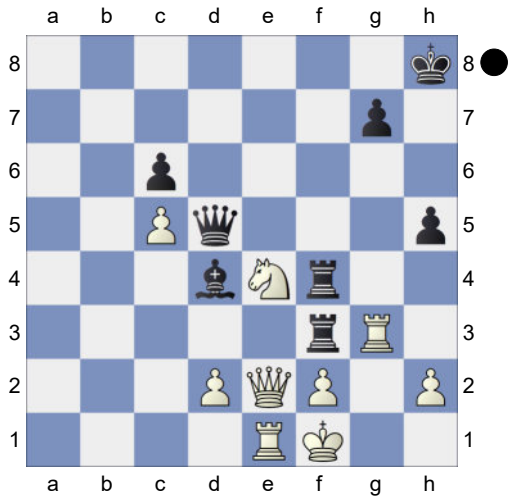
32...h5 -0.25/19 Black has more active pieces.

[32...Ra3∓ -0.56/22 should be considered.]

[32...Rf8∓ -0.61/22 is more appropriate.]

33.Rg3? -4.92/18

[33.Kg1!= -0.25/19 and White is okay. Kg8 *(33...Rf5 34.Rb1; 33...Bxc5 34.Ng5±)* 34.Kh1]



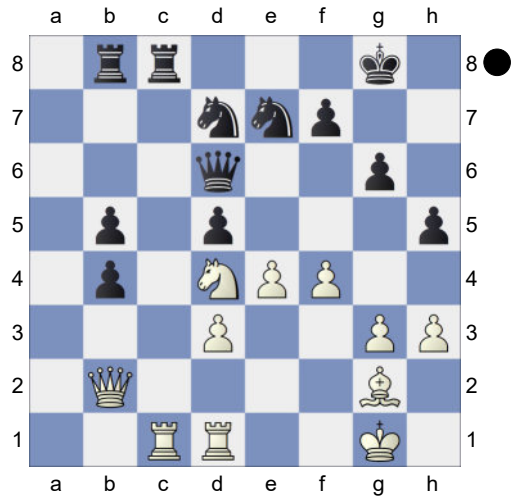
33...Qxe4!-+ Remove Defender, Deflection **34.Rxf3**
[34.Qxe4 Rxf2+]
34...Qxf3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.08 (flawless) Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.08 (flawless) Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
0-1

74 **A36**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**
■ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2501**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.10) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]*

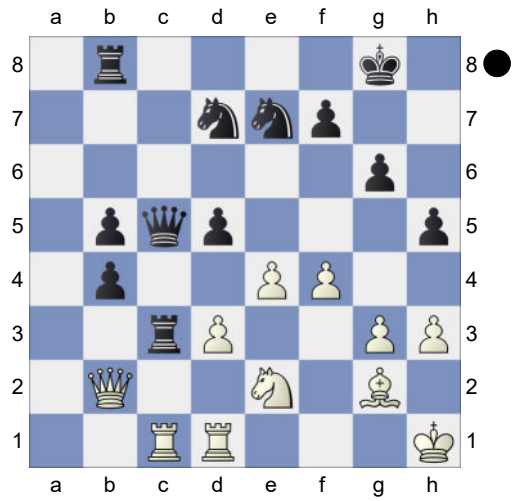
A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7 **1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3**
[5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.e4 0-0 11.Qe2 Nd7 12.Bd2 a6 13.Rab1 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.a3 Rb8 16.Rfc1 Ne5 17.Nd5 Qd7 18.Bc3 Rfc8 19.b3 Ba8 1-0 Sebenik,M (2524)-Milanovic,D (2494) 112/25 Sarajevo 2011]
5...Nf6N
[5...d6 6.e4 f5 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Rb1 Bd7 10.Bg5 Ng4 11.h3 Nge5 12.f4 Nf7 13.exf5 Nxg5 14.fxg5 Bxf5 15.g4 Bd7 16.Ne4 Rb8 17.Qd2 Nd4 18.Nf4 Bc6 19.Nd5 a5 20.Rxf8+ 0-1 Wunderlich, F-QUEEN'S GAMBIT WITH h6 56/570 Tilburg 1992 Qxf8 21.Rf1 Qd8 22.Kh1 Be5 23.Qe3 b5 24.Nxc5 bxc4 25.dxc4 Rxb2 26.Ne4 Bxd5 27.cxd5 Rxa2 28.Nd2 a4 29.Nc4 Re2 30.Qd3 Bg7 31.h4 Qc8 32.Rf4 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Nb3 34.h5 Qc5 35.Bf1 0-1 Duchamp,M-Le Lionnais,F Paris offhand 1932 gxh5 36.gxh5 Re5 37.Rf5 Rxf5 38.Qxf5 Nd4 39.Qe4 a3 40.Bd3 Nf3+ 41.Qxf3 a2 42.g6 hxg6 43.Bxg6 Bf6 44.Qg2 a1Q 45.Bh7+ Kxh7 46.Qg6+ Kh8 47.Qe8+ Kg7 48.Qg6+ Kf8 0-1 Duchamp,M-Schroeder,M New York Metropolitan Team-ch 1922 (1)]
6.a3 d6 7.Rb1 0-0 8.b4 cxb4 9.axb4 a6
[RR 9...Ng4 10.Bd2 a5 11.bxa5 Rxa5 12.Nb5 Ra6 13.Nf3 Nf6 14.0-0 d5 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Qc1 Bg4 17.Bh6 Qd7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Nc3 Nf6 20.Qb2 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Nd4 22.Bg2 Rc8 23.Rfe1 e5 24.e3 Hickl,J (2535)-Libeau,R (2490) Germany 1994 1-0 (72)]
[RR 9...a5 10.bxa5 Qxa5 11.Bd2 Ng4 12.Nd5 Qc5 13.Nh3 e6 14.Nb6 Rb8 15.0-0 Qh5 16.e3 Nce5 17.d4 Nd7 18.Nxc8 Rfxc8 19.Qe2 e5 20.Rb5 f5 21.f3 Ngf6 22.Nf2 exd4 23.exd4 Re8 24.Qd3 Adan Bermudez,S (2338)-Castella Garcia,F (2325) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (36)]
10.e3 Bg4 0.49/20
[10...Bd7= -0.01/23]

11.Nge2± White is slightly better.
11...Qd7N
[RR 11...Qc8 12.0-0 Bh3 13.Bxh3 Qxh3 14.Nf4 Qg4 15.b5 Qxd1 16.Rxd1 axb5 17.Rxb5 Rfb8 18.Bb2 e6 19.Kf1 Ne5 20.h4 Ne8 21.Rb3 Nc6 22.Ne4 Ra6 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Rdb1 Nd8 25.c5 d5 26.Nc3 Miles,A (2660)-Ansell,S (2345) England 1996 1-0 (49)]
12.h3 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 b5! 14.0-0 Rab8 15.Ba3 e6 16.Rfd1 d5 0.73/24
[16...Rfc8± 0.33/22]
17.cxd5 -0.02/24
[17.Qa2± 0.73/24]
17...exd5= 18.Rbc1 Rfc8 19.Nb1 -0.90/22
[19.Qa2= -0.06/23]
19...Qd6 -0.19/23
[19...d4∓ -0.90/22 20.e4 a5]
20.Nd2 a5
[20...Nxb4?! 21.Nb3±]
21.Nb3 axb4 22.Bb2 h5 0.49/25
[22...Nd7= 0.00/21]
23.e4 -0.05/26
[Better is 23.Bxf6± 0.49/25 Bxf6 24.d4]
23...Nd7 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.f4 -0.70/19
[25.exd5= -0.07/25 Ne7 26.Qb2+ Nf6 27.Nd4]
25...Ne7!∓ 26.Qb2+ Kg8! 27.Nd4 -1.33/23
[⌓27.e5 -0.95/22 Qb6+ 28.Kh2]

(Diagram)



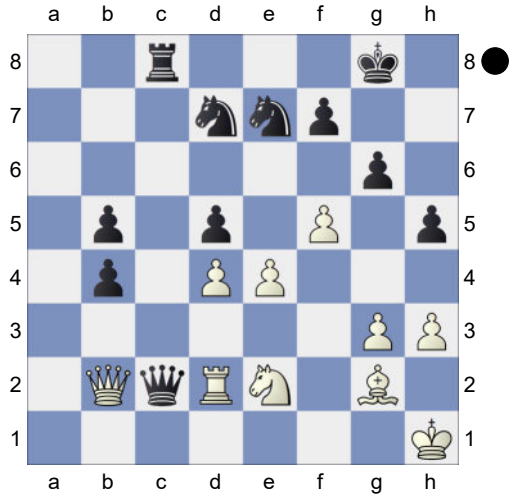
27...Rc3 -0.42/23 **28.Kh1** -0.84/20
[28.Rxc3 bxc3 29.Qxc3 h4 *(29...b4 30.Qe1∓)* 30.gxh4 *(30.e5? Qb6-+)* 30...b4 *(30...Qxf4 31.Qb4∓; 30...dxe4 31.dxe4 Nf8 32.h5=)*]
[28.Rb1!∓ -0.42/23 is more appropriate.]
28...Qc5∓ 29.Ne2 -1.72/23
[29.Nb3∓ -1.01/21 keeps fighting. Qe3 30.Rxc3 bxc3 31.Qxc3]



29...Rc8! 30.d4
[30.Nxc3 bxc3 31.Qa2 d4∓]
30...Qc4 31.f5
[31.Nxc3 bxc3 32.Qa3 b4]
31...Rc2 -0.85/24
[31...Nf6-+ -1.69/25 ...Nxe4! is the

strong threat. 32.fxg6 fxg6 33.exd5 Nf5 34.Nxc3 bxc3 *(34...Nxg3+ 35.Kh2=)*]

32.Rxc2 Qxc2 33.Rd2



Qxb2 -0.16/22

[33...Qc4!∓ -0.97/22 aiming for ...Nf6. 34.Qb1 dxe4 35.Bxe4 gxf5 Overworked Piece 36.Bxf5 Qd5+ 37.Be4 Qg5]

34.Rxb2= dxe4 Hoping for ...Nf6.

35.fxg6 fxg6 36.Bxe4 Nf6 37.Bd3 Nfd5 38.Bxb5 Kg7 39.Kg2 Nf5

40.Kf3 -2.76/25

[White should play 40.Rb3∓ -0.62/20]

40...Nd6? -0.50/24 A dynamic duo of knights.

[40...Rf8-+ -2.76/25 41.Kg2 Nfe3+ 42.Kh1 Rf1+ 43.Ng1 Ra1]

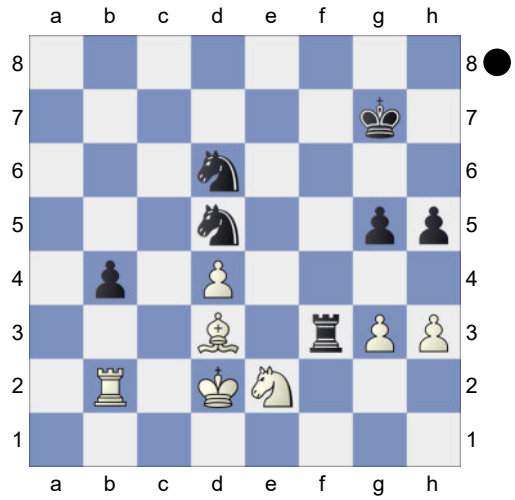
41.Bd3∓ g5 Prevents Nf4. **42.Kf2 Rf8+**

43.Ke1 -1.17/21

[43.Kg2!∓ -0.62/24]

43...Rf3∓ 44.Kd2

(Diagram)



h4! 45.Ra2? -3.59/21

[45.gxh4∓ -0.72/21 gxh4 46.Ra2]

45...b3-+

[45...hxg3 46.Ra5 Ne3 47.Rxg5+ Kf7 48.Nxg3 Nec4+ 49.Bxc4+ Nxc4+ 50.Ke2 Re3+ 51.Kf2∓]

46.Ra7+ Kf6? -0.76/22

[46...Kf8-+ -3.09/22 is more deadly. 47.gxh4 Nb4 *(47...gxh4 48.Ra8+ Kg7 49.Rb8∓; 47...Rxh3 48.Ra8+ Kf7 49.hxg5=)*]

47.Ra8? -3.49/23

[47.gxh4∓ -0.76/22 only move. b2 *(47...Rxh3 48.hxg5+ Ke6 49.Ra8±; 47...gxh4 48.Ra8∓)* 48.hxg5+ Ke6 *(48...Kxg5 49.Rg7+ Kf6 50.Rg6+ Ke7 51.Rg1∓)* 49.Bg6]

47...Ke6 -1.47/21

[47...hxg3? 48.Rf8+ Nf7 49.Be4+-]

[47...Ke7-+ -3.49/23 48.gxh4 Nb4 *(48...Rxh3 49.hxg5 Nb4 50.Nf4=; 48...gxh4 49.Rb8∓)*]

48.gxh4∓ Nb4

[48...gxh4 49.Rb8∓]

[48...Rxh3 49.hxg5± b2 50.Rb8±]

49.Bh7 -1.95/27

[49.Bb1∓ -1.15/20]

49...b2-+

[49...gxh4 50.Ra4 Nc2 51.Bxc2 bxc2 52.Kxc2=]

50.Rb8
[50.hxg5? Nc4+ *(50...Rxh3? 51.Nf4+ Kd7 52.Nxh3+-)* 51.Ke1 Rd3 *(51...Rxh3? 52.Nf4+ Kd7 53.Nxh3+-)* 52.d5+ *(52.Nf4+? Kd6-+)* 52...Kd6-+ *(52...Kxd5 53.Kf2∓; 52...Kxd5 53.Kf2∓)*]
50...Rb3 0.00/31
[50...Nc4+∓ -0.99/23 51.Ke1 Rb3]
51.Nc3!= The position is equal.
51...Nc4+ Deflection **52.Ke2 Rxc3 53.Rxb4 gxh4** Strongly threatening ... Kd5! **54.Bg8+ Kf6** Threatens to win with ...Rc2+. **55.Bxc4**
[55.Rxc4 Rxc4 *(55...b1N 56.Rxc3 Nxc3+ 57.Ke3±)* 56.Bh7 Rc7 *(56...Rxd4* is a self mate. *57.Bc2 Rb4 58.Bb1 Rb3 59.Kd2 Rxh3 60.Kc2 Rh2+ 61.Kd3 h3 62.Ke3 Rg2 63.Kf3 Rg1 64.Bh7 h2 65.Be4 h1Q+ 66.Ke3 Re1+ 67.Kd4 Qxe4+ 68.Kc5 Rc1+ 69.Kb6 b1Q+ 70.Ka7 Qeb7#)* 57.Bd3 Rc3 58.Bb1 Rc1 *(58...Rxh3 59.Kd2 Rf3 60.Ke2 Rc3 61.Kf2 h3 62.Be4 Kg5 63.Bh7 Kf4 64.Ke2 h2 65.Kd2 Rc1 66.Bc2 h1Q 67.Kd3 Rxc2* Remove Defender, Promotion *68.Kxc2 b1Q+ 69.Kd2 Qhe1#)* 59.Bh7 b1Q *(59...b1B? 60.Bg8-+)* 60.Bxb1 Rxb1 61.d5 Ke5 62.Kf3 Kxd5 63.Kg4 Rf1 *(63...Rb4+ 64.Kf5 Kd6 65.Kg6 Ke6 66.Kg5 Ke5 67.Kg6 Rb7 68.Kg5 Rg7+ 69.Kh6 Kf6 70.Kh5 Rg8 71.Kxh4 Kf5 72.Kh5 Rh8#)* 64.Kxh4 Rg1 65.Kh5 Ke6 66.Kh6 Kf5 *(66...Rh1 67.Kg5 Rxh3 68.Kf4 Rd3 69.Ke4 Rd5 70.Kf4 Re5 71.Kg4 Rf5 72.Kg3 Kf6 73.Kh2 Rg5 74.Kh3 Kf5 75.Kh4 Kf4 76.Kh3 Kf3 77.Kh2 Rh5+ 78.Kg1 Rh8 79.Kf1 Rh1#)* 67.Kh7 Kf6 68.Kh6 Rf1 *(68...Rh1 69.Kh5 Rg1 70.Kh4 Rg8 71.Kh5 Rg7 72.Kh6 Rc7 73.h4 Rc5 74.Kh7 Rh5+ 75.Kg8 Rxh4 76.Kf8 Rh8#)* 69.h4 Rf5 70.Kh7 Rh5+ 71.Kg8 Rxh4 72.Kf8 Rh8#]
55...Rxc4 Promotion **56.Rb6+ Kf5 57.Rxb2** Whites escaped into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.34
½-½

75 **D23**
□ **Socko,M** **2402**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.20) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]*

D23: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Nf6 sidelines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3**
[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]
3...c5 4.c4N
[4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 Qf6 ½-½ 10.♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th Hamburgo 1999 (6.2)]
4...dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.dxc5 e5 7.Bg2 Bd7 8.Qxc4 White wants to play Ng5. The position is equal. **8...Qa5+! 9.Bd2**
[RR 9.Nc3 Bxc5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Qb5 Qxb5 12.Nxb5 Rc8 13.a3 Ke7 14.b4 Bb6 15.Bb2 a6 16.Nc3 e4

17.Ng5 e3 18.Na4 exf2+ 19.Kh1 Be3 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Bc1 Bd4 22.Bb2 Be3 23.Bc1 Bd4 Ruiz Proano,E (1860)-Rusonik,M (2193) Montreal 2025 0-1 (40)]

9...Qxc5 10.Na3 Be6N

[RR 10...Qxc4 11.Nxc4 Ne4 12.0-0 Nxd2 13.Nfxd2 0-0-0 14.Ne4 Bg4 15.Ng5 Bxe2 16.Rfc1 Bxc4 17.Rxc4 Rd4 18.Rxd4 exd4 19.Nxf7 Rg8 20.Bd5 Kc7 21.Rc1 d3 22.Ne5 d2 23.Rd1 Rh8 24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.Rxd2 Zimina,O (2299)-Milliet,S (2392) Rhodes 2024 1-0 (43)]

[RR 10...e4 11.Ng5 Qxc4 12.Nxc4 Bf5 13.Ne3 Bg6 14.Rc1 h6 15.Nh3 0-0-0 16.Nf4 Bh7 17.Bc3 Be7 18.0-0 Kb8 19.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Rd8 21.Rxd8+ Bxd8 22.Ned5 Nxd5 23.Nxd5 f6 24.Nf4 Be7 25.Nh5 Rodriguez Ferraz,B (2144)-De la Cruz Sanchez,C (2278) Las Palmas 2011 ½-½ (64)]

11.Qa4 Nd7 1.26/18

[11...Qd5= 0.26/19]

12.Ng5± And now Nxe6 would win.

12...Bd5 13.e4 0.21/20

[White should play 13.Rc1± 1.20/22 aiming for 0-0. Qxc1+ 14.Bxc1 Bxg2 15.Rg1]

13...Nb6= 14.Qd1 Bc4 15.Nxc4 Nxc4 16.Bc3 -0.19/22

[16.Rc1 0.23/19 might be stronger. Qd4 17.Bc3 Qxd1+ 18.Kxd1]

16...Rd8 17.Qh5 -0.74/23

[17.Qc1= -0.20/23 keeps the balance.]

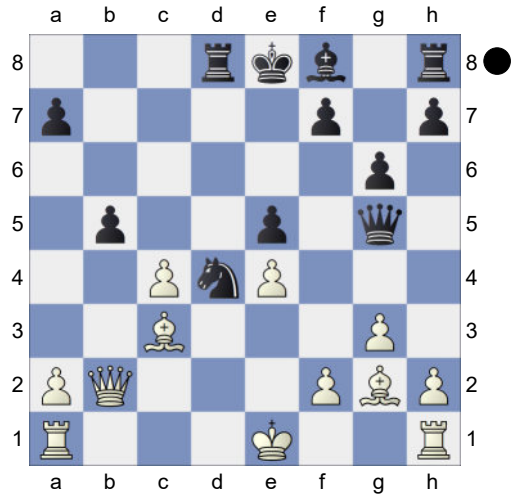
17...g6∓ 18.Qf3 Qe7 19.Qe2 White is weak on the dark squares

19...b5 20.b3 -0.90/22

[20.Nf3∓ -0.54/25 deserves consideration.]

20...Qxg5 21.bxc4 Nd4 Black is more active. **22.Qb2** -3.15/20

[Better is 22.Qd1!∓ -0.61/19]



White does not recover from this.

22...Ba3!-+ Decoy **23.Qb1 bxc4 24.h4 Qe7 25.Bxd4** Hoping for Qb5+.

25...Qb4+

[Not 25...exd4 26.Qb5+ Kf8 27.Qxc4∓]

[25...Rxd4 26.Qb8+ Rd8 27.Qb5+ Kf8 28.Qxc4∓]

[Don't take 25...Bb4+ 26.Kf1 exd4 *(26...Rxd4? 27.a3-+)* 27.a3-+]

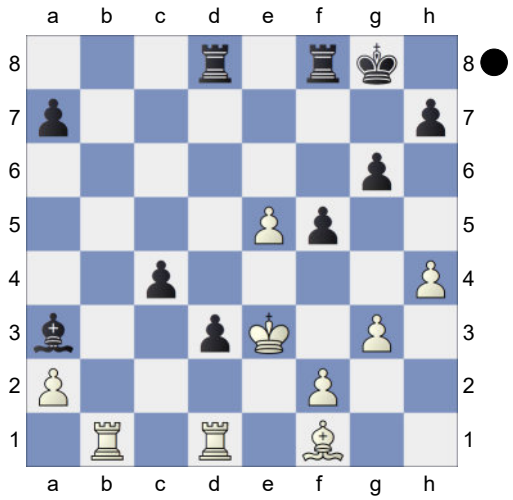
26.Ke2 Threatens to win with Qxb4.

26...exd4

[Less strong is 26...Rxd4 27.Qxb4 Bxb4 28.Rhd1-+]

27.Qxb4 d3+ 28.Ke3 Bxb4 29.Rhd1 Ba3 30.Bf1 0-0 31.Rab1 f5 32.e5

(Diagram)



f4+! 33.gxf4
[33.Kf3 fxg3+]
33...Bc5+ Skewer **34.Kd2 Rxf4 35.Kc3 a5 36.e6 Bb4+ 37.Rxb4 axb4+ 38.Kxb4 Kf8 39.a4 Rc8 40.Kb5 Rxf2** (→ ...Rb2+) **41.a5 Rb2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

76 **A24**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**
■ **Ashraf,Artin** **2388**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.22) 4.12.24
[Kitty Kat]*

A24: English Opening vs King's Indian: Lines without ...Nc6 **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3N**
[4.Bg2 d5 5.0-0 c6 *(5...dxc4 6.Na3 Be6 7.Ng5 Bd5 8.e4 Bc6 9.Nxc4 h6 10.Nxf7 Kxf7 11.Ne5+ Kg8 12.Nxg6 Nbd7 13.d4 Bxe4 14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.Qd3 Nef6 16.Qb3+ Kh7 17.Qc2 Re8 18.Re1 Kg8 19.Qb3+ e6 20.Rxe6* 0-1 Kavakul,M (2764)-Ciocaltea,V (2708) B32) 11.Nd2 2011 (7)) 6.d3 0-0 7.Nbd2 Nbd7 8.Rb1 e5 9.Qc2 Re8 10.e3 Nb6 11.b4 Bf5 12.e4 dxe4 13.dxe4 Bg4 14.Bb2 Qc7 15.h3 Bd7 16.c5 Nc8 17.Nc4 b5 18.Ncxe5 Be6 1-0 9.♖e1 ♗f5 10.♕b3_70113 (2353)-Robson,R (2074) Bastia (m/1-rapid) 96/74 2005 (6)]
4...0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 e5 7.d3 c6 8.h3 Re8
[RR 8...h6 9.e4 Be6 10.Re1 Nbd7 11.b3 Re8 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Nc5 14.Bb2 Qd7 15.Kh2 Rad8 16.Qd2 a5 17.Rad1 Qc7 18.f4 Bc8 19.Qc2 h5 20.Nf3 Re7 21.Ba3 b6 22.e5 Ne8 23.Bxc5 Kramnik,V (2753)-Norman,K (2069) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (37)]
9.e4 c5N
[RR 9...Na6 10.Be3 h6 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Rad1 Be6 ½-½ (12) Meskovs,N (2524)-Ehlvest,J (2532) Liepaja 2018]
[RR 9...h6 10.Be3 Be6 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Rae1 Nbd7 13.Nh2 Nh5 14.Ne2 b5 15.b3 Qc7 16.Kh1 a6 17.Rc1 Rad8 18.cxb5 axb5 19.d4 exd4 20.Nxd4 Nc5 21.b4 Bc4 22.Rxc4 bxc4 23.Qc2 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Kovalenko,I (2674)-Firouzja,A (2777) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (64)]
[RR 9...a5 10.Ne1 Nh5 11.Be3 Be6 12.Kh2 Nd7 13.b3 Nc5 14.d4 Na6 15.d5 Bd7 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.Qd2 Qe7 18.Rd1 Bf8 19.Nc2 f5 20.Nd5 Qf7 21.exf5 gxf5 22.Bh6 Qg6 23.Bxf8 Kxf8 24.Nce3 Barbafiera,L (1972)-Bagolin,R (1880) Siena 2006 1-0 (38)]
10.a3 White is slightly better. **10...Nc6 11.Rb1 a5 12.Ne1 Bd7 13.b3 Nd4 14.Nc2 Bc6 15.Ne3 b5 16.a4** -0.21/18
[16.Nxb5 0.15/24 feels stronger. Nxb5 17.cxb5 Bxb5 18.Nc4]
16...b4= 17.Nb5 Ne6 0.21/21
[17...Rf8 -0.21/19 should be considered.]

18.Kh2 h5 19.h4 Bh6 20.Bh3 Ra6 0.82/23
[20...Rf8= 0.22/20 remains equal.]
21.Rb2 Bd7 1.00/23
[21...Bxe3± 0.51/21 22.Bxe3 Bd7]
22.f3 0.48/22
[Better is 22.Nd5!± 1.00/23 Bxc1 23.Qxc1]
22...Rf8 0.88/20
[22...Bxe3± 0.48/22 23.Bxe3 Nd4]
23.Rbf2 Nd4 0.90/22
[23...Bxe3± 0.54/21 24.Bxe3 Ng7]
24.Bxd7 Nxd7 25.Kg2 0.47/21
[White should play 25.Nd5± 0.99/21 Bxc1 26.Qxc1]
25...Ne6 0.97/21
[25...Bxe3± 0.47/21 26.Bxe3 Qc8]
26.Nd5 Bxc1 27.Qxc1 Kh7 28.Qe3 White has more active pieces. **28...Nf6**
29.Qe2 Rg8 1.98/21
[29...Ra8± 0.75/20]
30.Qd2 1.05/20
[30.f4+- 1.98/21 fxe5 would now be deadly. Nxd5 31.cxd5]
30...Nxd5 1.68/21
[30...Nd7± 1.05/20]
31.cxd5+- Ng7 2.50/19
[31...Nf8± 1.54/21 might work better. 32.Qc1 Nd7]
32.f4 exf4 33.Rxf4
[33.Qxf4 f5 34.exf5 Nxf5+-]
33...f5 34.d4 aiming for exf5. **34...Re8** 3.20/23
[34...Rf8 2.08/20 keeps fighting. 35.dxc5 dxc5]
35.dxc5 dxc5

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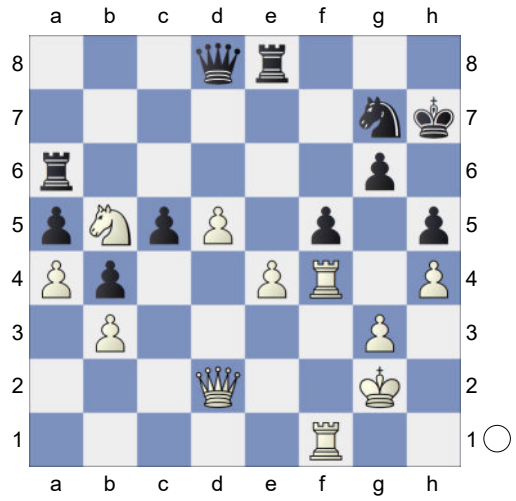
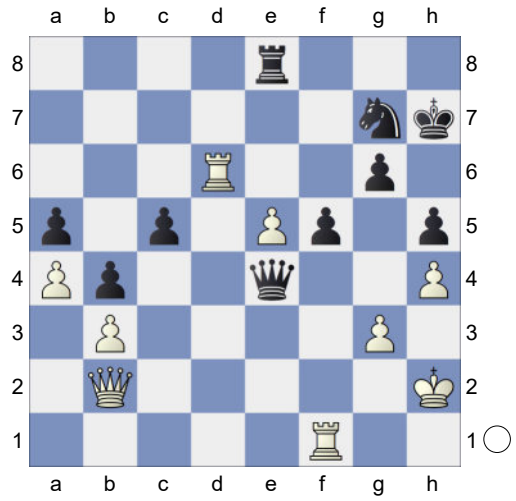


36.d6! exf5 is the strong threat. **36...Re5** 3.64/20
[36...Qd7 2.16/22 was worth a try. 37.Qd5 Rf8]
37.Qb2 Re6 38.e5 1.81/24
[⌓38.exf5 3.18/25 Nxf5 39.Rxf5 gxf5 40.Rxf5]
38...Rc6 39.Rd1 Qd7 40.Rff1 0.78/18
[40.Qe2+- 1.83/23 has better winning chances.]
40...Re8 1.63/21
[40...c4± 0.78/18]
41.Nc7 0.96/17
[Resist 41.Qe2 c4±]
[41.Rd5+- 1.63/21]
41...Rxc7± 42.dxc7 Qxc7 43.Rd6 Qb7+ 44.Kh2 Qe4



Prevents Qe2. **45.e6** 0.35/23 **Rxe6± 46.Rd7 Re7 47.Rxe7 Qxe7=** Endgame. KQR-KQN **48.Rf2 Qf7 49.Qc2 Ne6! 50.Qc4** And now Re2 would win. **50...Qd7 51.Qb5 Qc7 52.Qc4 Nd4 53.Qd5 Qe7 54.Kg2 Kg7 55.Rf4** Wards off Qe4+ **55...Qe2+ 56.Kh3 Qe7** 0.00/29 Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)

[56...Ne6!∓ -0.50/26 57.Rf2 Qe4 *(57...Qxf2 58.Qxe6 Qf1+ 59.Kh2∓)*]

½-½

77 **D86**

□ **Amartuvshin,Ganzorig** **2392**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.3) 03.12.24

[Kitty Kat]*

D86: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line (7 Bc4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 a6N**

[7...0-0 8.Be3 c5 9.Ne2 Nc6 *(9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5* ½-½ Ljubojevic,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) 48/(622) Tilburg 1989*)* 10.0-0 b6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.Rad1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 Bb5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Rfd1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2401)-Koch,C (2225) corr AO-00025 LSS 2023]

[7...c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 *(8...0-0 9.Be3 Nc6 10.h3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qa3 13.Rb1 Rd8 14.d5 Na5 15.Be2 Qxa2 16.0-0 Bd7* 1 Exchange Variation Bc4-Exchange Variation: 7.Bc4 *-)* 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 1-0 Cornelis,F (1629)-8.b3 b6 9.♖d1 ♗a6 (1793) Prokuplje 44/(182) 1987 (4.3)]

[RR 7...e6 8.Ba3 b6 9.Ne2 Qg5 10.0-0 Bb7 11.f4 Qa5 12.Bb4 Qh5 13.Qd3 Nd7 14.Ng3 Qh4 15.f5 e5 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.fxg6+ Kxg6 18.Nf5 Qxe4 19.Ne7+ Kh5 20.Rf5+ 1-0 (20) Brandao,M (1997)-Damasceno,C (1614) Canoa 2025]

8.a4N White is more active.

[RR 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 0-0 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.h4 e5 13.h5 g5 14.f3 exd4 15.cxd4 Be6 16.Rc1 Bxc4 17.Rxc4 Qd7 18.0-0 f5 19.Rfc1 fxe4 20.d5 Rad8 21.Nc3 Ne5 22.Rxe4 Qf5 Labahn,W (2211)-Heyken,E (2325) Hamburg 2001 0-1 (33)]

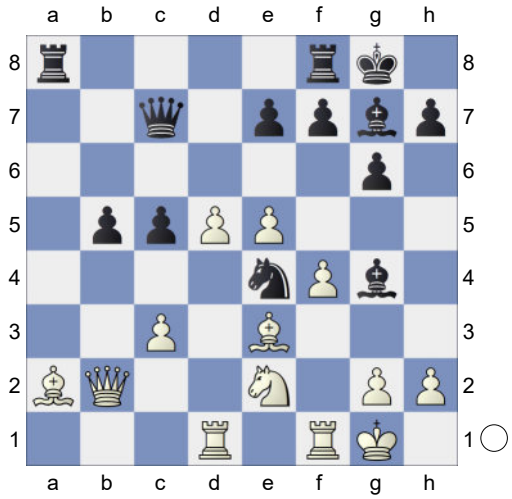
[RR 8.h4 c5 9.Ne2 h5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Be3 Nd7 12.Qd2 b5 13.Bd5 Rb8 14.dxc5 Qc7 15.Nd4 Ne5 16.Bf4 Qxc5 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Nc6 Bxc3 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Qxc3 Bb7 21.Qg3 Bxd5 22.exd5 Rbd8 Robson,R (2696)-Aronian,L (2722) Saint Louis 2024 0-1 (62)]

[RR 8.Ne2 0-0 9.a4 Nd7 10.0-0 b6 11.Bd5 Rb8 12.e5 e6 13.Bc6 Bb7 14.Bxb7 Rxb7 15.Qd3 b5 16.Qe4 Qc8 17.h4 Nb6 18.axb5 axb5 19.h5 Nd5 20.Ba3 Re8 21.Rab1 c6 22.Bc5 f5 Teixeira,V (1800)-De Souza,E (1882) Manaus 2022 1-0 (52)]

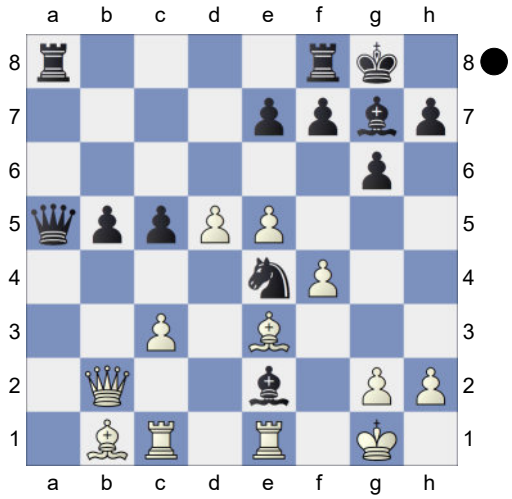
8...c5 9.Ne2

[And not 9.dxc5 Bxc3+ 10.Bd2

Qd4∓ *(10...Bxa1 11.Qxa1 f6 12.Nf3=)*]
9...Nc6 White has an edge. **10.d5 Na5 11.Ba2 b5 12.Be3 Qc7 13.axb5 axb5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Qd2 Bd7 16.Rad1 Nb7 17.f4 Nd6 18.e5 Ne4** The position is equal. **19.Qb2 Bg4**



Hoping for ...Bxe2. **20.Rc1! Qa5 21.Bb1 Bxe2 22.Rfe1**



Nxc3 23.Qxc3 Qxc3 24.Rxc3 Bc4 25.Bxc5 Bxd5 26.Bxe7 Rfe8 27.Bd6 Ra4 28.Rc5 Rd4 29.Rxb5 Bc6 30.Rb8 Rxb8 31.Bxb8 Rxf4 32.Rc1 Bb7 33.Ba2 h5 34.Rf1 Rxf1+ 35.Kxf1= Endgame. KBB-KBB **35...Bc8 36.Bd6 Bh6 37.h3 Kg7 38.Be7 Be3 39.Ke2 Bd4 40.Bf6+ Kf8 41.Bd5 Bc3 42.Kd3 Be1 43.Bc6 Be6 44.Ke2 Bg3 45.Kf3 h4 46.Ke4 Kg8 47.Bd5 Bf5+ 48.Ke3 Kf8 49.Bf3 Be6 50.Bc6 Kg8 51.Bf3 Kh7 52.Bg4 Kh6 53.Bxe6 fxe6** KB-KB **54.Ke4 Kh5 55.Bd8 g5 56.Bf6 Kg6 57.Bd8 Kh5 58.Bf6 Kg6 59.Bd8 Kh5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

78 **D31**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2712**
■ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR** **2706**
Chennai GM 2024 (7.4) 11.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

D31: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Slav without ...Nf6 (+ Marshall Gambit and Noteboom) and Exchange Variation lines without ...Nf6 **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4**
[3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Qc2 e5 8.cxd5 *(8.d4 e4 9.Nd2 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Be2 h5 12.Ba3 Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Bf5 14.b4 Nbd7 15.0-0 Nf8 16.a5 Ne6 17.Rfa1 g6 18.b5 axb5 19.cxb5 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Nb3 Nxb3 22.Qxb3 d4* 0-1 Marcetic,N (2003)-Mah,K (2444) Jugoslavija (ch) 29/209 1980 (1) *)* 8...cxd5 9.Nb5 Nc6 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 11.Bb5 Bg4 12.Bxc6 Bxf3 13.gxf3 bxc6 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Rg1 Rfe8 16.Qf5 d4 17.Kf1 g6 Ganguly,S (2609)-Mendonca,L (2536) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(4) 2022]
3...h6N
[3...Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 c6 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.e3 Qe7 12.Qc2

Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nc4 Bf5 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.a3 Rad8 18.Re1 8 Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game]

4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 Bf5 7.Nge2

[RR 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.0-0 Be7 11.h3 0-0 12.Rad1 Re8 13.f3 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Qd2 Ne6 16.Be5 Nd7 17.Bg3 Nf6 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Qb6 20.Qb3 Qxb3 21.axb3 Rac8 Giri,A (2764)-Nihal,S (2670) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (80)]

[RR 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Bd6 9.Nge2 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rab1 a5 12.Rfc1 Re8 13.a3 Bxf4 14.Nxf4 Nbd7 15.Qc2 Nb6 16.b3 Qe7 17.a4 Nc8 18.Nd3 Nd6 19.Nc5 h5 20.h3 g6 21.Re1 Rac8 Jurcik,M (2412)-Berczes,D (2408) Slovakia 2025 ½-½ (41)]

7...Bh7 8.h4N White is slightly better.

[RR 8.Nc1 Bd6 9.Bxd6 Qxd6 10.Qg4 Nd7 11.Qxg7 Qf6 12.Qxf6 Ngxf6 13.Bd3 Ne4 14.f3 Nd6 15.Kf2 0-0-0 16.Bxh7 Rxh7 17.Nd3 Re8 18.Rhe1 f5 19.Rac1 Kd8 20.b3 Rhe7 21.Na4 Kc7 22.Nac5 Nf6 Dyachuk,A (2274)-Oleksienko,M (2570) Lvov 2024 ½-½ (64)]

8...Be7 9.Ng3 Nd7 10.Bd3! Bxh4 11.Bxh7 Bxg3 12.Bxg3 Threatens to win with Bh7xg8. **12...Rxh7 13.Qc2** 0.13/20

[13.Qb3± 0.52/22]

13...Ngf6= 14.0-0-0 White has compensation. **14...Kf8 15.f3 Kg8 16.Kb1 h5 17.Bh4 Qe8 18.Bg5** -0.15/20

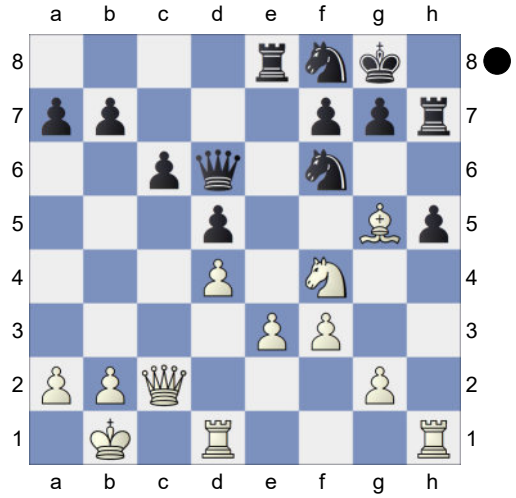
[18.Qb3± 0.32/21 is superior.]

18...Qe6 19.Ne2 Re8 20.Rhe1 -0.39/22

[20.Nf4= 0.01/20 Qxe3 21.Qa4]

20...Nf8∓ 21.Nf4 Qd6 22.Rh1 -0.75/23

[22.Qb3∓ -0.35/23 is more appropriate.]



22...N6d7 -0.22/20

[Of course not 22...Rxe3?! 23.Nxh5±]

[22...Rh8!∓ -0.75/23 Strongly threatening ...Nf6-h7. 23.Nd3 N6d7]

23.Nxh5= Qg6 24.Qxg6 fxg6 25.Ng3 Rxh1 26.Rxh1 Nh7↑ Black is more active. **27.Bf4 g5 28.Bd6 Rxe3 29.Nf5 Re6 30.Ne7+** -0.87/23

[30.Ba3∓ -0.37/22]

30...Kf7∓ Black continues to play with concentration. **31.Nf5 Nhf8 32.Bb4 b6 33.g4** -1.26/25

[White should try 33.Nd6+ -0.76/18 Kg6 34.Nc8]

33...a5 34.Bd2 g6 35.Ng3 Rf6 36.Rf1 Ne6 37.Ne2 Ke7 38.Kc2 -1.83/21

[38.Be1∓ -1.33/17]

38...Kd6-+ 39.Kd3 c5 40.dxc5+ -3.64/19

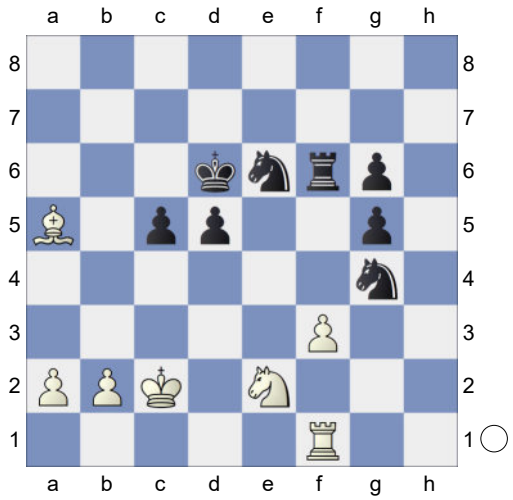
[40.Bc3 -1.72/17]

40...bxc5 41.Bxa5 Ne5+ 42.Kc2 Nxg4

[Don't play 42...Rxf3 43.Rxf3 Nxf3 44.b4-+]

[Less strong is 42...Nxf3 43.Kd1∓]

(Diagram)



Pin **43.Bd2** Wards off Ng4-e3+ **43...Nh2 44.Rf2 Nxf3** ...Nf3-d4+ is the strong threat. **45.Kd1 d4 46.a4 g4 47.a5 g5 48.b4** -5.40/19

[48.a6 -3.84/17 was worth a try.]

48...Rh6 Black is clearly winning. **49.Ng3** Black must now prevent Ng3-f5+. **49...Rh3 50.Rg2 Nxd2 51.Kxd2** Endgame. KRN-KRN **51...Nf4 52.bxc5+ Kxc5 53.Rg1 Rh2+ 54.Kd1 Ra2 55.Re1 Rxa5** And now ...Ra5-a1+ would win. **56.Re5+ Kb4 57.Rxa5 Kxa5** KN-KN **58.Nf5 d3 59.Kd2 Kb4 60.Ng3 Kc4 61.Nf5 Nd5 62.Ng3 Kd4 63.Nf5+ Ke5 64.Ng3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.03 (flawless)

0-1

79 **E09**

□ **Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin** **2686**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2712**

Chennai GM 2024 (6.1) 10.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]*

E09: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2 c6 8 Nbd2 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Qc2 c6 8.Nbd2 b6 9.e4 dxc4 10.Nxc4 Bb7 11.Bf4 c5 12.Rfe1 cxd4** White has an edge. **13.Nd6** Prevents Ra8-c8. **13...Bxd6 14.Bxd6 d3 15.Qxd3 Bxe4 16.Qd4 e5! 17.Qa4 Re8! 18.Rad1**

[18.Rxe4 b5 19.Qb4 *(19.Qxb5? Nxe4 20.Ba3 Ndf6-+)* 19...a5-+]

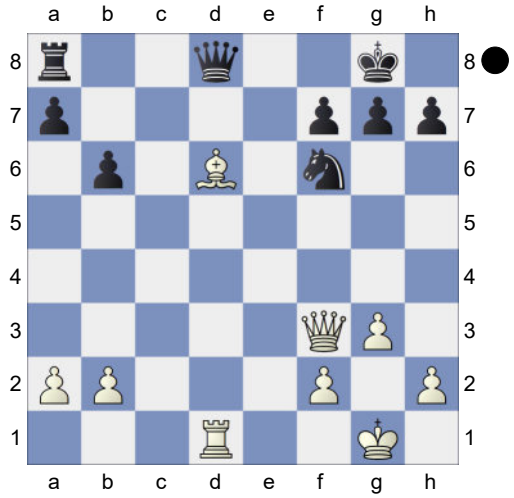
18...Bxf3 19.Bxf3 This pair of bishops is nice. **19...e4! 20.Bxe4 Rxe4 21.Rxe4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Nf6** Black is weak on the dark squares

[22...Nc5 23.Qf3 Ne6 24.Be5 Qe8 25.Qb7 Nc5 26.Qd5 Rc8 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Qg5+ ½-½ Kriukov,V (2367)-Reides,M (2435) 89/89 Wijk aan Zee 2004 (9)]

[RR 22...Nc5 23.Qf3 Ne6 24.Be5 Qe8 25.Qb7 h6 26.b4 Rc8 27.Rd7 Nf8 28.Rd1 Qa4 29.Ra1 Re8 30.Bd6 Ne6 31.Qd5 Rd8 32.Rd1 Nc7 33.Bxc7 Qxd1+ 0-1 (33) Haack,K (2380)-Lubbe,N (2469) Germany 2025]

23.Qf3

[23.Qb7!?]



And now Bd6-e7! would win. **23...Rc8 24.Be5N**

[24.Bb4 Qe8 25.Bc3 Qe4 26.Kg2 Qxf3+ 27.Kxf3 Kf8 28.g4 h6 29.h4 Rc4 30.Rd8+ Ke7 31.Ra8 a5

32.Ra7+ Ke8 33.Rb7 h5 34.gxh5 Rxh4 35.Rxb6 Rxh5 36.Ra6 Rf5+ 37.Ke2 Ne4 38.Be1 Re5 ½-½ Thybo,J (2576)-Keinanen,T (2447) Stockholm SWE 2019 (7.5)]

[24.h4 h6 25.Bf4 Qe7 26.a4 Qe4 27.Qxe4 Nxe4 28.Rd7 Rc2 29.Be3 Rxb2 30.Rxa7 Nc3 31.Kg2 Rb4 32.a5 bxa5 33.Rxa5 Rb5 34.Rxb5 ½-½ Sebenik,M (2538)-Deac,B (2700) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2022 (7)]

[RR 24.h4 h6 25.Bf4 Qe7 26.a4 Qe4 27.Qxe4 Nxe4 28.Rd7 Rc2 29.Be3 Rxb2 30.Rxa7 Nc3 31.Kg2 Rb4 32.a5 bxa5 33.Rxa5 Rb5 34.Rxb5 ½-½ (34) Sebenik,M (2538)-Deac,B (2700) Katowice 2022]

[RR 24.Bb4 Qe8 25.Bc3 Qe4 26.Kg2 Qxf3+ 27.Kxf3 Kf8 28.g4 h6 29.h4 Rc4 30.Rd8+ Ke7 31.Ra8 a5 32.Ra7+ Ke8 33.Rb7 h5 34.gxh5 Rxh4 35.Rxb6 Rxh5 36.Ra6 Rf5+ 37.Ke2 Ne4 38.Be1 Re5 Thybo,J (2576)-Keinanen,T (2447) Stockholm 2020 ½-½ (60)]

24...Qe7 The position is equal. **25.Bxf6 Qxf6 26.Qxf6 gxf6=** Endgame. KR-KR **27.Rd7 Rc2 28.Rxa7 Rxb2 29.Kg2 b5 30.h4 b4 31.a4 bxa3 32.Rxa3 Kg7 33.Rf3 h6 34.Kg1 Rb1+ 35.Kg2 Rb2 36.Kg1 Rb1+ 37.Kg2 Rb2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½

80 **D61**

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2799**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2712**

Chennai GM 2024 (5.4) 09.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]*

D61: Queen's Gambit Declined: Classical: 7 Qc2 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 h6 8.Bh4 dxc4**

[8...c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.Be2 Bd7 13.b4 Na6 14.Qb2 Qb6 15.a3 26) QGD: 5th and 6th Move Sid-QGD 5th and 6th Move Sideline Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

9.Bxc4 a6 10.0-0N

[10.a4 b6 11.Rd1 Bb7 12.e4 c6 13.Ba2 Re8 14.0-0 Nf8 15.Rfe1 Rc8 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.Bg3 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bb4 19.Re3 Ng6 20.Bg3 Qg5 21.e5 Bxc3 22.Rxc3 c5 23.dxc5 Rxc5 24.Rxc5 bxc5 0-1 Stocek,J (2555)-Jubin,J (2307) Bayern-chl Bank Hofmann 25th 2022 (7)]

10...b5 11.Be2 Bb7 Prevents Nc3-e4. **12.Rfd1 Rc8 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7N**

[RR 14...Nd5 15.Bg3 Qe8 16.Ne4 Nb4 17.Qb1 Qc6 18.Bf3 Qb6 19.a3 Nc6 20.Qc2 Rfd8 21.b4 a5 22.Nc5 Bxc5 23.bxc5 Qa6 24.Rdc1 Rd7 25.h4 Rcd8 26.Kh2 Rd2 27.Qe4 R8d7 28.h5 ½-½ (28) Schiffer,K (2248)-Homs,G (2159) Germany 2011]

15.Bg3 Qe8 16.a4 b4 17.Ne4 b3! 18.Qb1

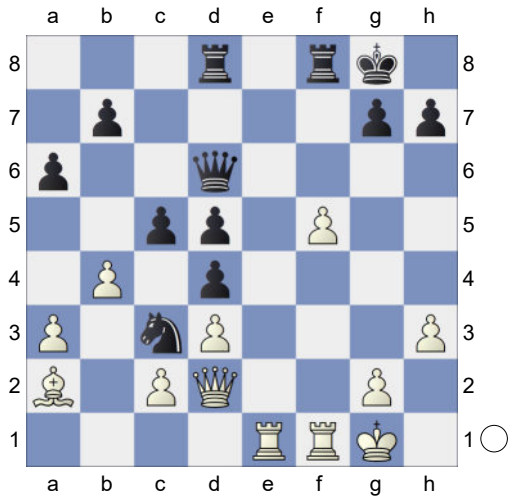
[18.Qxb3? too greedy. Bxe4 19.Qc4 Bd5-+]

18...Nc5 19.Nxc5 Bxc5 20.Qd3 Qc6 21.Bf3 0.00/25

[21.Qxb3? Qxg2#]
[21.f3± 0.71/23]
21...Qb6= 22.a5 Qb4 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.Qc4 Bb4 25.Qxb3 Rfd8 26.Rd4 Rxd4 27.exd4 Rd8 28.Qc4 Rd5 29.Bf4 Rxa5 30.Rc1 c5 31.Be3 cxd4 32.Bxd4 Rd5 33.h3 a5 34.Qc8+ The position is equal. **34...Qxc8 35.Rxc8+** Endgame. KRB-KRB **35...Kh7 36.Rc4 h5 37.Kf1 Kg6 38.Ke2 Kf5 39.Ke3 Rd7 40.g3 Rb7 41.Kf3 Bd2 42.Ke2 Bb4 43.Kf3 Bd2 44.Ke2 Bb4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

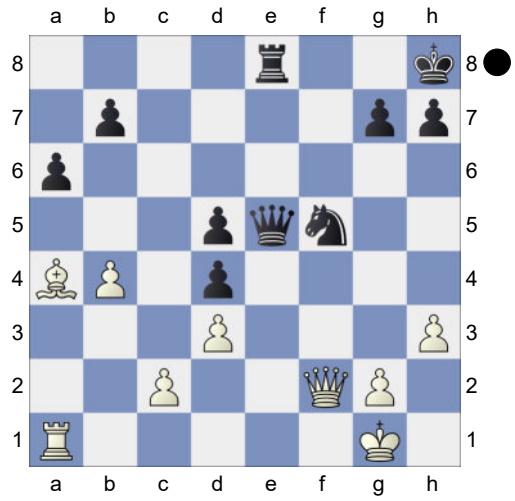
81 **C77**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2712**
■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2679**
Chennai GM 2024 (4.2) 08.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.d3 d6 7.a3**
[7.Ne2 0-0 8.Ng3 Be6 9.0-0 Nd7 10.c3 Rb8 11.d4 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.cxd4 d5 14.Bc2 Nb6 15.e5 f5 16.Bd2 Rf7 17.f4 Nd7 18.b4 g6 19.Qe2 Nb6 20.Nh1 Qf8 21.a3 Nc4 1-0 Finnie,D-Major,D ENG-ch corr England 1992]
[RR 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.d4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Bd7 10.Qf3 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Qxc6 Qd6 15.Qf3 Rab8 16.b3 e4 17.Qh3 Qc5 18.Bb2 Bd6 19.Nd1 Nd5 20.Ne3 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Qxc2 Vallejo Pons,F (2711)-Inarkiev,E (2661) Krasnogorsk 2022 0-1 (81)]
7...0-0 8.h3 Be6N
[8...Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Ne2 d5 11.exd5 *(11.e5 Nd7 12.Bxd7 Bxd7 13.Nxd4 c5 14.Nf3 d4* #15 A17) RL – Tarrasch Variatio-Tarrasch Variation 5.Nc3*)* 11...Qxd5 12.0-0 b5 13.Bb3 Qd7 14.Ng3 Bb7 15.Re1 c5 16.Bf4 Rac8 #16 A17) RL – Tarrasch Variatio-Tarrasch Variation 5.Nc3]
9.Ng5N
[RR 9.0-0 b5 10.Bb3 Bxb3 11.cxb3 Qd7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Nd5 Bd8 15.Rc1 Ne7 16.Nxe7+ Bxe7 17.Qc2 c5 18.b4 cxb4 19.axb4 Rfc8 20.Qd2 Bf6 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.Rc1 Rxc1+ 23.Qxc1 Kh7 Suleimen,E (2408)-Narayanan,S (2595) Almaty 2025 ½-½ (70)]
9...Nd7 0.36/22
[9...Bc8= -0.16/20]
10.Nxe6± fxe6 11.Ne2 Bg5 12.Bb3 Nc5 13.Ba2! Bxc1 14.Qxc1 Nd4 0.76/23
[14...Qh4± 0.32/22 feels stronger. 15.Qe3 Rf6]
15.Nxd4± exd4 16.0-0
[16.b4 Qf6 17.bxc5 Qxf2+ 18.Kd1 Qxg2 19.Bxe6+ *(19.Re1? d5-+)* 19...Kh8∓]
16...d5 17.Qe1 Qd6! 18.f4 Rad8 0.99/24
[18...Rxf4? 19.Rxf4 Qxf4 20.exd5+-]
[18...Rae8± 0.50/21]
19.exd5 0.26/24
[Better is 19.Qb4± 0.99/24]
19...exd5= 20.Qb4 Ne6 21.f5
[21.Qxb7 Nxf4 22.Kh1 c5-+ *(22...Rb8? 23.Qa7-+)*]
[21.Qxd6 simplifies Rxd6 22.f5 Nd8 23.Rae1]
21...c5 22.Qd2 Nc7 23.b4 Nb5 24.Rae1 Nc3
(Diagram)



...c5xb4! would now be deadly. **25.Bb3! cxb4 26.Re6 Qd7 27.Qg5 Qf7** 0.58/25
[27...Rde8= -0.21/27 28.Rfe1 *(28.axb4? Rxe6 29.fxe6 Ne2+ 30.Kh2 Qd6+ 31.g3 Rxf1-+)* 28...Qf7 *(28...bxa3? 29.Re7+-* Skewer *)* 29.axb4 *(29.Rxe8? Rxe8 30.Ra1 bxa3-+)* 29...Rxe6 30.Rxe6 Qxf5 31.Qxf5 Rxf5]
28.axb4 0.00/29
[28.f6 h6 29.Qg4 Rde8=]
[28.Re7± 0.58/25 h6 29.Qh4]
28...Rde8 29.Rxe8 Qxe8 30.Kh1 Black must now prevent f5-f6. **30...Qe5 31.Qh4 Kh8**
[31...Rxf5 32.Rxf5 Qxf5 33.Qxd4 Qf1+ 34.Kh2+-]
32.Re1 -0.74/27
[32.g4= -0.10/25]
32...Ne2∓ 33.Qf2 Re8!
[33...Qxf5? 34.Qxe2 Qf4 35.Bxd5+-]
34.Ra1 Ng3+ 35.Kg1 Nxf5 -0.16/24
[35...h6∓ -1.26/26 36.Qf3 Rd8 *(36...Nxf5 37.Bxd5 Ne3 38.Bxb7=)*]
36.Ba4? -1.67/25
[36.Rf1!= -0.16/24 and White stays safe. g6 37.Qf4]

(Diagram)



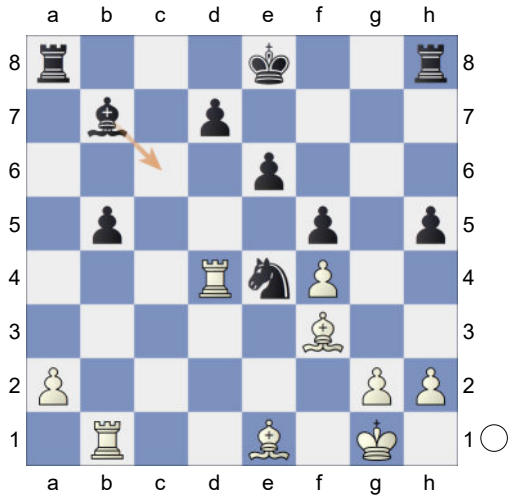
36...b5!-+ 37.Bb3 -2.55/23
[⌓37.Rf1 -1.99/24 Qe3 38.Kh2 Qe5+ 39.Kg1]
37...h5? -0.08/22
[Black should try 37...Ne3-+ -2.55/23 ...Qe5-d6 is the strong threat. 38.Rxa6 Qe7]
38.Qf3!= Qe3+ 39.Kh2! Qxf3 Remove Defender **40.gxf3** Endgame. KRB-KRN **40...Re2+ 41.Kg1 Ne3** aiming for ...Re2-g2+. **42.Rxa6 Rg2+**
[42...Nxc2? perishes. 43.Ra2 Re3 *(43...Re1+? 44.Kf2+-)* 44.Rxc2+-]
43.Kh1 Rg3 44.Kh2 Rxf3 Hoping for ... h5-h4. **45.Rb6 g5 46.Rh6+! Kg7 47.Rxh5 Rf5 48.Kg3 Nf1+ 49.Kg2 Ne3+ 50.Kg3 Re5 51.Kf3 Nd1 52.Kg4 Ne3+ 53.Kf3 Nd1**
[53...Kg6!? 54.Rh8□ Rf5+ 55.Kg3□ Rf1= *(55...Kg7=; 55...Rf6=)*]
54.Kg4 Kg6 55.Rh8 Nc3 56.Rg8+ Kh6 57.Rh8+ Kg6 58.Rg8+ Kf6 59.Rf8+ Kg6 60.Rb8 Kf6 61.Rb6+ Kg7 62.Kh5 Kf7 63.Rd6 Re3 0.36/35
[63...Ne2= 0.00/34]
64.Kxg5± And now h3-h4 would win.
[64.Bxd5+? is the wrong capture. Ke7 65.Rb6 Nxd5-+]
64...Rxh3 65.Bxd5+ Ke7 66.Re6+ Kd7 67.Bb3 Re3 68.Ra6 Kc7 69.Kf6

Ne2 70.Kf5 Ng3+ 71.Kg5 Ne2 72.Kf6 Nc3 0.48/31
[72...Nc1= 0.10/27]
73.Kf5 Ne2 74.Re6 Threatens to win with Re6xe3. **74...Rf3+ 75.Kg5 Rg3+ 76.Kf6 Rf3+ 77.Kg7 Rg3+ 78.Kf7 Rf3+ 79.Rf6 Re3! 80.Rf5 Nc3**
[80...Nc1!?]
81.Rf4 Ne2! 82.Rh4 0.00/31
[82.Rf1± 0.44/26 is superior.]
82...Nc1!= The position is equal. **83.Be6 Re2 84.Rxd4 Rxc2 85.Rd7+ Kb6 86.Ke7 Rc3 87.Rd6+ Ka7 88.Rd7+ Kb6 89.Rd6+ Ka7 90.Bf5 Rb3 91.Rd7+ Kb6 92.Rd6+ Ka7 93.d4 Na2 94.Rd7+ Kb6 95.Rd6+ Ka7 96.Rd8**
[96.Be6!? Re3□ 97.Kd8 Nxb4 98.Bf5=]
96...Nxb4 97.d5 Against Nb4-c6+ **97...Rb2 98.Be6 Rd2 99.Kd6 Kb6 100.Rb8+ Ka5 101.Ke5 Re2+ 102.Kd6 Rd2 103.Rb7 Ka6 104.Rh7 Kb6 105.Rh8 Ka5 106.Rh5 Kb6 107.Kd7 Nd3 108.Ke7 Nc5 109.Rh8 b4 110.Rb8+ Ka5 111.Bf7 b3 112.Kd6 Ne4+ 113.Ke5 Nc5 114.Kd6** Wards off Nc5-d7 **114...Ne4+ 115.Ke5 Nc5 116.Kd6** Wards off Nc5-d7 **116...Ne4+ 117.Kc6 Rf2 118.d6 Rxf7 119.d7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
½-½

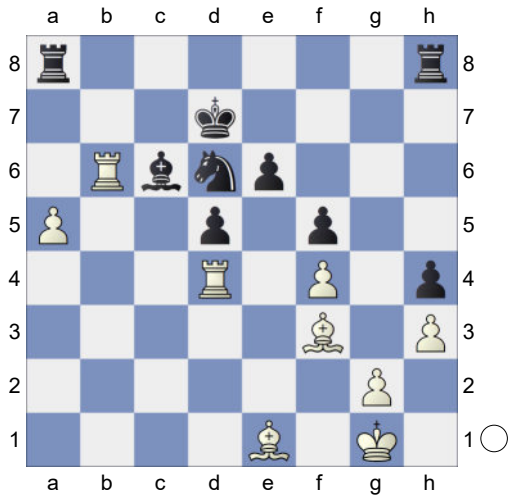
82 **B43**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2737**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2712**
Grand Masters 2024 (1.2) 08.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

Bullet 1min **1.e4** 3 **c5** 7 **2.Nf3** 3 **e6** 5 **3.d4** 3 **cxd4** 5 **4.Nxd4** 3 **a6** 7 **5.Be2** 6 **Nf6** 3:50 **6.Nc3** 14 **Qc7** 1:59 **7.f4** 16 **Bb4** 6:35 **8.e5** 20 **Bxc3+** 2:23
[8...Nd5 simplifies 9.0-0 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Be7]
9.bxc3 19 **Qxc3+** 9 The position is equal. **10.Qd2!** 2:48 **Qxd2+** 5:24
[10...Qxa1 11.exf6 Nc6 *(11...gxf6? 12.0-0+-; 11...Qxa2? 12.Qb4+-)* 12.fxg7±]
[RR 10...Ne4 11.Qxc3 Nxc3 12.Bf3 Nb5 13.Nb3 Nc6 14.a4 Nbd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Be4 d5 17.exd6 Bd7 18.Bb2 Bc6 19.Bxd4 Bxe4 20.c4 Rc8 21.c5 b6 22.cxb6 Rc4 23.Be3 Kd7 24.Ke2 Rhc8 25.Rhc1 Petkov,M (2522)-Rapport,R (2716) Ankara 2025 ½-½ (35)]
[RR 10...Ne4 11.Qxc3 Nxc3 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Nxc6 dxc6 14.Bd2 Nd5 15.c4 Ne7 16.a4 Nf5 17.Rb1 Nh4 18.Be4 f5 19.exf6 gxf6 20.g3 Nf5 21.Bc3 Kf7 22.Kf2 Nd6 23.Bd3 b5 ½-½ (23) Petkov,M (2525)-Saric,A (2437) Banja Luka 2025]
11.Bxd2 1:09 **Ne4N** 9
[RR 11...Nd5 12.c4 Nc7 13.Ba5 Kd8 14.Bf3 Nc6 15.Nxc6+ bxc6 16.Rb1 Ra7 17.Ke2 Rb7 18.Rhd1 f6 19.Ke3 Rf8 20.Bb4 Rf7 21.Bxc6 Rb6 22.Be4 f5 23.Bf3 Bb7 24.Be7+ Rxe7 25.Rxb6 Bc8 26.Rb8 Bagi,M (2478)-Kolimar,K (2135) Ajka 2020 1-0]
12.Bb4 15:06 **b6** 13:40 **13.Bf3** 6:32 **Bb7** 10 **14.Rb1** 40 **f5** 11:28 **15.exf6!**

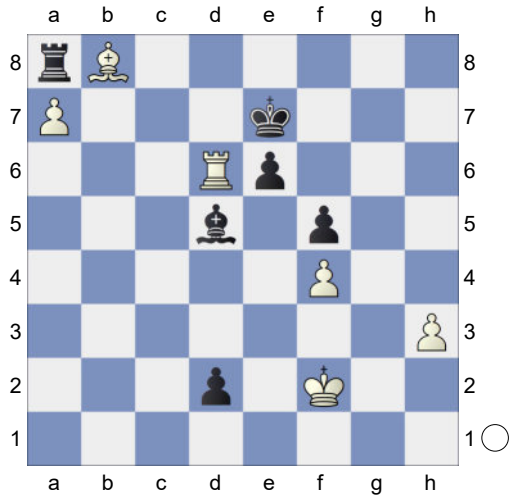
3:20 **gxf6** 20 **16.0-0** 1:08 **f5** 8:30 **17.Rfd1→** 12:49 Black must now prevent Nxe6! White attacks. **17...h5!** 14:38 **18.Be1** 11:52 A strong pair of Bishops. **18...b5** 2:13 **19.c4** 2:16 **Nc6** 2:11 **20.cxb5** 7 **Nxd4** 9 **21.Rxd4** 4 **axb5** 4



22.a4! 15 **h4** 15:50
[22...Bd5 23.axb5]
23.h3 3:02 **d5** 6:56
[23...Bd5= keeps the balance. 24.axb5 *(24.Rxb5 Nf6=)* 24...d6]
24.Rxb5± 3:00 **Bc6** 2:09 **25.Rb6** 53 **Kd7** 5 **26.a5** 23 **Nd6** 2:30



27.Be2! 4:14 White is more active.
27...Rab8 1:28 **28.Rxb8** 2:09 **Rxb8** 1 **29.Rb4** 23 **Ra8** 29 **30.Rb2** 2:17 **Nc4** 59 **31.Ra2** 10 **Rh8** 45 This costs Black the game.
[31...Bb7± was worth a try. 32.Ra1 *(32.Bxh4 Nxa5 33.Bf6 Nc6±)* 32...Ke8]
32.a6+- 59 **Kc7** 22
[32...Nd6 is a better defense. 33.a7 d4]
33.a7 58 **Nd6** 38 **34.Bc3** 3:04 **Ra8** 18 **35.Be5** 51 **Kd7** 5 **36.Ra6** 46 **Nc4** 1:03 **37.Bb8** 1:26 **Ne3** 32 **38.Kf2** 1:51 **d4** 21
[⌓38...Nc4 39.g4 hxg3+ 40.Kxg3 Bb5]
39.g3 2:35 **hxg3+** 9 **40.Kxg3** 5 **Nd5** 26 **41.Bf3** 31:55 **d3** 30:56 **42.Bxd5** 2:41 **Bxd5** 19 Endgame. KRB-KRB **43.Kf2** 2:15
[⌓43.Rd6+ Ke7 44.Rxd5 *(44.Kf2 Rxa7=)* 44...exd5 45.Kf2 d2 46.Ke2 d4 47.Kxd2 Ke6 48.Kd3]
43...d2 49 **44.Rd6+** 7 White mates.
44...Ke7 8



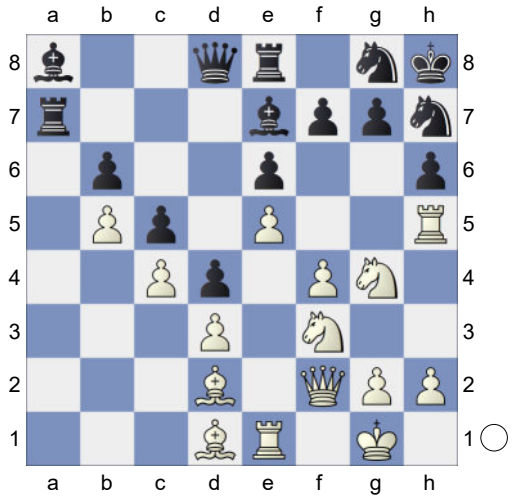
45.Rxd5! 3 **exd5** 29 KR-KB
[45...Rxa7 46.Bxa7]
46.Ke2 5 **Kf6** 19 **47.Kxd2** 4 **Kg6** 4 **48.Kd3** 3 **Kh5** 5 **49.Kd4** 3 **Kh4** 4 **50.Kxd5** 4 **Kxh3** 9 Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.47. Mistake: --- Black=4 OK: White=16 Black=8 Best: White=3

Black=3 Strong: White=3 Black=1
1-0

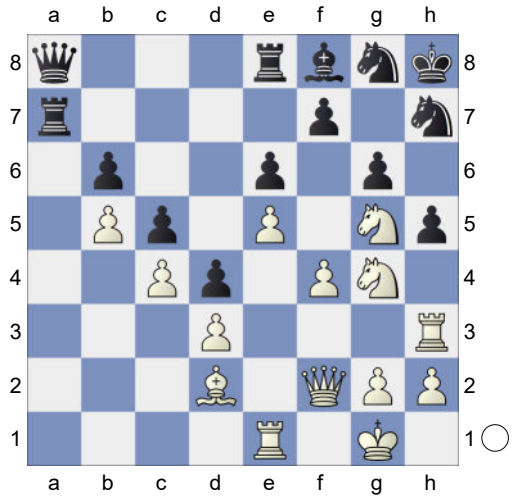
83 **B51**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2739**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2712**
Chennai GM 2024 (3.3) 07.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4** 2 **c5** 50 **2.Nf3** 7 **d6** 6 **3.Bb5+** 4
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th 2012]
3...Nd7N 5
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4.Ba4 8 **Ngf6** 51 **5.0-0** 7 **e6** 2:17 **6.d3** 49 **Be7** 3:43 **7.c4** 9 **0-0** 38 **8.Nc3** 5
The position is equal. **8...h6N** 12:36
[RR 8...Ne5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.f4 exf4 11.Bxf4 Qd4+ 12.Kh1 Bd7 13.Bxd7 Qxd7 14.e5 Ne8 15.Qe2 f5 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Ne4 Rg6 18.Be3 Rc8 19.Qf2 Nf6 20.Bxc5 Qxd3 21.Bxe7 Qxe4 22.b3 Re8 23.Bd6 Saminskij,J (2230)-Haugner,J (2066) Biel 2025 1-0 (47)]
[RR 8...a6 9.Qe2 Ne8 10.Ne1 Nc7 11.f4 b5 12.Bc2 Bb7 13.Nf3 Bf6 14.Bd2 b4 15.Nd1 a5 16.Rb1 a4 17.Ne3 Nb8 18.Ng4 Be7 19.d4 cxd4 20.Nxd4 Nba6 21.Rbd1 Qe8 22.e5 d5 23.Nf6+ Niemann,H (2736)-Vidit,S (2720) Endgame.AI INT 2025 1-0 (31)]
[RR 8...Ne5 9.Ne1 Nc6 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.f4 Rb8 12.Nf3 Nd7 13.e5 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.b3 Nb6 16.Bd2 Ba6 17.a4 Nd7 18.Rab1 Qc7 19.Qe1 Bc8 20.Ne2 Ra8 21.Ng3 Nb8 22.Nh5 Qd8 23.Qg3 David,A (2532)-Cheng,B (2543) Paris 2023 1-0 (49)]
9.a3 3:41 **Ne5** 10:05 **10.b4** 2:08 **Bd7** 4:22 **11.Bc2** 5:54 **Nfg4** 0.49/20 6:45
[11...cxb4= 0.11/19 12.axb4 Qc7]
12.Ne1± 1:27 **Nf6** 1:07 **13.Rb1** 15 **b6** 30 **14.b5** 56 Inhibits Ne5-c6. Inhibits Ne5-c6. TA: 'Repels Nc6' **14...Bc8** 4:44 **15.f4** 1:54 **Ned7** 0 **16.Rf3** 3:36 **Ne8** 1.07/22 1:04
[16...Nh7± 0.70/19]
17.Rh3± 2:48 **Ndf6** 3:18 **18.Nf3** 2:07 **Bb7** 3:00 **19.Qe1** 4:07 **Rc8** 1.51/23 10:08
[⌓19...Ng4 1.02/20]
20.Qg3 6:46 **Kh8** 4:06 **21.Bd2** 5:10 **Ng8** 4:11 **22.Re1** 2:20 **Nef6** 3:57 **23.Nd1** 6:20 **Nh7** 12 **24.Ne3** 7:21 **Rc7**

12 **25.Ng4** 0.65/24 2:50
[25.Bc3± 1.40/24 Bf6 26.Bd2]
[Better is 25.a4±]
25...Nhf6 1.33/24 8:38
[25...f5± 0.65/24]
26.Ne3 7:27 **Nh7** 24 **27.Qf2** 31 **d5** 3:30
28.e5 0.69/23 9:37
[28.a4± 1.57/23]
[28.cxd5± exd5 29.Nf5]
28...d4!± 4:00 ...Bb7xf3! would now be deadly. ...Bb7xf3! would now be deadly. TA: '±' **29.Ng4** 23 **Re8** 1.06/25 1:03
[29...a6± 0.61/25]
[29...Rc8±]
30.Bd1 21 **a6** 1:11 **31.a4** 6 **axb5** 5
32.axb5 0.38/26 3
[Better is 32.cxb5± 0.80/24 f5 33.exf6 Ngxf6 34.Nge5]
32...Ba8 1:05 **33.Rh5** 2:21
[33.Qe2±]
33...Ra7 0.61/22 4:10
[33...Rf8= 0.25/22]
[33...g6= 34.Nxh6 Bf8]



34.Ng5! 1:08 **Bf8!** 1:08
[Don't play 34...hxg5 35.fxg5±]
35.Bf3→ 3:15 White mounts an attack. White mounts an attack. TA: 'White is up to no good.' **35...Bxf3** 58
[Much weaker is 35...hxg5?! 36.Bxa8 Qxa8 *(36...Rxa8? 37.fxg5 Qc7 38.Nf6+-)* 37.fxg5±]
36.Qxf3 1:28 **g6** 0.81/24 1:34
[36...Qa8!± 0.31/22 TA: '=']
37.Rh3 39 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
[But not 37.Nxh7 Kxh7 38.Rh3 Qa8=]
37...Qa8 42
[37...hxg5? TA: 'perishes.' 38.fxg5+- Ree7 39.Nf6+-]
38.Qf2 54 Black must now prevent Ng5xh7.
[White should try 38.Qe2±]
38...h5? 3.98/22 58
[38...hxg5 39.fxg5 Rc8 *(39...Rd8 40.Qh4±)* 40.Qh4+-]
[38...Ree7!= 0.23/22 and Black is okay. and Black is okay. TA: 'and Black has nothing to worry.']



A mistake that costs the game.
39.Nxh7!+- 32 **Kxh7** 5

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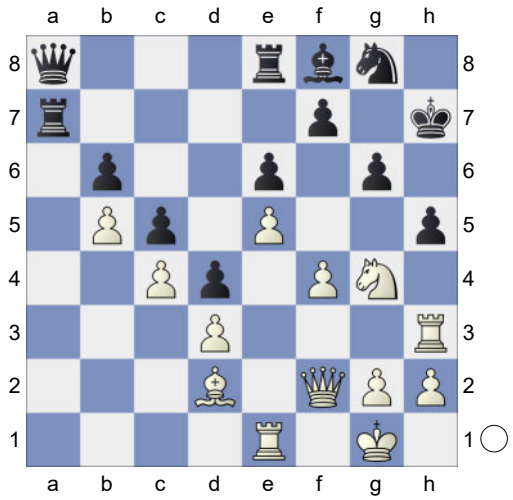
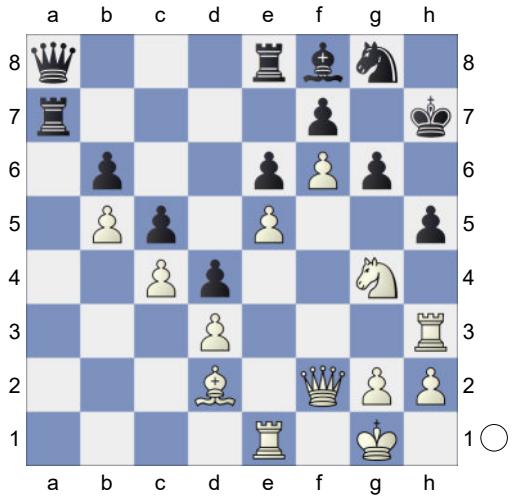


40.f5! 17 TA: 'Qf4 would now be deadly.' **40...Bg7** 1:39 TA: '?'
[40...Rb8 41.fxe6]
[40...Qd8 41.fxg6+ fxg6]
41.f6 34:20 Intending Rh3xh5+! and mate. Intending Rh3xh5+! and mate. TA: 'Rxh5+! would kill now.' **41...Bf8** #31/23 30:00
[41...Bh6+- 4.97/20]



42.Rxh5+!! 28 White mates. **42...gxh5** 2 **43.Qh4** 8 **Ra1** 33 **44.Qxh5+** 9 **Nh6** 5 **45.Nxh6** 19 **Rxe1+** 6 **46.Bxe1** 33 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.38 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.38 TA: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.35. Loses game: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=4 Black=4 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=6 OK: White=11 Black=9 Best: White=2 Black=2 Strong: White=2 Black=1 Brilliant: White=1 ---'
1-0

84 **C65**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2712**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2739**
Chennai GM 2024 (2.3) 06.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.0-0**
[6.Nxe5? Qd4 7.Qe2 Qxe5-+]
6...Nd7 7.c3 h6
[RR 7...0-0 8.d4 Bd6 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bh4 Qe8 11.Re1 Nb6 12.Nbd2 a5 13.Bg3 a4 14.Qc2 c5 15.dxe5 fxe5 16.Nf1 Rxf3 17.gxf3 Qh5 18.Qe2 Be6 19.Ne3 Rf8 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.exf5 Rxf5 22.Kg2 Grischuk,A (2777)-Maghsoodloo,P (2676) Chess.com INT 2020 1-0 (60)]
8.Re1N The position is equal.
[8.d4 Bd6 9.Be3 *(9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Bf4 Ng6 11.Bxd6 cxd6 12.c4 0-0 13.Nc3 f5 14.Re1 fxe4 15.Rxe4 Nf4 16.Qd4 Nh3+ 17.Kf1 Bf5 18.Re3 Nf4 19.Rd1 Rf6 20.Kg1 Ng6 21.Nd2 Rf7 22.Nde4 Bxe4 23.Nxe4 Qh4* 1-0 Nepomniachtchi,I (2779)-Firouzja,A (2777) Zagreb SuperUnited Rapid 2023 (4)) 9...0-0 10.Nbd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.f4 Ng4 13.Qe2 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 c5 15.N4f3 f5 16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.fxe5 Qe7 18.exf5

Bxf5 19.Rae1 Rad8 20.Rf2 b6 21.a3 a5 22.Ref1 Qe6 0-1 Svane,F (2618)-Cheparinov,I (2663) FIDE World Cup 2023 (2.4)]
[8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nc4 Re8 10.b4 Bd6 11.Be3 Nf8 12.Nfd2 Ng6 13.Nxd6 cxd6 14.a4 d5 15.Nb3 b6 16.a5 Rb8 17.Qc2 Be6 18.Rfb1 Re7 19.c4 d4 20.Bd2 f5 21.axb6 axb6 22.f3 Rf7 1-0 Carlsen,M (2855)-Karjakin,S (2758) Norway Chess 9th 2021 (9)]
[RR 8.d4 Bd6 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Bf4 Ng6 11.Bxd6 cxd6 12.c4 0-0 13.Nc3 f5 14.Re1 fxe4 15.Rxe4 Nf4 16.Qd4 Nh3+ 17.Kf1 Bf5 18.Re3 Nf4 19.Rd1 Rf6 20.Kg1 Ng6 21.Nd2 Rf7 22.Nde4 Bxe4 Nepomniachtchi,I (2779)-Firouzja,A (2777) Zagreb 2023 1-0 (32)]
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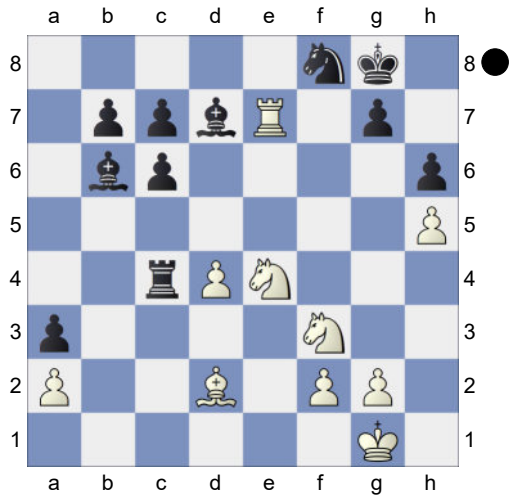
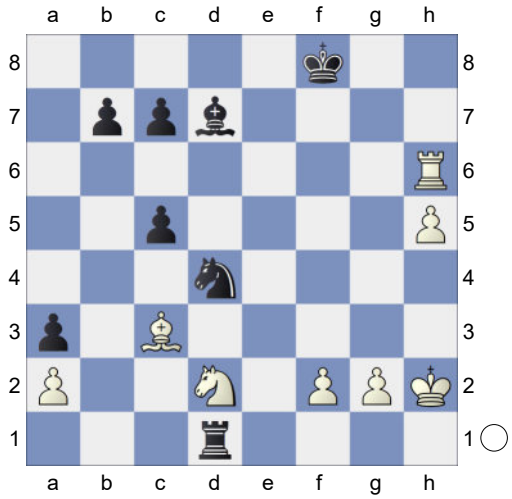
[RR 8.d4 Bd6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.dxe5 Bxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.h3 Qd3 14.Re1 Be6 15.Bd4 Nc4 16.Nxc4 Qxd1 17.Raxd1 Bxc4 18.b3 Be6 19.f4 f6 20.c4 Bf7 21.g4 b5 22.cxb5 cxb5 Divya,D (2470)-Goryachkina,A (2548) Nicosia 2025 ½-½ (41)]

8...0-0 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.Nf1 a5 11.Ng3 a4 12.h3 Nf8 0.34/21
[12...Bd6= -0.27/19]
13.Qc2 -0.03/22
[13.Nxe5± 0.34/21 Bxf2+ *(13...Rxe5 14.d4±)* 14.Kxf2 Rxe5 15.Kg1]
13...Qf6= 14.Qe2 -0.40/22
[14.d4= -0.01/23 exd4 15.cxd4 Bxd4 16.Nh5]
14...Ng6 15.Nh5 Qd6 16.Bd2 Bb6 17.d4 exd4 18.cxd4 f5
[18...Bxd4? 19.Nxd4 Qxd4 20.Bc3+-]
19.Ng3 Bd7 0.40/21
[19...fxe4= 0.00/21 20.Nxe4 Qe7]
20.Qc4+!± Be6 21.Qc2 fxe4 22.Rxe4 Bd7 23.Rae1
[23.Rxe8+ seems wilder. Rxe8 24.Qxa4 c5 25.dxc5 Bxc5 26.Qb3+]
23...Rxe4 24.Rxe4 a3 25.b3 Qf6 0.70/20
[25...Rf8= 0.27/23]
26.Qc4+ Qf7 27.h4 0.00/25
[27.Qc1± 0.57/21]
27...Qxc4= 28.bxc4 Ra4 29.h5 Nf8 30.Re7 -0.43/21
[30.c5 Ba5 31.d5 *(31.Bxa5 Rxa5 32.Re2 Be6∓)* 31...Rxe4 *(31...cxd5? 32.Rxa4 Bxd2 33.Rxa3+-)* 32.dxc6 Bxc6 *(32...Bxd2 33.cxd7 Nxd7 34.Nxe4∓)* 33.Nxe4 Bxe4-+]
[30.Ne5!= 0.27/21]
30...Rxc4∓ 31.Ne4 -0.94/27
[31.Be3!∓ -0.32/23]



31...Bxd4 0.00/23
[Black should try 31...Bf5!∓ -0.94/27

32.g4 Bxe4 *(32...Bxg4 33.Ne5=)* 33.Rxe4 c5 *(33...Rc2 34.Bb4∓)*] **32.Nxd4= Rxd4 33.Bc3 Rd1+ 34.Kh2 Ne6** Hoping for ...Kg8-f8. **35.Nd2! Nc5** 0.69/22 **36.Rxg7+± Kf8 37.Rg3** 0.00/23 [37.Rg6!± 0.65/26] **37...Ne6?** 1.63/20 [37...Kf7= 0.00/23] **38.Rg6+- c5 39.Rxh6** Rh6-h8+ would now be deadly. **39...Nd4**



40.Ne4 1.44/21 [40.Rf6+!+- 2.66/22 Ke7 41.Rf4] **40...b6?** 6.71/23 Loses the game. [40...Bf5± 1.44/21 41.Bxd4 *(41.Nxc5 Kg7±)* 41...Rxd4 42.Rf6+ *(42.Nxc5 Kg7∓)* 42...Kg7 43.Rxf5 *(43.Nxc5?* is the wrong capture. *Kxf6 44.Nb3 Rh4+ 45.Kg3 Rxh5-+)* 43...Rxe4] **41.Rf6+ Kg8 42.Rg6+ Kh8** Threatens to win with ...Bd7-f5. **43.Nf6 Be6** Repels Rg6-g8+ **44.h6** White threatens Rg6-g7 and mate. **44...Bf7 45.Rg7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.53

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85 **B41**

□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2737**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2712**

Chennai GM 2024 (1.2) 05.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]*

B43: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 Nc3 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Be2 Nf6 6.Nc3 Qc7**

[6...Bb4 7.0-0 *(7.e5 Ne4 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bxc3 10.Ba3 Qa5 11.Bd6 Nc6 12.Nxc6 dxc6 13.f4 Bxa1 14.Qxa1 Qd2 15.Rf2 Qe3 16.Bf3 Bd7 17.c4 b5 18.c5 a5 19.a4 b4 20.g3 h5 21.h4 Rh6* ½-½ Daulyte,D (2369)-Alinasab,M (2336) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (5.11) *)* 7...Bxc3 8.bxc3 Nxe4 9.Bf3 d5 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Ba3 f5 12.f3 e3 13.Qd3 Kf7 14.Qxe3 Re8 15.Rad1 Qa5 16.Bb4 Qxa2 17.Rfe1 e5 18.Qg5 Bd7 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.Nxf5 Qe6 21.Nd6 1-0 Kravtsiv,M (2626)-Neverov,V (2515) 82nd ch-UKR Kiev UKR 2013 (7)]

7.f4N

[7.0-0 Bc5 8.Be3 d6 9.Qd2 0-0 10.Nb3 Bxe3 11.Qxe3 Nc6 12.Rad1 b5 13.a3 Rd8 14.f4 Bb7 15.Rd2 Rab8 16.Rfd1 Ba8 17.Kh1 h6 18.Bf3 a5 19.Qe2 Na7 20.Nd4 Qb6 21.e5 dxe5 0-1 Apicella,M (2450)-Sokolov,I (2625) 56/323 Debrecen 1992 22.fxe5 Bxf3 23.Nxf3 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Nh7 25.Ne4 Nf8 26.Rd6 Qc7 27.Qd3 Nc6 28.h3 Ne7 29.c3 Nf5 30.Ra6 Ng6 31.Nd6 Nf4 32.Qd1 Rd8 33.Kh2 Nxg2 34.Qe2 Nge3 35.Qxb5 Nxd6 36.exd6 Rxd6 0-1 Apicella,M (2506)-Portisch,L (2573) Olympiad-34 Istanbul 2000 (9.4) 37.Qe5 Qb7 0-1 Bank Friis,C (2506)-Pina,J (2573) corr 1991 (9.4)]

7...Bb4 8.e5 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qxc3+ White is slightly better. **10.Qd2! Qxd2+**
[RR 10...Ne4 11.Qxc3 Nxc3 12.Bf3 Nb5 13.Nb3 Nc6 14.a4 Nbd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Be4 d5 17.exd6 Bd7 18.Bb2 Bc6 19.Bxd4 Bxe4 20.c4 Rc8 21.c5 b6 22.cxb6 Rc4 23.Be3 Kd7 24.Ke2 Rhc8 25.Rhc1 Petkov,M (2522)-Rapport,R (2716) Ankara 2025 ½-½ (35)]
[RR 10...Ne4 11.Qxc3 Nxc3 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Nxc6 dxc6 14.Bd2 Nd5 15.c4 Ne7 16.a4 Nf5 17.Rb1 Nh4 18.Be4 f5 19.exf6 gxf6 20.g3 Nf5 21.Bc3 Kf7 22.Kf2 Nd6 23.Bd3 b5 ½-½ (23) Petkov,M (2525)-Saric,A (2437) Banja Luka 2025]
11.Bxd2 Ne4N
[RR 11...Nd5 12.c4 Nc7 13.Ba5 Kd8 14.Bf3 Nc6 15.Nxc6+ bxc6 16.Rb1 Ra7 17.Ke2 Rb7 18.Rhd1 f6 19.Ke3 Rf8 20.Bb4 Rf7 21.Bxc6 Rb6 22.Be4 f5 23.Bf3 Bb7 24.Be7+ Rxe7 25.Rxb6 Bc8 26.Rb8 Bagi,M (2478)-Kolimar,K (2135) Ajka 2020 1-0]
12.Bb4 b6 13.Bf3 Bb7 14.Rb1 Black must now prevent 0-0. **14...f5 15.exf6! gxf6 16.0-0→** Black needs to defend precisely. **16...f5 17.Rfd1** Hoping for Nd4xe6! **17...h5! 18.Be1** This pair of bishops is nice. **18...b5 19.c4 Nc6 20.cxb5 Nxd4 21.Rxd4** next b5xa6 is good for White. **21...axb5 22.a4 h4** 0.44/21
[22...Bd5= 0.02/20 23.axb5 d6]
23.h3± d5 0.89/20
[23...d6± 0.44/23 is more appropriate.]
24.Rxb5± Bc6 25.Rb6 Kd7 26.a5 Nd6 27.Be2! White is more active. **27...Rab8**

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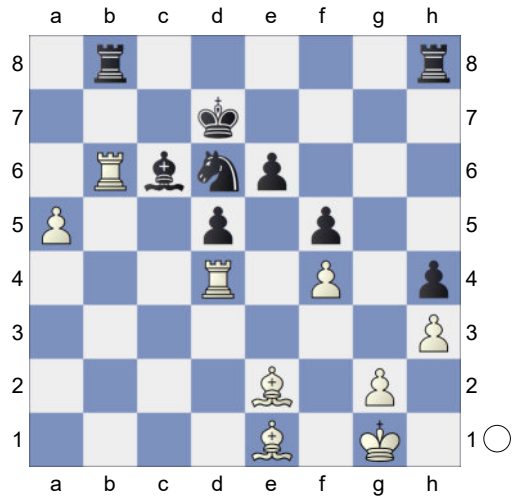

Prevents a5-a6. **28.Rxb8! Rxb8 29.Rb4** 0.56/18
[29.Bxh4± 1.42/25 Bh4-e1 would now be deadly. Rb3 30.Bf6]
29...Ra8± 30.Rb2 Nc4 0.99/22
[30...d4!± 0.48/21]
31.Ra2± Rh8 2.40/24 This costs Black the game.
[31...Bb7± 0.97/22 32.Kh2 *(32.Bxh4 Nxa5 33.Bb5+ Nc6±)* 32...Ke8]
32.a6+- Kc7 3.19/21
[32...Nd6 2.23/18 keeps fighting. 33.a7 d4]
33.a7 Nd6 34.Bc3 Ra8 35.Be5 Kd7 36.Ra6 Nc4 37.Bb8 Ne3 4.95/22
[⌓37...Bb5 3.49/21 38.Bxc4 dxc4 39.Rd6+ Ke7]
38.Kf2 d4 39.g3 hxg3+ 40.Kxg3 Nd5 41.Bf3 d3 White is clearly winning. **42.Bxd5 Bxd5** Endgame. KRB-KRB **43.Kf2 d2** 7.03/20
[⌓43...Ke7 4.95/19 44.Ra1 d2]
44.Rd6+ Ke7

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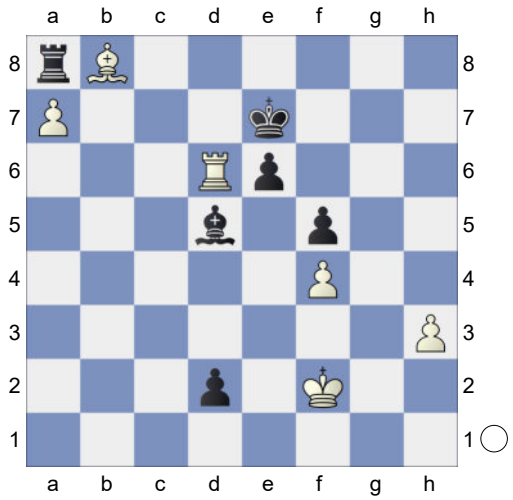

45.Rxd5! exd5 KR-KB
[45...Kf6 46.Rxd2]
46.Ke2 Kf6 47.Kxd2 Kg6 48.Kd3 Kh5 49.Kd4 Kh4 50.Kxd5 Kxh3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.32
1-0

86 **E32**
□ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2659**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
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[Kitty Kat]*

E32: Nimzo-Indian: Classical (4 Qc2): 4... 0-0
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 h6N
[4...d6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Ne4 10.Qc2 f5 11.e3 b6 12.f3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Qf6 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.Ne2 0-0 16.0-0-0 c5 17.Kb1 cxd4 18.exd4 Rac8 19.Nc3 1-0 Wagner,J (2530)-Nikolayev,I (2505) Novokuznetsk op 1998]
[4...0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 b6 7.Nf3 *(7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Bb7 9.f3 g5 10.Bf2 d5 11.e3 Nbd7 12.Bd3 c5 13.Ne2 cxd4 14.exd4 dxc4 15.Bxc4 Rc8 16.Qd3 Kg7 17.0-0 Qe7 18.Rfe1 Rfd8 19.Ng3 Qd6 20.Rad1 Bd5 21.Ba6 Rc7* 1-0 Cubas,J (1951)-Palliser,R (1712) Munich SKA 1993 (9)*; 7.g3 Bb7 8.Nf3 d5 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.0-0 c5 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.cxd5 Bxd5 13.Be3 Rc8 14.Rad1 Qe7 15.Qb4 Qb7 16.Bd4 Nce4 17.Rc1 h6 18.Rfd1 Rc6 19.Rxc6 Qxc6 20.Ne5 Qc2 21.Qe1 Rc8* 0-1 10...a6 (2425)-Yoo,E (2606) (ch) 109/(141) 2010 (10) *)* 7...Bb7 8.e3 d6 9.b4 Nbd7 10.Bb2 c5 11.Be2 Qe7 12.0-0 Rfc8 13.dxc5 dxc5 14.Rfd1 Ne8 15.b5 f6 16.a4 a5 17.bxa6 Rxa6 18.a5 Rca8 19.Qd2 ½-½ Hantel,T (2809)-11.Bd2 (2690) DSEM 30 Apolda 1996 (2.1)]
5.e4 c5 6.d5
[RR 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.e5 Ng4 8.Ne4 Qb6 9.Nxc5 Qxc5 10.f4 d6 11.Qe2 h5 12.Nf3 Nd7 13.exd6 Qxd6 14.Qd2 Qc7 15.h3 Nh6 16.b4 0-0 17.Bb2 a5 18.b5 Nf5 19.g4 Ng3 20.Rg1 Nxf1 Mamedyarov,S (2742)-Rapport,R (2724) Batumi 2025 ½-½ (43)]
[RR 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.e5 Ng4 8.Ne4 Qb6 9.Nxc5 Qxc5 10.f4 d6 11.Qe2 h5 12.Nf3 Nd7 13.h3 Nh6 14.exd6 Qxd6 15.Qd2 Qc7 16.b3 b6 17.Bb2 Nf5 18.0-0-0 Bb7 19.Ne5 Rd8 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 Pham,T (2433)-Narayanan,S (2622) Tashkent 2025 ½-½]
6...exd5 7.exd5 b5 8.cxb5N
White is slightly better.
[RR 8.Be3 0-0 9.Bd3 bxc4 10.Bxc4 Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 d6 12.Ne2 Nbd7 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Qd3 Re8 15.Nc3 Ng4 16.Bf4 Qf6 17.Bb5 Qxf4 18.g3 Qf5 19.Qxf5 Bxf5 20.Bxe8 Rxe8

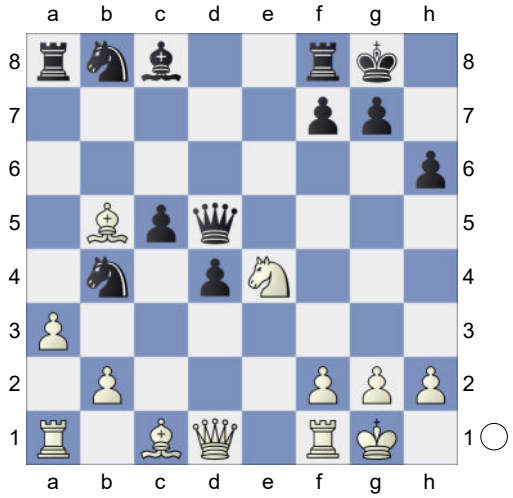
21.Rfe1 Kf8 22.Nb5 Nc8 Rounaiv,R (2099)-Mihajlov,S (2373) Fagernes 2024 0-1 (39)]

8...0-0 9.Bc4 0.21/23

[9.Bd3± 0.59/20]

9...a6 10.Nge2 axb5 11.Bxb5 Nxd5 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.Nxc3 Nb4 14.Qd1 Strongly threatening Bc1-e3. **14...d5 15.a3↑** White has good play. **15...d4 16.Ne4 Qd5**

[16...Qb6!? 17.Ba4 Nd5∓]



17.Nxc5 Hoping for Bb5-e2! **17...N4c6!**

[Don't go for 17...Bb7? 18.Qg4 f5 *(18...Qxc5? 19.Bxh6 Qe5 20.axb4+-)* 19.Qg6+-]

18.b4 Nxb4 19.Bb2 0.05/23

[19.Be2± 0.43/23 N4c6 20.Nd3]

19...N4c6 0.43/21

[19...Ra5= 0.05/23]

20.Rc1± Rd8 1.00/21

[Black should play 20...Ba6!± 0.44/20 21.Nxa6 Qxb5]

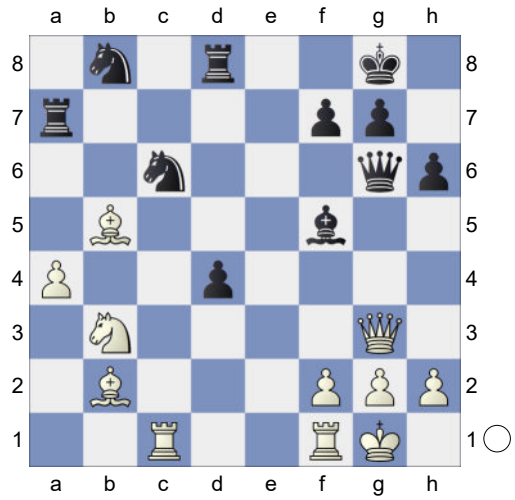
21.a4± Ra7 22.Qb3 Qh5 1.56/18

[Better is 22...Qxb3 1.20/21 23.Nxb3 Be6]

23.Qg3 Bf5 24.Nb3 aiming for Nb3xd4!

24...Qg6 2.23/24

[⌓24...Qg4 1.76/19 25.Bxc6 Nxc6]



25.Nxd4! Rxd4 2.60/20

[⌓25...Qxg3 1.86/24 26.fxg3 Nxd4]

[25...Nxd4 26.Bxd4]

26.Bxd4+- A strong pair of Bishops.

26...Qxg3 27.fxg3 Nxd4 28.Rcd1 Nbc6 29.Bxc6 Deflection **29...Nxc6 30.Rxf5 Rxa4** Endgame. KRR-KRN

31.h3 1.63/20

[⌓31.Rd6 2.80/22 g6 32.Rf4 Rxf4 33.gxf4]

31...Nd4 2.18/23

[⌓31...g6 1.63/20]

32.Rf2 g5 3.06/23

[⌓32...g6 1.65/22 33.Kh2 Nc6]

33.Rb2? 1.12/21

[33.g4+- 3.06/23]

33...Kg7 2.35/24

[33...Nf5± 1.12/21]

34.Kh2 Ne6 2.37/21

[34...h5± 1.44/20 35.Rb7 Kg6]

35.Rb7 And now Rd1-d7 would win.

35...Ra8 36.Rf1 Rf8 37.Re7 Nd4 38.h4 Nc6 39.Re4 f6? 3.73/24

[39...Rd8 1.68/17 is a better defense. 40.Kh3 Rd3]

40.Kh3 Ne5 41.g4 1.47/19

[41.h5+- 2.77/20]

41...gxh4± 42.Kxh4 Kh4-h5 would now be deadly. **42...Rb8**

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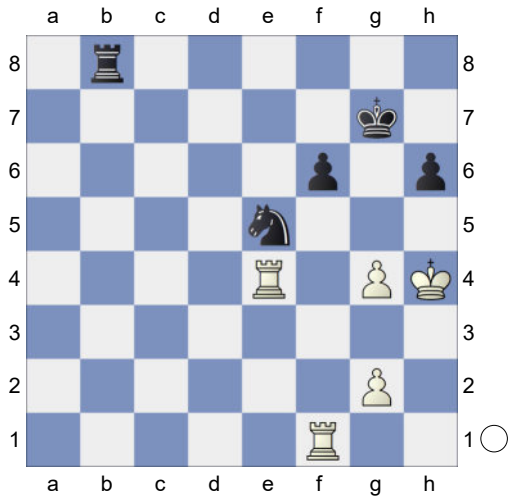

43.Ra4 0.19/23
[43.Rf2!± 0.98/25]
43...Ng6+? 5.14/31 White leaves nothing to chance now.
[43...Rb2= 0.19/23 and Black stays safe.]
44.Kh5+- Rb7 Dodges Ra4-a7 **45.Rf5** 2.63/21
[⌓45.Ra6 4.91/23]
45...Ne7 46.Rfa5 Nc6 2.46/26 Inhibits Ra5-a7.
[46...Ng6± 1.57/24 47.g3 *(47.Ra7 Nf4+ 48.Kh4 Rxa7±)* 47...Ne7]
47.Ra6 Rb1 48.Kh4
[48.Rxc6? Rh1#]
48...Rh1+? 4.26/5
[48...Ne5± 1.36/23 was necessary. 49.Ra8 Rb7]
49.Kg3 White is clearly winning.
49...Rc1 50.Rb6 Rc3+ 51.Kh4 Rc1 52.Rb7+ Kg6 53.Ra8 Rh1+ 54.Kg3 h5 55.Rg8+ Kh6 56.Rh8+ Kg6 57.gxh5+ Rxh5 58.Rxh5 Kxh5 59.Rb6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.46
1-0

87 **D41**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2659**
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D50: Queen's Gambit Declined: Dutch-Peruvian Gambit **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c5 5.cxd5 cxd4 6.Qxd4 exd5N**
[6...Nxd5 7.e4 Nxc3 8.Qxc3 Nc6
A) 9.a3 Bd7 10.Be2 Rc8 11.0-0 Na5 12.Qd3 Ba4 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Be3 Nb3 15.Bd1 b5 *(15...a6 16.Bxb3 Bxb3 17.Rac1 Bd6 18.Bb6 Ra8 19.Nd4 Ba4 20.Rc4 Bd7 21.Rd1 0-0 22.e5 Bb5 23.Nxb5 axb5 24.Re4 Be7 25.Rd7 Rfc8 26.g3 Bf8 27.Rxb7* Queen'S Gambit-5.cd5 cd4 6. ♕d4 ♘d5 Survey 2021 *)* 16.Bxb3 Bxb3 17.Rfc1 e5 18.Nxe5 a6 19.Nc6 1-0 Anand,V (2753)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) Nations Cup Online Prelim Chess.com INT 2020 (5.1);
B) 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.0-0 Qb6 11.a4 Qc5 12.Qd3 *(12.Bd2 Qxc3 13.Bxc3 a6 14.Bc4 Rg8 15.Rfd1 Bb4 16.Bxb4 Nxb4 17.Ne5 Bc6 18.Bb3 Ke7 19.f3 Rgd8 20.Kf2 Be8 21.Ke2 f6 22.Nc4 b5 23.Ne3 Nc6 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Bd1 Nd4+ 26.Ke1 Rc8* ½-½ Kamsky,G (2695)-Topalov,V (2640) Linares 12th 1994 (6) *)* 12...Qd6 13.Qc2 a6 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.Be2 Rc8 16.Be3 Nd4 17.Nxd4 Qxc2 18.Nxc2 Rxc2 19.Rd2 Rxd2 20.Bxd2 Bd6 21.Bc3 ½-½ Berecz,A (2404)-Schueppel,R (2470) Darmogray Memorial Bd02 3rd email ICCF email 2008]

7.Bg5 Be7 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 h6 10.Bh4 Nc6 The position is equal. **11.Qd3 Qb6** 11...Qb6 scores better than 11...Be6. 11...Db6 punktet besser als 11...Le6. **12.0-0 Rd8 13.Rfd1 Be6 14.h3 a6 15.a3 g5 16.Bg3 Ne4! 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Qxe4** Be2-d3 is the strong threat. **18...Qxb2 19.Re1N**

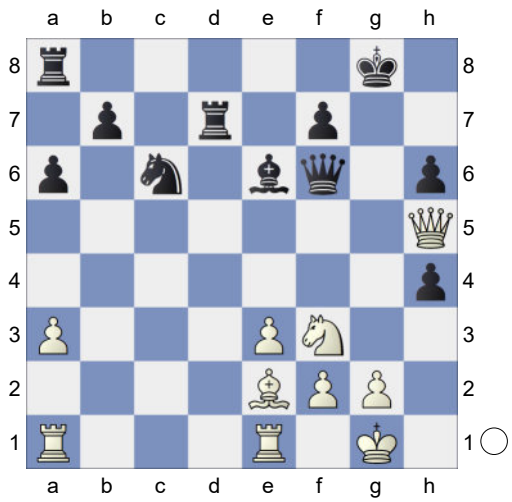
[19.Bd3 Qg7 Against Qe4-h7+ 20.Rab1 Bd5! 21.Qg4 Be6 22.Qe4 Bd5 23.Qg4 Be6 24.Qe4 Bd5! 25.Qg4 ½-½ Radjabov,T (2723)-Sadhwani,R (2654) Moscow Chess Stars 3.0 Rapid 2023 (4)]

[RR 19.Bd3 Qg7 20.Rab1 Bd5 21.Qg4 Be6 22.Qe4 Bd5 23.Qg4 Be6 24.Qe4 Bd5 25.Qg4 ½-½ (25) Radjabov,T (2723)-Sadhwani,R (2654) Moscow 2023]

[RR 19.Bd3 Qg7 20.Rab1 Bd5 21.Qg4 Be6 22.Qe4 Bd5 23.Qg4 Be6 24.Qe4 Bd5 ½-½ (24) Vitiugov,N (2712)-Saric,I (2659) Budva 2023]

19...Bd5 20.Qg4 Be6⇄ Black is not holding back **21.Qh5 Qg7 22.Bc7 Rd7 23.Bb6 Bd8 24.Bd4 Bf6 25.Bxf6 Qxf6 26.h4 gxh4**

[26...g4!? 27.Nh2□ Ne5= *(27...g3 28.fxg3 Ne5 29.a4=)*]



27.Bc4! Decoy **27...h3 28.Bxe6 Qxe6 29.Qxh3 Qxh3 30.gxh3 Re8 31.Red1 Red8 32.Rxd7 Rxd7=** Endgame. KRN-KRN **33.Rb1 b5 34.Rc1 Rd6 35.Nh4 Ne5 36.Rc8+ Kh7 37.Rc5 Re6 38.Kg2 Nc4 39.a4 Rb6 40.Rc7 Kg8 41.Nf5 Nd2 42.Rd7 Nc4** White must now prevent ...b5-b4. **43.Rd4 Na5 44.Rb4 Nc6 45.Rh4** -1.21/25

[45.Nxh6+ Kh7 46.Rh4 Kg6±]

[45.Rg4+= 0.00/25 remains equal. Kh7 46.axb5 axb5 47.Rg7+ Kh8 48.Rxf7]

45...b4∓ Strongly threatening ...b4-b3. **46.Nxh6+**

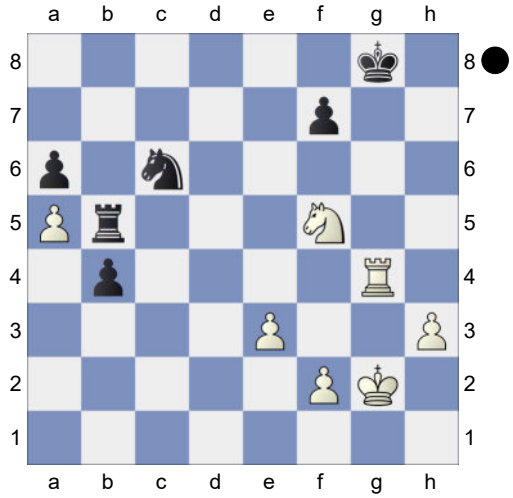
[46.Rxh6? f6 *(46...a5 47.Nd4±)* 47.Rxf6 b3-+]

46...Kg7 47.Nf5+ Kg8! Hoping for ...b4-b3. Black has strong compensation. **48.a5** -1.64/26 **Rb5** -0.93/21

[48...Nxa5 49.Ne7+ Kf8 50.Nd5 Rg6+ 51.Kf1∓]

[Better is 48...Rb8-+ -1.64/26 aiming for ...b4-b3! 49.Nd4 Nxa5]

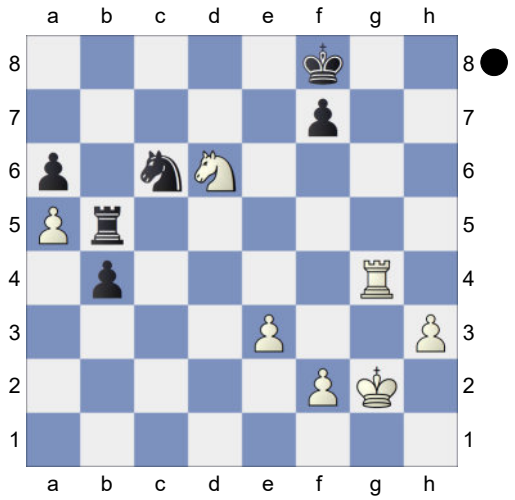
49.Rg4+



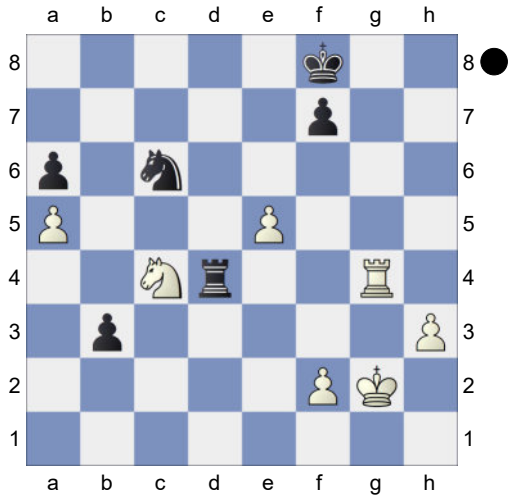
Kf8! 50.Nd6 -1.76/25

[50.Rc4∓ -1.25/26 Rxf5 *(50...Nxa5 51.Rc8#)* 51.Rxc6 Rxa5 52.Rb6]

(Diagram)



50...Rd5!-+ 51.Nc4 b3!
[51...Nxa5 52.Nxa5 Rxa5 53.Rxb4±]
52.e4? -3.35/22 White does not recover from this.
[52.h4∓ -1.30/20 was necessary.]
52...Rd4 53.e5? -6.37/23
[53.Nb2 -3.19/21]



53...Rxc4! Black is clearly winning.
54.Rxc4 b2
[54...Nxe5? perishes. 55.Rb4+-]
55.Rxc6 b1Q Dodges Rc6-b6. KQ-KR
[55...b1B 56.Rxa6 Bf5 57.Rd6 Kg7 58.f3 Be6 59.a6 Bc8 60.a7]
56.Rf6 Qe4+ 57.Kg1 Qe1+ 58.Kg2 Qxa5 59.f4 Qd5+ 60.Kg3 a5 61.Kg4 a4 62.Ra6 Qe6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.02 (flawless)
0-1

88 **B51**
□ **Svidler,Peter** **2698**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
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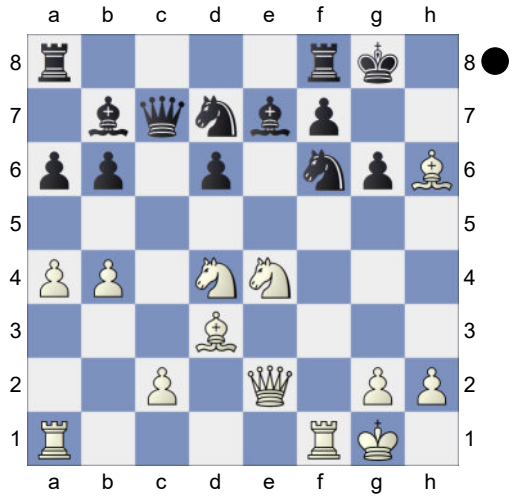
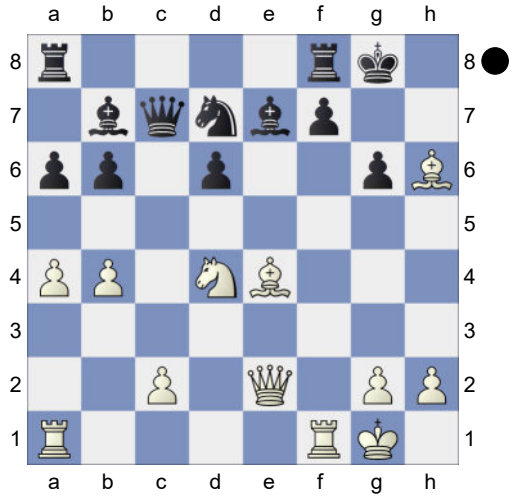
[Kitty Kat]*

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell, A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Ngf6 6.Bd3 Nc5 7.Nc3 a6 8.0-0 White has an edge.
[RR 8.Nb3 Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 e6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 e5 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.h4 g4 15.h5 Be7 16.Bh4 Nh7 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Qe3 Nf6 19.f4 gxf3 20.gxf3 Rc8 21.f4 Ng4 22.Qg3 Rg8 Vidit,S (2720)-Giri,A (2745) Zagreb 2024 ½-½ (67)]
8...e6
[RR 8...g6 9.Re1 Bg7 10.Bf1 0-0 11.a4 Bg4 12.f3 e5 13.Nde2 Be6 14.b4 Ncd7 15.Qxd6 Re8 16.Rb1 Rc8 17.Be3 Rc4 18.Qd2 Qc7 19.Rec1 Rd8 20.Qe1 Bf8 21.Nd1 Rc8 22.c3 Rc6 23.a5 Van Foreest,J (2682)-Maghsoodloo,P (2740) Wijk aan Zee 2024 ½-½ (41)]
9.a4 b6
[RR 9...Be7 10.Qf3 h5 11.a5 h4 12.h3 Bd7 13.Be2 e5 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.exf5 d5 16.Rd1 d4 17.b4 Ncd7 18.Qxb7 dxc3 19.Bg5 Qb8 20.Bxa6 Bxb4 21.Rab1 0-0 22.Bxf6 Nxf6 23.Rxb4 Qxb7 24.Bxb7 Piliposyan,R (2415)-Sokolovsky,Y (2539) Fujairah 2025 1-0 (54)]
10.b4 Ncd7N 1.09/23
[10...Nxd3± 0.40/25 11.cxd3 d5]
[RR 10...Nxd3 11.cxd3 Bb7 12.Qb3 Be7 13.h3 0-0 14.Be3 Rc8 15.Rac1 Re8 16.Na2 Qd7 17.b5 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Qxc8 20.Nb4 axb5 21.axb5 d5 22.Nbc6 Bf8 23.Bg5 dxe4 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.dxe4 Subelj,J (2492)-Niemann,H (2667) Mexico City 2023 ½-½ (36)]
11.f4 Qc7 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Qe2 g6 14.f5 exf5 1.95/20
[14...gxf5± 0.98/23 15.exf5 e5]
15.exf5++- Be7 16.Ne4 0-0 17.fxg6 0.88/21
[⌓17.Ng5 1.46/23]
17...hxg6± 18.Bh6 -0.08/23
[Better is 18.Ng5± 1.07/23]

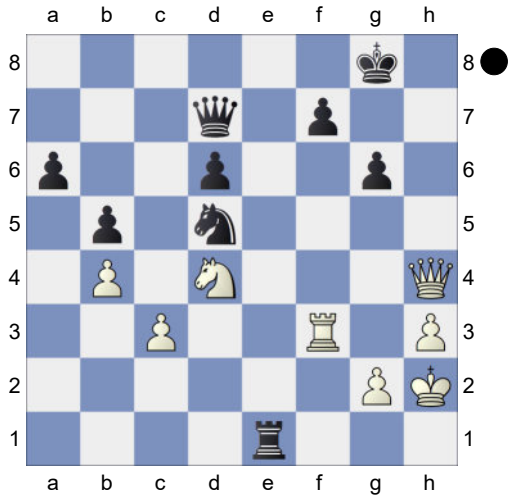


18...Nxe4!= 19.Bxe4

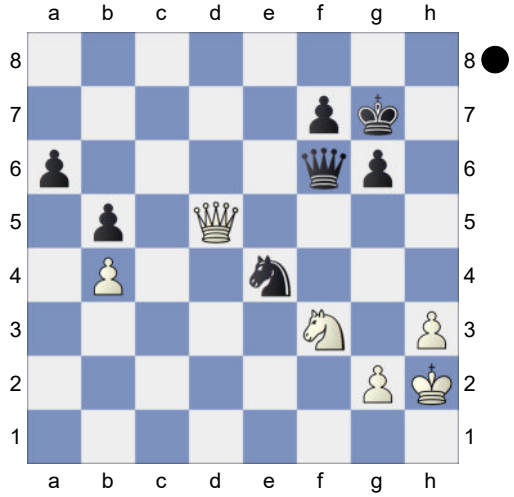


Bf6! 20.Rxf6 Nxf6 21.Bxb7 Qxb7 22.Bxf8
[22.Qf1 is interesting. Ng4 23.Bxf8 Qe4 24.Qd3]
22...Rxf8 23.Rf1 Re8 24.Qd3 Ng4 25.h3 Ne3 26.Rf3 Nd5→ Black mounts an attack. **27.c3 Re1+ 28.Kf2 Ra1 29.Ne2 Ra2** 1.02/25
[29...Rxa4= 0.08/21 30.Qe4 Ra2]
30.Kg1 0.00/25
[White must play 30.Qb1!± 1.02/25 Rxa4 31.c4]
30...Rxa4 31.Qe4 aiming for Qe4-e8+.

31...Ra1+ 32.Kh2 c3-c4 would now be deadly. **32...Re1! 33.Rf2** -0.50/24
[33.Rd3= -0.01/25]
33...b5!∓ 34.Qf3 -0.99/33
[34.Qe8+∓ -0.38/23 Kg7 35.Qe4]
34...Qa7!∓ Black is more active. **35.Nd4 Ne3 36.Qf6** Inhibits Qa7-e7. **36...Qd7** -0.65/23 Dodges Qf6-d8+
[36...Qc7∓ -1.38/25 Hoping for ...Ne3-d5! 37.Qf4 Qe7 *(37...Qxc3 38.Qxf7+ Kh8 39.Qf8+ Kh7 40.Rf7#)*]
37.Rf3 -1.20/21
[37.Nf3!∓ -0.65/23 Rf1 38.Rxf1 Nxf1+ 39.Kg1]
37...Nd5 -0.60/25
[37...Qc7∓ -1.20/21 38.Qf4 *(38.Ne6 Ng4+ 39.hxg4 Rxe6∓)* 38...Qe7 *(38...Qxc3 39.Qxf7+ Kh8 40.Qf8+ Kh7 41.Rf7#)*]
38.Qh4 -1.80/25
[38.Qg5∓ -0.60/25 Re5 39.Qd2]



38...Qe7 -1.18/22
[38...Qe8!-+ -1.80/25 And now ...Qe8-e5+ would win. 39.Nf5 Qe5+ *(39...gxf5?* perishes. *40.Rg3+ Kf8 41.Qh8+ Ke7 42.Rg8+-)* 40.Qg3 Qxg3+ 41.Nxg3 Ne3]
39.Qf2? -2.80/23
[39.Qxe7∓ -1.18/22 was necessary. Rxe7 *(39...Nxe7? 40.Rd3-+)* 40.Nc6]
39...Re3 -1.40/25
[39...Qe5+-+ -2.80/23 40.Rg3 Ne3 *(40...Nxc3 41.Nf5∓)*]
40.Rxe3 Qxe3 -0.84/23 Endgame. KQN-KQN
[Black should play 40...Nxe3 -1.54/24 41.Qf3 Kg7]
41.Qh4? -4.67/21
[41.Qxe3∓ -0.84/23 was the crucial defense. Nxe3 42.Nc6]
41...Qe5+
[41...Nxc3 42.Qd8+ Kg7 43.Qxd6∓]
42.Kh1 Nxc3 43.Nc6 Qe6 44.Ne7+ Kg7 45.Nc6 Ne4 46.Nd4 Qe5 47.Nf3 Qa1+ 48.Kh2 d5 49.Qd8 Qf6 -2.27/19
[⌓49...Qc3 -4.96/21 50.Qxd5 Qxb4 51.Qe5+ Nf6]
50.Qxd5-+



Qd6+ -0.71/30
[50...Qf4+!-+ -2.05/21 51.Kg1 Qc1+ 52.Kh2 Qf4+ 53.Kg1 Nc3 Discovered Attack]
51.Qxd6∓ Nxd6 52.Ne5 Nc4! 53.Nd3 a5! 54.bxa5 Nxa5 White must now prevent ...Kg7-f6. **55.Nb4 Kf6** What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/

Black=0.31
0-1

89 **B50**
□ **Rapport,Richard** **2721**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
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[Kitty Kat]*

B50: Sicilian: 2...d6, Miscellaneous
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th 2012]
3...Nf6N
[3...g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.Bb3 b5 8.d4 Bb7 9.Nbd2 cxd4 10.cxd4 a5 11.Bc2 Na6 12.Nf1 e5 13.d5 Nc5 14.Ng3 Qb6 15. Various 3rd moves-3.Bc4 #10]
4.d3 a6 5.a4 Nc6
[RR 5...g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.h3 0-0 8.c3 Nc6 9.Be3 e5 10.Nbd2 Rb8 11.Re1 h6 12.Nf1 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Bb3 Re8 15.Qc1 c4 16.dxc4 Na5 17.Ba2 bxc4 18.Bxh6 Bxh6 19.Qxh6 Rxb2 20.Ng5 Carlsen,M (2833)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2725) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (58)]
6.0-0 h6N
[RR 6...e6 7.c3 d5 8.exd5 exd5 9.Bb3 Be7 10.h3 h6 11.d4 0-0 12.Bc2 Be6 13.Re1 Qb6 14.Ne5 cxd4 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.cxd4 c5 17.a5 Qa7 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Qf3 Rac8 20.Nc3 Bxf2+ 21.Qxf2 Mateus,M (2148)-Rivera,I (2106) Cali 2003 1-0 (41)]
[RR 6...Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.Re1 e6 9.Nbd2 Be7 10.Nf1 0-0 11.Ng3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 b5 13.Ba2 bxa4 14.Bb1 Nd7 15.Rxa4 Bg5 16.Nf1 Bxc1 17.Rxc1 Qg5 18.Qe3 Qxe3 19.Nxe3 Rfb8 20.Nd1 Nb6 21.Ra3 Rasik,V (2401)-Sureka,A (2317) Prague 2025 ½-½]
[RR 6...g6 7.Nc3 Bd7 8.h3 Bg7 9.Bd2 0-0 10.Qc1 e6 11.Bh6 Re8 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Ne2 Ng8 14.Nh2 Nce7 15.f4 d5 16.exd5 exd5 17.Ba2 Bxa4 18.Ng3 f5 19.Nf3 Bd7 20.b4 Qb6 21.bxc5 Jensen,J (1456)-Jessen, M (1611) Logumkloster 2018 0-1 (45)]
7.Nc3 Bg4 8.h3 The position is equal.
8...Bh5 9.Nd5 e6 10.Nf4 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 h5 12.Ne2 Ne5 13.Qe3 g5 14.Bb3 -0.10/22
[14.Qxg5 Nf3+ 15.gxf3 Rg8=]
[14.f4!± 0.72/21 Nxc4 15.dxc4]
14...Bh6 0.42/21
[14...g4= -0.10/22]
15.f4!± gxf4 16.Nxf4 h4 1.04/22
[16...Qe7± 0.50/18]
17.Qf2 Nfd7 1.37/20
[Black should try 17...Qe7 1.00/19]

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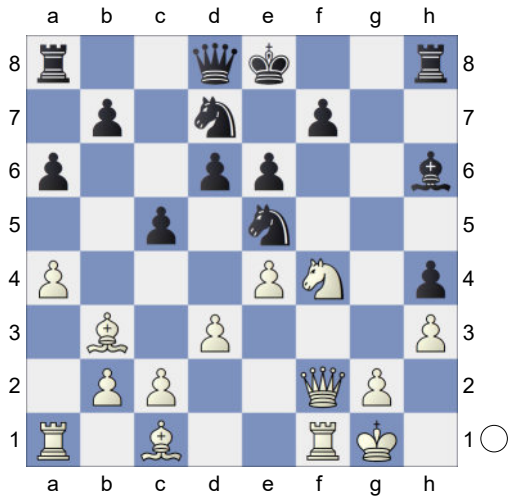

18.Bxe6! 0.97/17 **fxe6± 19.Nxe6 Qb6** 3.58/23 This move loses the game for Black.
[19...Qc8± 1.10/20]
20.a5+-
[20.Qxh4? Be3+ 21.Bxe3 Rxh4-+]
20...Qc6 21.c3
[21.Qxh4? Be3+ 22.Bxe3 Rxh4-+]
21...Rc8 4.37/22
[21...Bxc1 2.99/20 was necessary. 22.Raxc1 Rh6]
22.d4
[22.Qxh4? Be3+ 23.Bxe3 Rxh4-+]
22...cxd4 23.cxd4 Qc4 24.Qf5 Nf8 4.05/22
[24...Bxc1 2.58/19 might work better. 25.dxe5 *(25.Rfxc1 Qxc1+ 26.Rxc1 Rxc1+±)* 25...Be3+ *(25...Bxb2 26.Qf7#)* 26.Kh2 Bg1+ *(26...dxe5 27.Qf7#; 26...Nxe5? 27.Rad1+-)* 27.Kxg1 Nxe5]
25.Qh5+
[Less strong is 25.Bxh6 Qxe6 26.Bxf8 Qxf5 27.Rxf5 *(27.exf5 Kxf8 28.dxe5 dxe5+-)* 27...Rxf8+-]
25...Neg6

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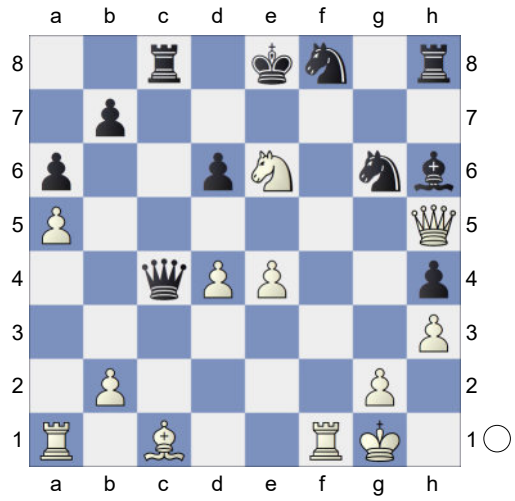

26.Rxf8+! Remove Defender **26...Bxf8**
[26...Rxf8 27.Qxg6+]
27.Qxg6+ Kd7 28.d5 Be7 29.Qf5 Black must now prevent Ne6-c5+.
29...Ke8 30.Bg5 Hoping for Bg5xe7.
30...Bxg5 31.Qxg5 Qxe4 32.Rf1 Rc2 33.Qd8#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.60
1-0

90 **E71**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2700**
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[Kitty Kat]*

E71: King's Indian: 4 e4 d6 5 h3
1.c4 g6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Bg7 5.h3 e5 6.d5 a5 7.Be3 Na6 8.Nf3 White is slightly better. **8...Nc5!** now scores much better than the old 8... 0-0. punktet besser als das ältere 8... 0-0. **9.Qc2 0-0 10.g4 Bd7**
[RR 10...c6 11.Nd2 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.Be2 Rc8 14.Rg1 a4 15.a3 b5 16.g5 Ne8 17.Bxc5 Rxc5 18.Bg4 Qxg5 19.0-0-0 Bxg4 20.Rxg4 Qe7 21.Qd3 Nf6 22.Rgg1 Rb8 23.Kb1

Rcc8 24.Rc1 Nd7 25.h4 Silva,L (2248)-Fiorito,J (2402) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (53)]

11.Be2 a4!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

12.Nd2 c6 13.g5N

[RR 13.f3 Qa5 14.a3 cxd5 15.cxd5 b5 16.Kf2 b4 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.axb4 Nb3 19.Ra3 Nd4 20.Qd2 Rfb8 21.b5 Bxb5 22.Nxb5 Rxb5 23.Nxe5 dxe5 24.Bxd4 exd4 25.Bxb5 Rb8 26.Bxa4 d3 27.b4 Qa7+ Caruana,F (2805)-Chen,R (2342) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (54)]

13...Ne8 14.h4 Qa5 0.97/16

[14...f5± 0.40/20]

15.Rb1 Nc7N 1.10/21

[15...Qd8± 0.69/18 is more appropriate.]

[15...f5 16.f3 Qd8 17.b4 axb3 18.Nxb3 Nxb3 19.Rxb3 cxd5 20.cxd5 Qc8 21.Qb2 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Rf7 23.Kf2 Bg4 24.Bb6 Qf5 25.Kg2 Ra4 26.Ng3 Qd7 27.fxg4 Nc7 28.Qd2 Rff4 29.Rc1 Na6 30.Qc2 1-0 Hagel (2345)-Smith,L (2037) Magyarorszag (ch) 20/210 1975 (5)]

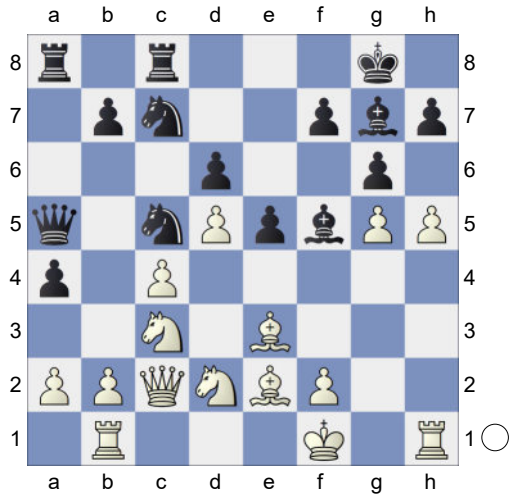
16.h5 0.66/21

[16.b4!± 1.10/21 axb3 17.Nxb3 Nxb3 18.Rxb3]

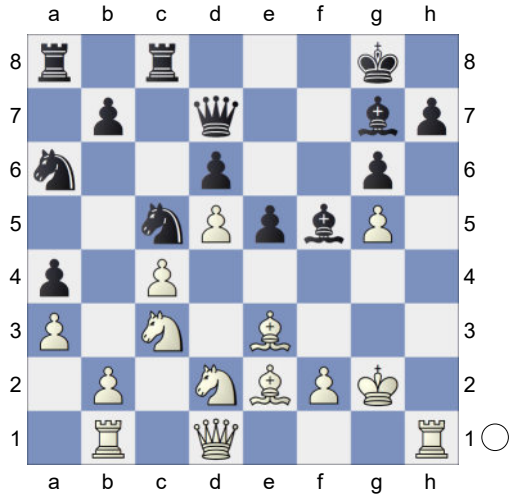
16...Rfc8N 1.12/20

[16...cxd5± 0.66/21 17.cxd5 *(17.Bxc5 Qxc5; 17.exd5 Bf5=; 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxc5 Nf4∓)* 17...b5± Prevents Nd2-c4. 18.b4 axb3 19.Nxb3 0.12/19 *(19.axb3± 0.67/23 N7a6 20.Na2)* 19...Nxb3= 20.Qxb3 With the idea h5-h6. Na6 21.0-0 Rfb8 22.h6 -0.68/22 *(White should try 22.Bxb5± 0.44/21 Bxb5 23.Nxb5)* 22...Bf8 0.68/20 0-1 Chueca Forcen,A (2323)-Castellanos Rodriguez,R (2497) Barcelona Sants op 13th 2011 (5) *(22...b4!∓ -0.68/22 23.Nd1 Bf8)*]

17.Kf1 cxd5 18.exd5 Bf5



19.Qd1 N7a6 20.a3 Qd8 21.Kg2 Qd7 22.hxg6 fxg6



23.Rh4! Rf8

[23...Bxb1 24.Qxb1 Rd8 25.Nde4+- *(25.Qh1 h5±)*]

[23...h5 24.gxh6]

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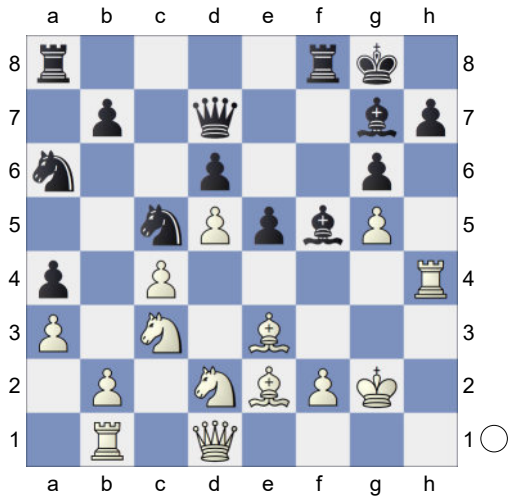
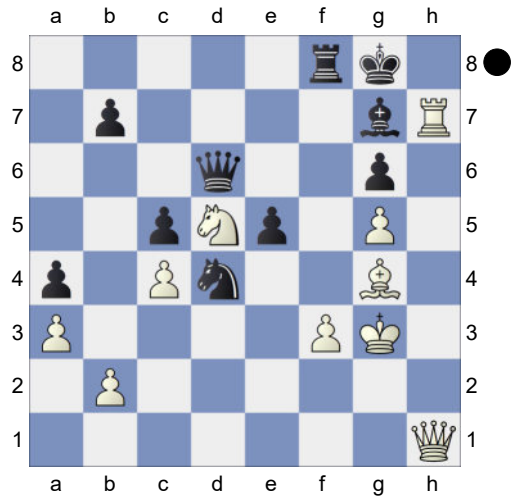
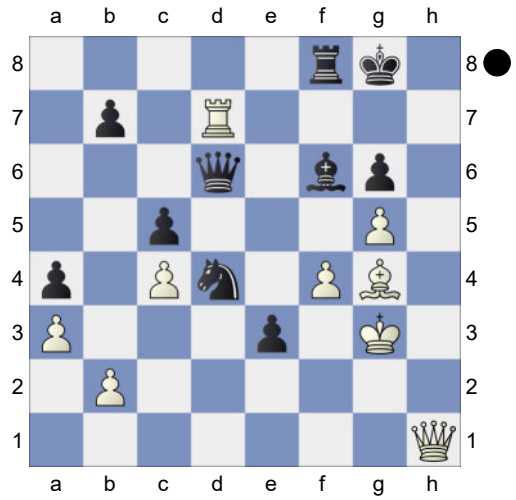


24.Qh1 0.31/18 **Bxb1± 25.Qxb1**
[25.Ncxb1 is interesting. Qe7 26.Rxh7 Rf4 27.Bxf4 exf4 28.Bg4]
25...Qe7 26.Qh1 Bh8 1.00/23
[26...Rf4!= 0.17/22 27.Rxh7 Qxg5+ 28.Kf1 Qf5 *(28...Raf8 29.Nde4±)*]
27.Bg4± Nc7? 3.42/18
[27...e4± 0.95/19 keeps fighting.]
28.Bxc5+- dxc5 29.Nde4 Black must now prevent d5-d6. **29...Ra6 30.d6** Deflection **30...Rxd6 31.Nxd6 Qxd6 32.Rxh7 Bg7 33.Ne4!** Intending Rh7xg7+ and mate.
[33.Nxa4? Rf4 *(33...Qc6+ 34.Kg1∓)* 34.Rxg7+ Kxg7-+]
33...Qc6 2.73/23
[⌓33...Qb6 1.86/24 34.Kg1 Rf7]
34.f3? 0.51/21
[34.Bf3+- 2.73/23]
34...Ne6!± 35.Kg3 0.00/23
[35.Bxe6+± 0.53/27 Qxe6 36.Rh4 *(36.Nxc5 Qf5=)*]
35...Nd4= 36.Nc3 Qd6 Strongly threatening ...e5-e4+. The board is on fire. **37.Nd5** -0.76/21
[37.Nxa4? perishes. e4+ 38.Kf2 Nxf3 *(38...exf3? 39.Qh2-+)* 39.Rxg7+ Kxg7 40.Qh6+ Kg8-+]
[37.Ne4= -0.06/22 remains equal. Qa6 38.Nxc5]



37...e4+ 0.00/28
[37...Ne2+!∓ -0.76/21 38.Kf2 Nf4]
38.f4 e3 39.Nf6+? -5.00/29
[39.Rh2= 0.00/24 and White stays safe.]
39...Bxf6-+ 40.Rd7



Ne2+! 41.Kh3
[41.Bxe2 Qxd7]
41...Nxf4+ 42.Kh2 Qe5 (-> ...Nf4-e2+) **43.Qxb7 Qxg5 44.Kg3 Be5 45.Kf3 Ne6+ 46.Ke4 Qxg4+ 47.Kd5 Qf3+** -23.37/18 Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.19 (very precise)
[⌓47...e2 -#12/17 48.Kc6 Qxc4 *(48...e1B? 49.Kb6-+; 48...e1Q*

gets mated. *49.Kb5 Nd4+ 50.Rxd4 Qxd4 51.Kxa4 Qxc4+ 52.b4 Qd1+ 53.Ka5 Qd8+ 54.Qc7* Back Rank *Bxc7+ 55.Ka4 Qe8#)* 49.Kb6 e1Q *(49...e1R? 50.Qc6-+)* 50.b3 Qxb3+ 51.Ka6 Qe2+ *(51...Qxa3 52.Qc6 Qe2+ 53.Ka7 Qb3 54.Qb7 Qxb7+* Remove Defender *55.Kxb7 Qb5+ 56.Ka7)* 52.Ka7 Qxb7+ *(52...Qxa3 53.Re7 Bb8+ 54.Qxb8 Rxb8 55.Kxb8 Qb5+ 56.Kc8 Qc6+ 57.Kb8 Qb2+ 58.Ka7 Qbb6#; 52...Bb8+* leads to mate. *53.Ka8 Qbf3 54.Rd5)* 53.Kxb7 Qb5+ 54.Ka7 Ra8+ Decoy, Back Rank 55.Kxa8 Qb8#]

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91 **D38**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

■ **Yu,Yangyi** **2717**

London TechM GCL rapid (6.3) 07.10.24

[Kitty Kat]*

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c5 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2 c4 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bg5 Be6N**

[10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nd2 Ne7 14.e4 Be6 15.Qa4 Rfd8 16.Rab1 b6 17.Qa3 Nc6 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Rxd5 20.Nxc4 Rad8 21.Qb2 b5 22.Ne3 b4 23.Nxd5 Rxd5 24.Rfd1 bxc3 25.Qxc3 1-0 Eljanov,P (2727)-Saric,I (2661) EU-ch 16th Jerusalem 2015 (9) Nxd4 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qe3 Qd6 28.Rbc1 Qd7 29.Qc3 Kh7 30.Qd3+ g6 31.Rc4 Rh5 32.Rxd4 Qh3+ 33.Kf3 Rf5+ 34.Rf4 1-0 Ornolfsson,M (2727)-Modestov,B (2661) Politiken Cup 2004 (9)]

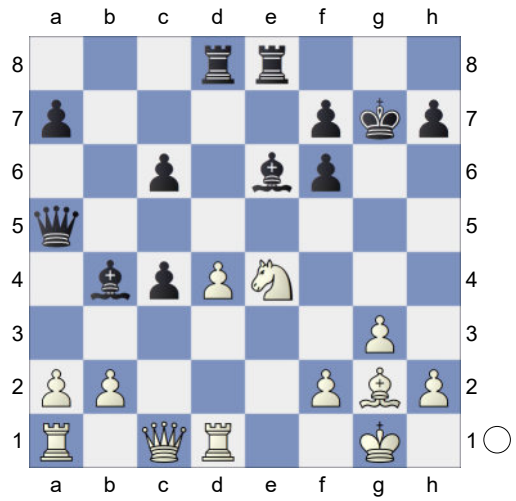
11.Ne5N

[RR 11.a3 Be7 12.e3 Ne8 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.b3 Qa5 15.Ne2 Nd6 16.bxc4 dxc4 17.Qd2 Qxd2 18.Nxd2 Rac8 19.Nc3 b5 20.Rfb1 Rb8 21.e4 Bd7 22.Rb2 Nc6 23.e5 Nf5 24.Bxc6 Bxc6 25.d5 Ba8 Narayanan,S (2598)-Bronstein,O (2443) Dubai 2025 ½-½ (42)]

[RR 11.Ne1 Be7 12.Nc2 Rc8 13.Rc1 Qa5 14.f4 Ne8 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.f5 Bd7 17.g4 h6 18.Qe1 Qb6 19.Bxd5 Bc6 20.Bxc4 Nf6 21.Bd3 Nxg4 22.Qg3 Nf6 23.Kf2 Kh8 24.Rg1 Rg8 25.Qh4 Qxb2 Aronian,L (2781)-Grischuk,A (2776) chess24.com INT 2021 1-0 (45)]

11...Qa5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Qc1 Kg7 Wards off Qc1-h6+ **15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Rad8 17.Rd1 Rfe8** 1.37/29

[17...Qb6= 0.00/24 keeps the balance.]

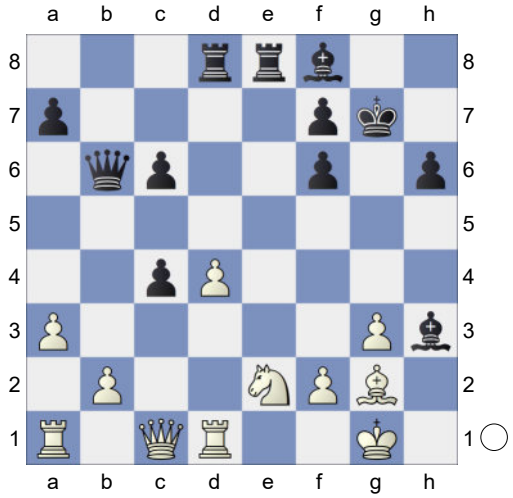


18.a3 0.00/26

[18.Nxf6!± 1.37/29 Kxf6 19.Qh6+ Ke7 20.a3]

18...Bf8= 19.h3 h6 20.Nc3 Qb6 21.Na4 Qb5 22.Nc3 Qb6 23.Ne2 Bxh3

[23...Bg4 simplifies 24.hxg4 Rxe2 25.Qxc4 Rxb2 26.Qxc6 Rxd4 27.Qxb6 Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 axb6 29.f4 Bc5+]



Discovered Attack **24.Nf4** -0.72/24
[24.Qxc4= -0.21/22 Bg4 *(24...Qxb2? 25.Ra2+-)* 25.Rd2]
24...Bg4∓ 25.Qxc4! Bxd1
[25...Qxb2 26.Bxc6 Re7 27.Rab1=]
26.Rxd1 And now Nf4-h5+ would win.
26...Rd6!
[26...Qxb2 27.Nh5+ Kg8 *(27...Kg6? 28.g4+-)* 28.Nxf6+ *(28.Qxc6? Re6-+)* 28...Kg7 29.Nxe8+ Rxe8 30.d5 *(30.Bxc6 Re2±; 30.Qxc6 Re6=)* 30...cxd5 31.Qg4+ *(31.Qxd5 Re5=; 31.Rxd5 Re1+* Deflection *32.Kh2 Qxf2=; 31.Bxd5 Qe2±)* 31...Kh8 32.Bxd5± *(32.Rxd5 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Qxf2=)*]
27.b4 Red8 28.d5 Qb5 29.Qb3 a5 0.05/20
[Better is 29...cxd5∓ -0.63/16 30.Bxd5 Qd7]
30.Rc1 The position is equal. **30...cxd5 31.Rc5 a4 32.Qc2 Qe8! 33.Bxd5 Qe5 34.Bxf7** Threatening mate with Qc2-g6+. Discovered Attack **34...Qe1+!**
[Wrong is 34...Rd1+? 35.Kg2 Bxc5 36.Qg6+ Kf8 37.Qg8+ *(37.bxc5? f5-+; 37.Qh7 Rg1+ 38.Kh2 Rh1+ 39.Kg2 Rg1+ 40.Kh3 Rh1+ 41.Kg2 Rg1+=* Decoy *)* 37...Ke7 38.Ng6+ Kd7 39.Nxe5+ fxe5 40.Qg4+ Kc6 41.Qc4+- *(41.bxc5 R1d7+-)*]
35.Kg2 Intending Qc2-g6+ and mate.
35...Kxf7 36.Qh7+ Ke8! 37.Qg6+ Ke7 38.Rc7+
[38.Rc4!? Rd4□ *(38...Qe5? 39.Re4+-* Pin *)* 39.Qh7+ Ke8 40.Qg6+ Ke7 41.Qh7+ Ke8 42.Qg6+ Ke7=]
38...R8d7 39.Rc8 The board is on fire.
39...Rd8 40.Rc4 Rd4
[Don't go for 40...Qe5? 41.Re4+-]
41.Qh7+ Ke8 Threatens to win with ... Qe1-e7. **42.Qg6+ Ke7 43.Qh7+ Ke8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

92 **B84**
□ **Yu,Yangyi** **2717**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
London TechM GCL rapid (5.3) 06.10.24
[Kitty Kat]*

B84: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 Be2 a6, lines without early Be3
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.a4 Qc7 7.Be2 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.a5
[RR 9.Nb3 b6 10.Bf4 Bb7 11.Qd3 Nbd7 12.Rfd1 Ne5 13.Qe3 0-0 14.h3 Rac8 15.Rd2 Rfd8 16.Rad1 h6 17.Bg3 Nfd7 18.Rd4 Qb8 19.Kh2 Bf8 20.f4 Nc6 21.R4d2 Na5 22.Nxa5 bxa5 23.f5 Ne5 Bayaca,S (2231)-Gelman,A (2403) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (47)]
9...0-0
[9...Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qd3 0-0

12.Qg3 Rb8 13.b3 Nd7 14.Rd1 e5 15.Bg5 Bxg5 16.Qxg5 Nc5 17.Qd2 Rd8 18.Bc4 Be6 19.Qe2 Rb4 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.f3 Rd4 22.Rxd4 exd4 23.b4 dxc3 24.bxc5 1-0 Yu,Y (2716)-Santos Ruiz,M (2587) Speed Chess Q2 blitz 2022 (7)]

[RR 9...Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qd3 0-0 12.Qg3 Rb8 13.b3 Nd7 14.Rd1 e5 15.Bg5 Bxg5 16.Qxg5 Nc5 17.Qd2 Rd8 18.Bc4 Be6 19.Qe2 Rb4 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.f3 Rd4 22.Rxd4 exd4 23.b4 dxc3 24.bxc5 Yu,Y (2716)-Santos Ruiz,M (2587) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (57)]

10.Qd3N

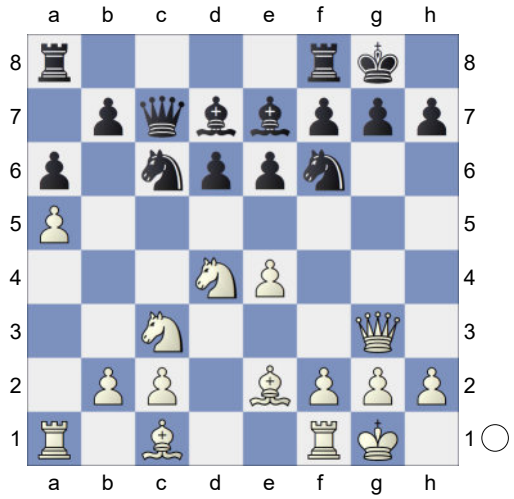
[10.Be3 Nbd7 11.Nb3 b5 *(11...Nc5 12.Nxc5 dxc5 13.f4 Rd8 14.Qe1 Bd7 15.Bc4 Bc6 16.f5 Nxe4 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.Bxe6+ Kh8 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Rf7 Qd6 21.Qc3 Bf8 22.Bc4 Qg6 23.Rf2 Bd6 24.Bf7 Qg4 25.Bxc5 Rac8 26.b4* ½-½ Ahnert (2623)-7.00 c6 8. ♗e3 (2528) 58/478 Clichy 1993*)* 12.axb6 Nxb6 13.Qd4 Nbd7 *(13...Nfd7 14.Rfd1 Bb7 15.Na5 Rfc8 16.Ra2 Nc5 17.Nxb7 Qxb7 18.Rda1 Nbd7 19.f3 h6 20.Kh1 Rc6 21.Qd2 Rb8 22.Bf1 Bf6 23.Bd4 Qb4 24.Bxf6 Nxf6 25.Qf2 Qb6 26.Qd2 Qb4 27.Qf2 Qb6 28.Qd2* ½-½ Zamlutti Junior,R (2672)-Grube,J (2760) Bayern-chl Bank Hofmann 10th 2006*)* 14.Rfd1 Ne5 15.Qb6 Qxb6 16.Bxb6 Bb7 17.f3 Nc6 18.Ra4 h6 19.Kf1 Rfc8 20.Bf2 Rcb8 21.Bg3 Rd8 22.Rda1 Rab8 23.Nd1 Bc8 24.Na5 Nxa5 1-0 Adams,M (2724)-Hou,Y (2523) Great Britain - 101/158 2007 25.Rxa5 e5 26.Bxa6 Be6 27.b3 Nh5 28.Ne3 Nxg3+ 29.hxg3 Bg5 30.Ke2 g6 31.Bd3 Bxe3 32.Kxe3 f5 33.Ra7 fxe4 34.Bxe4 Bf7 35.R1a6 Rb4 36.Rc7 Rd4 37.Raa7 Rf8 38.c3 Rd1 39.Ke2 1-0 Adams,M (2738)-Wang,Y (2737) Olympiad-42 Baku 2016 (7.1)]

[RR 10.Kh1 Nc6 11.Nb3 Nd7 12.Be3 Nc5 13.Na4 Nxe4 14.Nb6 Rb8 15.f4 Bf6 16.c3 d5 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.g4 g6 19.Qc2 Bd7 20.f5 Bg7 21.Rae1 Ne5 22.Bf4 Bc6 23.Kg1 g5 24.Bxe5 Bxe5 Guzman,C (2258)-Grigoriants,S (2542) Chess.com INT 2020 1-0 (33)]

[RR 10.f4 Nc6 11.Nb3 b6 12.axb6 Qxb6+ 13.Kh1 Rd8 14.Nd2 d5 15.e5 Nd7 16.Na4 Qc7 17.Nf3 a5 18.Be3 Ba6 19.Bd3 Nb4 20.Bxa6 Rxa6 ½-½ (20) Podgursky,S (2220)-Dumitrescu,D (2325) Bucharest 1995]

10...Bd7 11.Qg3 White is slightly better.

11...Nc6



12.Bh6! Ne8 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.Be3 Nf6 16.Bh6 Ne8 17.h3 -0.02/25

[17.Be3± 0.43/24]

17...Kh8 0.36/24

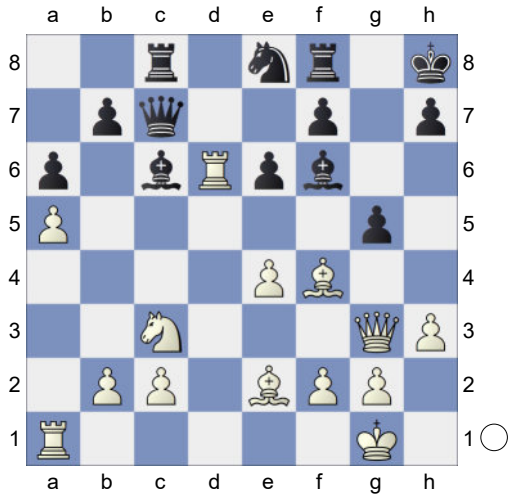
[17...Bf6= -0.02/25 feels stronger.]

18.Bf4 Bf6 19.Rxd6 Rd6-d3 is the strong threat.

[19.Bxd6 Nxd6 20.Rxd6 Bh4=]

[19.Qe3 simplifies Be5 20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.f3]

19...g5



20.Rxc6! Qxc6 Black is weak on the light squares **21.Bxg5 Bxg5 22.Qxg5 Qc5** 0.79/23 Inhibits Qg5-e7.

[22...f6± 0.42/22 23.Qh6 Nd6]

23.Qh6 0.36/21 White is more active.

[23.e5± 0.79/23]

23...Rg8± 24.Bd3 Rg6 Dodges e4-e5 **25.Qf4 Rf6 26.Qh4 Qe5 27.Rf1 Rf4** 1.65/22

[27...Qxa5? 28.e5 Rg6 29.Bxg6 fxg6 30.Rd1 Qxe5 31.Rd8 Qe1+ 32.Kh2 Rxd8 33.Qxd8+-]

[27...Rg6± 0.85/23]

28.Qe7+- Nd6 29.Ne2! Rf6 30.f4 0.80/19

[⌓30.b4! 1.50/25 aiming for f2-f4. Rg6 31.g4 *(31.f4 Qg7+-)* 31...Nxe4 32.Qxb7]

30...Qc5+± 31.Kh2 Nxe4 Discovered Attack **32.Qxb7 Nd6**

[32...Nd2 33.Rg1±]

33.Qe7 0.23/25

[33.Qxa6 e5 34.Nc3 e4∓]

[33.Qb6± 0.63/24 Nc4 34.Qb7]

33...Rh6 0.74/21

[33...Ne4!= 0.23/25 remains equal. 34.Qb7 Nd6 *(34...Nd2 35.Rg1±)*]

34.b4 0.21/20

[Better is 34.c3± 0.74/21]

34...Qxb4= 35.Qg5→ Prevents Qb4-c5. White is up to no good. **35...Rg6 36.Bxg6**

[36.Qe5+ feels hotter. Rg7 37.Bxa6 Ra8 38.c3]

36...hxg6 37.Rd1 Kg8? 3.72/22

[37...Nf5!± 0.32/23]

38.Qe7!+- Qc4 39.Rxd6 Qxe2 40.Rd8+ Rxd8 41.Qxd8+ Endgame. KQ-KQ **41...Kh7?** 5.90/24

[41...Kg7 2.87/26 42.Qd4+ Kf8]

42.Qc7 Kg8 43.c4 2.51/26

[⌓43.Qb8+ 4.96/27 Kh7 44.Qf8]

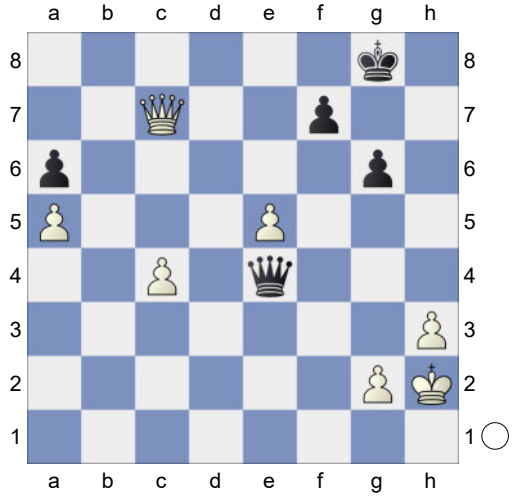
43...e5 3.94/30

[43...Qc2 2.51/26 was called for. 44.c5 Qc4 45.Qd8+ Kg7]

44.fxe5

[44.Qxe5 Qxc4 45.Qb8+ Kg7=]

44...Qe4



45.e6? 0.65/24

[White has to play 45.Qd8+!+- 3.69/25 Kh7 46.Qd5 Qf4+ 47.Kg1]

45...fxe6? 4.91/23

[45...Qxe6± 0.65/24 46.c5 Kf8]

46.c5 e5 47.Qd8+ Kf7 48.Qd7+ Kf6 49.Qd6+ Kf7 50.Qd7+

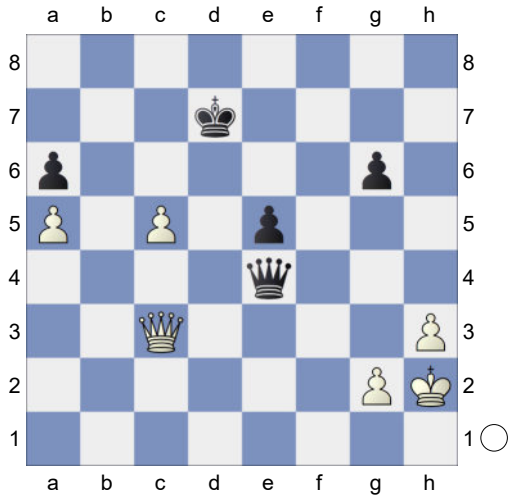
[50.Qxa6 Qf4+ 51.Kg1 Qe3+ 52.Kf1 Qc1+ 53.Ke2 Qc2+ 54.Ke1 *(54.Kf3*

Qc3+ 55.Ke2 Qc2+ 56.Kf3 Qc3+ 57.Ke4 Qd4+ 58.Kf3 Qc3+=)
54...Qc1+ 55.Ke2 Qxc5=]

50...Kf6 51.Qd8+ Kf7 52.Qd2 Ke6 53.Qc3? 0.65/23

[White should play 53.Kg3+- 4.12/26 Black must now prevent Kg3-h2. Qd4 54.Qc1 *(54.Qxd4 exd4 55.Kf3 Kd5+-)*]

53...Kd7!±



54.Qd2+ 0.59/24

[54.Qb2!± 1.11/27]

54...Ke6? 3.10/20

[54...Kc6!± 0.59/24]

55.Qd1+- Ke7 56.Kh1 Qd1-d6+ would now be deadly.

[56.Qd6+ Ke8=]

56...Qf4? 3.65/20

[56...Qc6 1.98/21 is a better defense.]

57.c6 e4 58.Qd7+ Kf6 59.c7? 0.00/52

[White should try 59.Qd4++- 3.62/22 Ke7 60.Qg7+ Ke6 61.Qxg6+ Kd5 62.Kg1]

59...Qc1+= The position is equal.

60.Kh2 Qf4+ 61.Kg1

[61.g3!? Qf2+□ 62.Kh1 Qf1+ 63.Kh2 Qf2+ 64.Kh1 Qe1+ *(64...Qf1+ 65.Kh2=)* 65.Kg2 Qe2+ 66.Kg1 Qe1+ 67.Kg2 Qe2+ 68.Kg1 Qe1+ 69.Kg2=]

61...Qc1+ 62.Kf2

[62.Kh2!? Qf4+□ 63.Kg1 Qc1+ 64.Kf2 Qb2+ 65.Ke3 Qc3+ 66.Ke2 *(66.Kxe4 Qe1+ 67.Kf3 Qf1+ 68.Kg3 Qe1+ 69.Kf3 Qf1+ 70.Kg4 Qe2+ 71.Kg3 Qe3+ 72.Kh2 Qe5+ 73.g3 Qe2+ 74.Kg1 Qe1+ 75.Kh2 Qe2+ 76.Kg1 Qe1+ 77.Kg2 Qe2+ 78.Kg1=)* 66...Qc4+ 67.Ke1 *(67.Ke3 Qc3+ 68.Kf2 Qc5+ 69.Ke2 Qc4+ 70.Kd2 Qb4+ 71.Ke2 Qc4+=)* 67...Qc1+ 68.Qd1 *(68.Ke2 Qc4+ 69.Ke1 Qc1+ 70.Qd1 Qxc7±)* 68...Qxc7 69.Qd4+ Kf5 70.Qf2+ Ke6 71.Qa2+ Kf5 72.Qd5+ Kf4 73.Kd1=]

62...Qc5+ 63.Ke2 Qc2+ 64.Ke3 Qc1+ 65.Kxe4 Qe1+ 66.Kf3

[66.Kd5!? Qd1+□ 67.Kc6 Qa4+ 68.Kd6 Qa3+ 69.Kd5 *(69.Kc6 Qa4+ 70.Kd6 Qd1+ 71.Kc6 Qa4+=)* 69...Qd3+ 70.Kc6 Qb5+ 71.Kd6 Qe5+ 72.Kc6 Qb5+ 73.Kd6 Qd3+ 74.Kc6 Qb5+=]

66...Qf1+ 67.Kg3

[67.Ke3!? Qe1+□ 68.Kf3 Qf1+ 69.Kg3 Qe1+ 70.Kh2 Qe5+ 71.Kg1 *(71.g3 Qe2+ 72.Kg1 Qe1+ 73.Kg2 Qe2+ 74.Kg1 Qe1+ 75.Kg2 Qe2+ 76.Kg1=)* 71...Qe1+ 72.Kh2 Qe5+ 73.g3 Qe2+ 74.Kg1 Qe1+ 75.Kg2 Qe2+ 76.Kg1 Qe1+ 77.Kg2 Qe2+ 78.Kg1=]

67...Qe1+ 68.Kf3

[68.Kh2!? Qe5+□ 69.Kg1 *(69.g3 Qe2+ 70.Kg1 Qe1+ 71.Kg2 Qe2+ 72.Kg1 Qe1+ 73.Kh2 Qf2+ 74.Kh1 Qf1+ 75.Kh2 Qe2+ 76.Kg1=)* 69...Qe1+ 70.Kh2 Qe5+ 71.Kg1 *(71.g3 Qe2+ 72.Kg1 Qe1+ 73.Kg2 Qe2+ 74.Kg1 Qe1+ 75.Kg2 Qe2+ 76.Kg1=)* 71...Qe1+ 72.Kh2=]

68...Qf1+ 69.Ke3 Qe1+ 70.Kf3 Qf1+

71.Ke4
[71.Kg3!? Qe1+□ 72.Kh2 Qe5+ 73.g3 Qe2+ 74.Kg1 Qe1+ 75.Kg2 Qe2+ 76.Kg1 Qe1+ 77.Kg2 Qe2+ 78.Kg1=]
71...Qe2+ 72.Kf4 Qf2+ 73.Ke4 Qe2+ 74.Kf4 Intending Qd7-d4+ and mate.
74...Qf2+ 75.Kg4 Qxg2+ 76.Kf4 Qf2+ 77.Kg4 Threatens to win with Qd7-d6+.
77...Qg2+ 78.Kf4 Qf2+ 79.Ke4 Threatening mate with Qd7-d4+.
79...Qe2+ 80.Kd5 Qd3+ 81.Kc6 Qb5+ 82.Kd6 Qd7-e7+ would kill now.
82...Qe5+ 83.Kc6 Qb5+ 84.Kd6 White threatens Qd7-e7+ and mate.
84...Qe5+ White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.50
½-½

93 **A20**
□ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2733**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
TechM GCL 2024 (4.1) 05.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3
1.c4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nc3
[6.0-0 Nb6 7.b3 Be6 *(7...Be7 8.Bb2 f6 9.d4 e4 10.Nfd2 f5 11.Nc4 Be6* ½-½ Neuman,P (2387)-Bures,J (2419) CZE-chT 2223 2022 (11.6) *)* 8.Qc2 Qd7 9.Rd1 0-0-0 10.Nc3 f6 11.d4 exd4 12.Bb2 Bf5 13.Qc1 d3 14.exd3 Bh3 15.Bh1 Bg4 16.d4 Bb4 17.d5 Bxc3 18.Qxc3 Nxd5 19.Qc4 Be6 20.Nd4 Bf7 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2813)-Gashimov,V (2740) 19th Amber Rapid 2010 (7)]
6...Nxc3N
[6...Nde7 7.0-0 g6 8.d3 Bg7 9.Bd2 0-0 10.Qc1 Nf5 11.Re1 h6 12.Rb1 g5 13.h4 Rb8 14.b4 Nfd4 15.b5 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Nd4 17.Bg2 Be6 18.Kh2 b6 19.Rb4 Rc8 20.Ra4 c6 21.bxc6 0-1 7.a4 ♘bd7 8.Be3 (1998)-Campos,J (2365) USSR 21/(563) 1976 (8) Nxc6 22.Qb1 a5 23.Be3 Nd4 24.Bxd4 exd4 25.Ne4 Qd7 26.Ra3 f5 27.Nd2 Rc3 28.Rxc3 dxc3 29.Nc4 b5 30.Nxa5 Qa7 31.Qxb5 Qxf2 32.Qb1 c2 33.Qc1 Bd4 0-1 7.a4 Nbd7 8.Be3 (1998)-Campos,J (2365) USSR 21/(563) 1976 (8)]
[6...Nb6 7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Rc1 f5 10.Na4 e4 11.Qb3+ Kh8 12.dxe4 fxe4 13.Nd2 Nd4 14.Qd1 Nf5 A 29/15 2000]
7.bxc3 Bd6 8.d4 seems to push 8.0-0 aside. setzt sich inzwischen gegen 8.0-0 durch. **8...0-0 9.0-0 Re8** White has an edge.
[RR 9...h6 10.Qc2 Re8 11.e4 Qf6 12.d5 Nb8 13.c4 b6 14.Be3 Bg4 15.Nd2 Na6 16.Nb3 c5 17.Qc3 Qg6 18.h3 Bd7 19.Kh2 f5 20.exf5 Bxf5 21.a3 Bd3 22.Rfe1 e4 23.Rad1 Nc7 24.Nc1 Svane,F (2651)-Maghsoodloo, P (2695) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (120)]
10.Rb1N
[RR 10.e4 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.d5 Ne7 13.Qb3 b6 14.Be3 f6 15.Rfc1 Bf7 16.c4 c5 17.dxc6 Qc7 18.Qa4 Qxc6 19.Qxc6 Nxc6 20.c5 Bxc5 21.Bxc5 bxc5 22.Rxc5 Rec8 23.Rac1 Ne7 24.Rxc8+ Rxc8 Ubach Miralda,M (2258)-Serra Pages, J (2234) Catalunya 2009 0-1 (46)]
[RR 10.e3]
10...h6 11.e4N
[11.Re1 Qf6 12.e4 Bg4 13.Rxb7

Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Qxf3 15.Bxf3 aiming for d4-d5. exd4 16.cxd4 Nxd4 17.Bg4 ½-½ Koestner,W (2370)-Pulghe,P (2296) EU-ch 2022 sf11 email]

11...b6 12.Re1 Rb8 13.h3 Bd7 14.Be3 a6 15.Nd2 Na5 16.f4 f6 17.dxe5 fxe5 18.f5 Bb5 19.Kh2 Bd3 20.Ra1 Ba3 0.64/19

[20...Qf6= 0.16/20]

21.Qg4 -0.31/21

[21.Qh5± 0.64/19]

21...Qf6∓ 22.Nf3 Nc4 23.Bc1 Rbd8 24.Nh4 -1.12/20

[⌓24.Qh5 -0.74/22]

24...Rd6 -0.61/20 White is weak on the dark squares

[24...Bb2∓ -1.12/20 25.Bxb2 Nxb2]

25.Ng6 -1.51/18

[Better is 25.Qh5∓ -0.61/20 Qf7 26.Bf3]

25...Bxc1∓ 26.Raxc1 Qg5 -0.11/21

[26...Nd2∓ -1.46/20 ...Bd3-c4 would now be deadly. 27.Red1 Bc4]

27.Qf3 -1.58/20

[27.Qxg5= -0.11/21 remains equal. hxg5 28.g4]

27...Nd2 28.Qe3 Qxe3 29.Rxe3 Bc4 30.Rc2 Kf7 31.g4 Kf6 32.Re1 -2.26/22

[⌓32.Kg3 -1.81/21]

32...Bf7 33.Nh4 -2.79/20

[33.Re2 -1.69/19 was the only defense. Nb1 34.c4]

33...Red8 34.Nf3 Nxf3+ 35.Bxf3 Bc4 Hoping for ...Rd6-d2+. **36.Kg3 Rd2** Prevents Bf3-e2. **37.Rxd2 Rxd2-+** Endgame. KRB-KRB **38.a3 Rc2 39.Rd1 Rxc3 40.Kf2 Rd3**

[40...Rxa3? 41.Rd7-+]

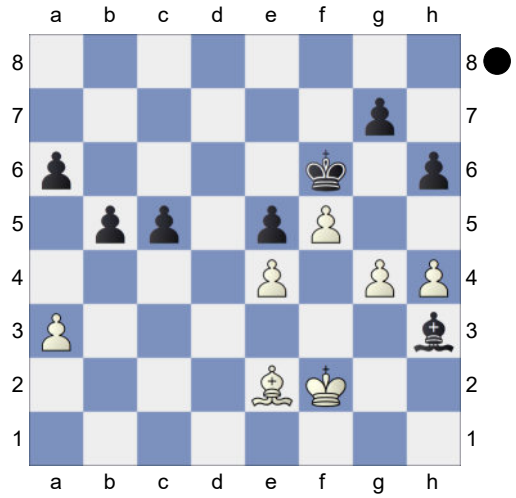
41.Rxd3 -5.14/17

[41.Rc1 -3.31/20 was worth a try. b5 42.a4]

41...Bxd3 KB-KB **42.Ke3 Bf1 43.h4 b5 44.Be2 Bg2 45.Bf3 Bh3**

[45...Bxf3? 46.Kxf3 a5 47.Ke3-+]

46.Kf2 c5 47.Be2



c4! 48.Ke3 Bg2 49.Bf3 Bh3

[49...Bxf3? 50.Kxf3 a5 51.Ke3-+]

50.Be2 g6 51.Bf3 Bf1 52.Be2 Bg2 53.Bf3 Bxf3 54.Kxf3 gxf5 55.gxf5 KP-KP **55...a5** ...b5-b4 is the strong threat. **56.Ke3 b4 57.axb4 axb4** And now ...b4-b3 would win. **58.Kd2 Ke7 59.Kc2 Kd6 60.Kd2 Kc5 61.Kc2 Kc6**

[Wrong is 61...Kd4? 62.f6+-]

62.Kd2 c3+ 63.Kc2 Kd6 64.Kb3 Kc5 65.Kc2 Kc4 66.f6 b3+ 67.Kc1 Strongly threatening f6-f7. **67...c2??** 8.18/27

[67...Kd3-+ -4.61/21 68.f7 b2+ 69.Kb1 Kd2 *(69...Kxe4? too greedy. 70.f8Q+-)*]

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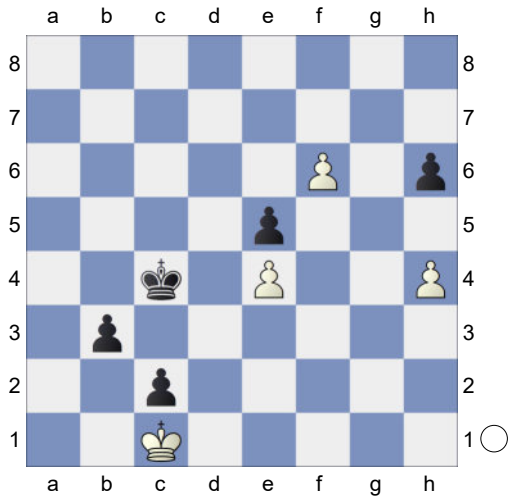

68.Kd2!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.23 (precise)
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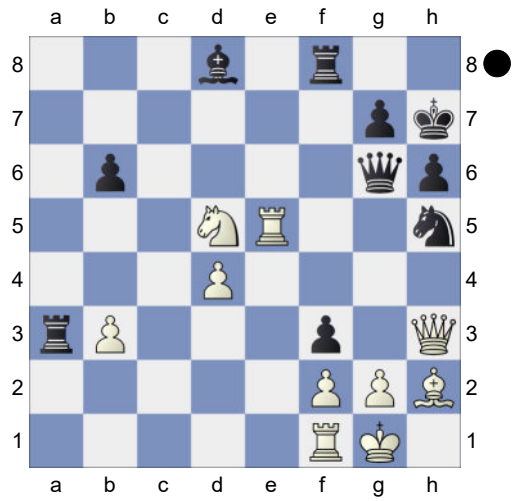
94 **D35**
□ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2700**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
TechM GCL 2024 (3.2) 05.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7N**
[4...dxc4 5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2 b5 7.a4 c6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bg5 h6 *(10...Nbd7 11.e5 h6 12.exf6 hxg5 13.fxg7 Rg8 14.Qh7 Nf6 15.Qh6 Qe7 16.Nxg5 0-0-0 17.Bf3 Rxd4 18.axb5 cxb5 19.Bxb7+ Kxb7 20.Rfe1 Ng4 21.Qh7 Nf6 22.Qh6 Ng4 23.Qh3 Qf6 24.Nge4 Qxg7 25.Qf3 ½-½ Stocek,J-Klein,D EU-ch 13th Plovdiv 2012 (2))* 11.Bh4 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Nd6 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 15. Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4-Vienna 5. e4 Bb4 6.Qc2]
[4...a6 5.e3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 c5 10.Rd1 Qb6 *(10...Qc7 11.h3 Be7 12.a3 0-0 13.Bc2 Rac8 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.e4 Rfd8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Ncd7 18.Bg3 Qb6 19.e5 Nd5 20.Ne4 b4 21.Nd6 Bxd6 22.exd6 bxa3 23.Rxa3 Bc6 24.Nd4 Nc5 25.Be5* 1-0 Kobeissey,J (2423)-Monteiro,H (2322) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 (7)*)* 11.h3 Be7 12.e4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc5 14.e5 Nfd7 15.Bc2 b4 16.Na4 Qa5 17.Nxc5 Nxc5 18.Qg4 g6 19.Bh6 ½-½ Bacrot,E (2714)-Istratescu,A (2589) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (7)]
[4...Bd6 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 0-0 7.Rc1 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nbd7 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 b6 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.Ne5 g6 13.Bh6 Re8 14.Rfd1 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.e6 f5 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Qxf5 1-0 Capablanca,J-Anon Lessons from Capablanca (2): attacking 1916]
5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 Nb6 7.e3 Bf5 Dodges Qd1-c2
[RR 7...Bd6 8.Bd3 Bxf4 9.exf4 Bg4 10.Qe2+ Qe7 11.Qxe7+ Kxe7 12.Ne5 Bd7 13.f3 Ne8 14.h3 Nd6 15.Kf2 Be8 16.Rhe1 Kd8 17.Bf1 c6 18.Nd3 Bd7 19.g4 Re8 20.Rxe8+ Kxe8 21.f5 Kf8 22.Nf4 Le,Q (2737)-Kravtsiv,M (2672) Riadh 2017 ½-½ (95)]
8.Be2 c6 Wards off Nc3-b5. White has an edge.
[RR 8...Bd6 9.Bxd6 Qxd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rc1 c6 12.Qb3 Qe7 13.Ne5 Nc8 14.Rfe1 Nd6 15.Qa3 Rfe8 16.f3 h5 17.Nd1 h4 18.Nf2 Nd7 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Bd3 Re7 21.Re2 Rae8 22.Rce1 Bxd3 23.Qxd3 Ftacnik,L (2437)-Juhasz,A (2397) Trencin 2025 ½-½]

9.0-0 h6N
[RR 9...Be7 10.a4 a5 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Rfc1 Ne4 13.Ne5 Nd6 14.Nd3 Nbc4 15.Qa2 Ne8 16.b3 Ncd6 17.Nc5 Ra7 18.Qb2 Nc7 19.Rd1 Re8 20.Rac1 Bf8 21.Nd3 Na6 22.Ne5 Nb4 23.Na2 Ne4 24.f3 Fedorowicz,J (2505)-Rogers,I (2505) Wijk aan Zee 1989 1-0 (61)]
[RR 9...Be7 10.Ne5 0-0 11.Rc1 Re8 12.h3 Nfd7 13.Bg4 Bxg4 14.Qxg4 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Bf8 16.b3 Nd7 17.Bf4 Re6 18.Qf3 Bd6 19.Bxd6 Rxd6 20.b4 a6 21.a4 Nf6 22.b5 axb5 23.axb5 cxb5 24.Nxb5 Blanquet,C (2072)-Daulyte Cornette,D (2366) L'Alpe d'Huez 2024 0-1 (38)]
10.a3 a5 11.Qb3 Be7 12.Rfc1 0-0 13.h3 Ne8 14.Ne5 Bd6 15.Bf1 a4 16.Qd1 Nc7 0.28/20
[⌓16...f6 -0.08/25 17.Nd3 Bxd3 18.Bxd6 *(18.Qxd3 Bxf4 19.exf4 Qd6=)* 18...Nxd6 19.Bxd3 *(19.Qxd3 f5=)* 19...f5]
17.Qf3 Hoping for Ne5xc6! **17...Bh7 18.Qg3 Ne8 19.Be2**
[19.Bxh6? f6 20.Bf4 fxe5 21.Bxe5 Be7-+]
19...Kh8 Threatens to win with ...g7-g5.
20.h4 Be7 21.h5 Nd6 22.Rf1 Nbc8 23.Rae1 Ne8 24.Nd3 Nf6 25.Bc7 Qe8 26.Be5 Qd8 27.Nc5 b6 28.Bc7 Qe8 29.N5xa4 Bd8 0.78/22
[29...Nd7± 0.38/20]
30.Be5 0.40/19
[White should try 30.Rc1!± 0.78/22]
30...Bc2± 31.Bd1 Bxd1 32.Rxd1 -0.25/20
[⌓32.Bxf6 0.25/25 Bxf6 33.Rxd1]
32...Nxh5= 33.Qh3 f6 34.Bh2 f5 35.b3 Kh7 -0.17/19
[35...Nf6∓ -0.57/21 should be considered.]
36.Rc1 f4 0.15/23
[Better is 36...Be7∓ -0.35/21]
37.Rce1 Qg6 38.e4 -0.53/22
[38.Bxf4= 0.00/24 Nxf4 39.exf4]
38...Ne7 39.exd5 Nxd5
[39...cxd5 40.Re5 Nf6 41.Bxf4±]
40.Nxd5 cxd5 41.Nc3 f3 42.Nxd5 Rxa3 43.Re5 -1.65/19
[43.Re3= -0.25/21]



Black converts the advantage convincingly. **43...Bg5?** -0.02/21
[43...Rxb3!-+ -1.65/19 aiming for ... Bd8-h4! 44.Re6 *(44.Rxh5? loses. fxg2-+)* 44...Qf7]
44.Rfe1? -3.33/20
[44.g4= -0.02/21 and White is okay. Nf4 45.Qxf3]

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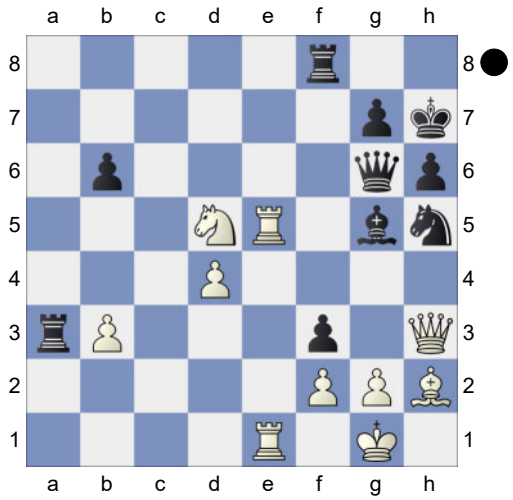


44...Rxb3? -1.21/19
[44...Bh4!-+ -3.33/20 is more deadly. 45.Rc1 *(45.Qxh4? Qxg2#; 45.g4? Bxf2+* Double Attack *46.Kh1 Bxe1-+)* 45...Qc2 Back Rank]
45.g4? -3.42/21
[45.Qg4∓ -1.21/19]
45...Nf4-+ 46.Bxf4 Bxf4 47.Re7 -5.33/22
[⩲47.Qh5 -3.65/21 Bxe5 48.Qxg6+ Kxg6 49.dxe5]
47...Qg5 48.Qh5 Qxh5 49.gxh5 Rb5 50.Rd7 Bg5? -0.08/26
[50...Rf5-+ -3.49/23 51.Nxf4 Rxf4]
51.Re5 -3.23/22
[51.Kh2= -0.08/26 and White has nothing to worry.]
51...Rb2 52.Nc3 -4.75/20
[52.Re4 -3.20/20 might work better.]
52...Rf4 53.Re4 Rf5 -2.82/22
[⩲53...Rc2 -4.84/19 54.Kh2 Rxc3 55.Rxf4 Bxf4+ 56.Kh3 Rc7]
54.d5? -8.15/18
[54.Rd5 -2.82/22 Rxd5 55.Nxd5]
54...Bf6 55.Nd1 Rb1 56.Re1 Rxh5 57.Rc7 Rxd5 -12.53/20
[⩲57...Rb4 -#5/16 58.Rxg7+ Bxg7 59.Re4 Rxe4 60.Ne3 Reh4 61.Kf1 Rh1#]
58.Kh2 Black is clearly winning.
58...Rbxd1 59.Rxd1 Rxd1 Endgame. KRB-KR **60.Rc6 Rd4 61.Kg3 h5 62.Kxf3 b5 63.Ke3 b4 64.Rc5 h4** ...b4-b3 is the strong threat. **65.Rh5+ Kg6 66.Rb5 Rg4** Strongly threatening ... h4-h3. **67.Kf3 Rg5 68.Rb6 Rf5+ 69.Kg2 Rg5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.47
0-1

95 **D15**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Rapport,Richard** **2721**
TechM GCL 2024 (1.2) 03.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

D15: Slav Defence: 4 Nc3 a6 and gambit lines after 4 Nc3 dxc4 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Qb6 5.c5N**
[5.cxd5 cxd5 6.a3 Nc6 7.Bf4 Bg4 8.e3 e6 9.Bd3 Be7 10.h3 Bh5 11.Rb1 0-0 12.Qc2 Bg6 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.0-0 Rac8 15.Qd3 Qd8 16.b4 Bd6 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Rfc1 Bb8 0-1 Klimenko,V-Schuster,V EST-ch20 corr Estonia 1993]
[5.Qc2 Bg4 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e4 dxe4 8.Ne5 Bd7 9.Bc4 e6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Nxe4 Quickstarter Slav-Slav Qb6 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
[5.Qa4 e6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Bd2 b6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Rfc1 Qb8 13.a4 D 15/01 2003]
5...Qc7 6.g3 Bf5 7.Bf4 Qc8 Black is weak on the dark squares **8.h3** White is slightly better. **8...h6 9.g4 Bh7 10.e3 Nbd7 11.b4 Ne4N**
[RR 11...e6 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Be7 14.Ke2 b6 15.Bg3 a5 16.a3

Qb7 17.Rab1 axb4 18.axb4 0-0 19.Nd2 Ra3 20.Ra1 Rfa8 21.Rxa3 Rxa3 22.Rb1 Ne4 23.Ndxe4 dxe4 24.Qd2 bxc5 25.bxc5 Qa6+ 26.Ke1 Van Wely,L (2575)-Seeman,T (2310) Haarlem 1995 0-1 (37)]

12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 g6 15.h4 Bg7 16.h5 g5 0.78/22

[16...e5± 0.34/23]

17.Bg3± a5 18.Rb1 axb4 19.0-0!

[19.Rxb4 Nxc5 20.Bf5 e6∓]

19...Rxa2 20.Rxb4 Ra3 21.Qe2 White has strong compensation. **21...0-0 22.Rfb1 Ra7 23.Bc2 Re8 24.Qd3 Nf8!** Against Qd3-h7+ **25.Qf5 e6 26.Qf3 Qd7 27.Bd6 Nh7** 0.85/22

[27...Qc8± 0.46/19]

28.Kg2 Bf8 29.Be5 White threatens Bc2xh7+ and mate. This pair of bishops is nice. **29...Bg7! 30.Bd6 Bf8 31.Bg3 Bg7 32.Rb6** 0.36/20

[32.R1b3± 0.85/22]

32...Rea8 0.87/24

[32...e5!± 0.36/20]

33.R1b4 Nf6 1.34/22

[33...Nf8± 0.64/20]

34.Qd1! Qc8 35.Rb1 0.53/23

[White should try 35.Bb1!± 1.15/23]

35...Nd7 36.R6b4 Nf6 37.Bd3 Nd7 38.Bc2 Nf6 39.Be5 Nd7 40.Bd6 Nf6 41.f3 Ne8 ...Ne8xd6 is the strong threat. **42.Bg3 Qd7** 1.35/21

[⌓42...Nf6 0.87/21]

43.Qd3 Kf8 44.R1b2 Qe7 45.Qc3 0.54/22 **Kg8** 1.39/22 **46.Qd3 Kf8 47.Qc3** 0.61/19

[47.R4b3± 1.02/22]

47...Kg8 1.54/21

[47...e5!± 0.61/19]

Better is **48.Rb6** 1.38/20 **Ra3 49.Qd2** 1.10/21

[⌓49.R2b3 1.51/22 R3a7 50.Qb2]

49...R3a7 50.Kh3 0.74/18 **Rd8** 1.12/19

[⌓50...e5 0.74/18]

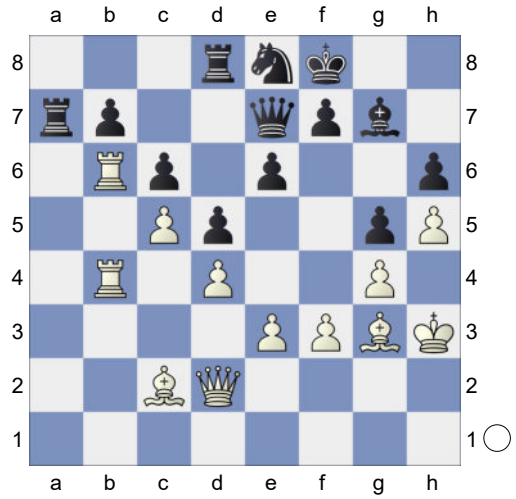
51.Qd3 Kf8 52.Qd2 Rd7 53.R2b4 Rd8 1.25/21

[⌓53...Kg8 0.74/19]

54.Bd3 0.45/21 **Rda8** 0.98/21

[54...e5!± 0.45/21]

55.Bc2 Rd8!= 0.00/21



56.Qd1 0.44/22

[56.Qc3!± 1.25/21]

56...Rda8 0.91/23

[56...e5!± 0.44/22]

57.Qd2 0.00/24

[57.Qd3± 0.91/23]

57...Qf6 0.93/23 **58.Kg2 Qe7 59.Kh3** 0.00/21

[59.Bb1± 0.88/22]

59...e5± 0.57/21 **60.Bf5** 0.04/21

[60.Rb3± 0.57/21]

60...Kg8 0.44/21

[60...Bf6= 0.04/21]

61.dxe5 -0.06/18

[61.Rb2± 0.44/21]

61...Bxe5= 62.f4 -1.04/18

[62.Bxe5= -0.12/20 keeps the balance. Qxe5 63.Rxb7]

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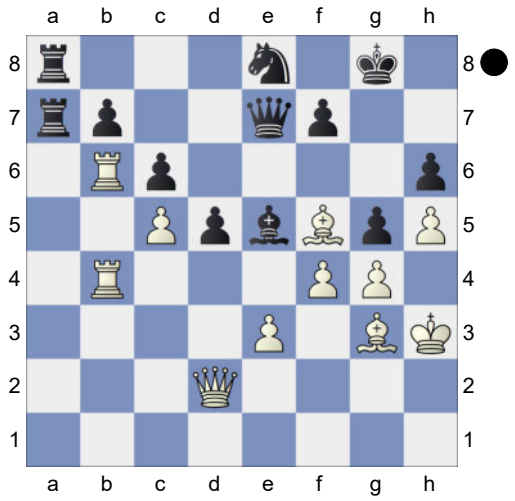

62...Bg7 -0.08/20
[62...gxf4!∓ -1.04/18 63.exf4 Ba1]
63.e4 -1.27/17
[63.fxg5= -0.08/20 hxg5 64.Qd3]
63...Ra2 -0.44/20
[Black should play 63...Qxc5∓ -1.27/17 64.fxg5 Ra1 *(64...Bc3 65.Qf4=)*]
64.Qe3!∓ d4 65.Qf3! Qxc5 And now ... Ra2-a3 would win.
[65...R2a3 with more complications. 66.Rb3 Rxb3 67.Qxb3 Qxc5 68.Rxb7 Nd6]
66.fxg5 hxg5 0.00/25
[66...Nd6!∓ -0.63/20 67.g6 *(67.gxh6 Bxh6 68.Rb1 R2a3∓)* 67...Kh8]
67.Rxb7= Qc3
[67...R2a3!? 68.Rb3□ Nd6=]
68.Qxc3 dxc3 69.e5 c2 70.Rc4 R8a3→ Black has some attack. **71.Rb8?** -4.42/22
[71.Rxc2? Bxe5 72.Rxa2 Rxg3+ 73.Kh2 Rb3+ *(73...Rxg4+? 74.Kh1∓)* 74.Kg2 Rxb7-+]
[71.Bxc2= -0.27/21 and White has nothing to worry. Bxe5 72.Bb3]

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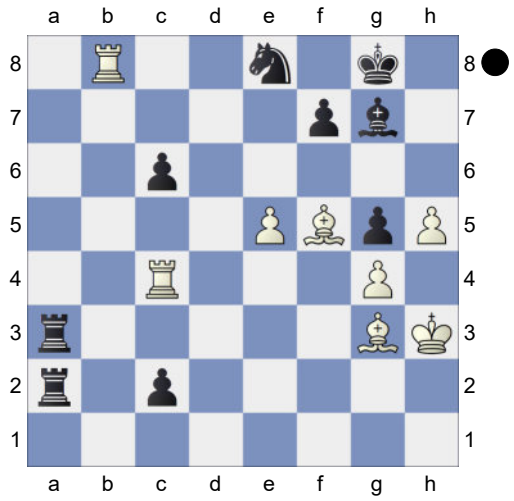
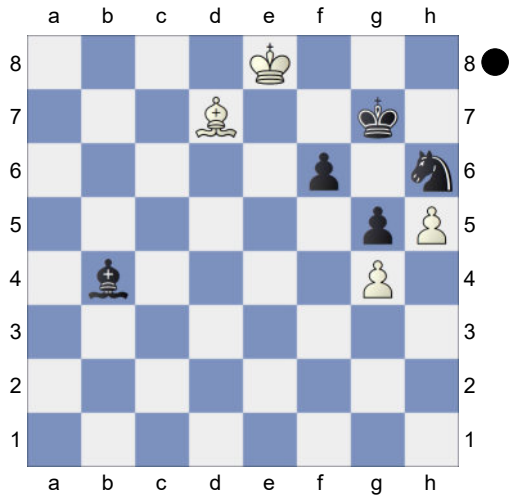


71...Rxg3+!-+ Remove Defender, Decoy
72.Kxg3 Bxe5+ 73.Kf3 Bxb8 74.Rxc6 Ra3+ 75.Ke2 Bf4 76.Bxc2 Re3+ 77.Kf2 Re6 78.Rc8 Kg7 79.Bf5 Re7 80.Rc6 Nd6 81.Bc2 f6 82.Bg6 Nf7 83.Bf5 Nh6 84.Bc8? -5.88/18
[84.Be6 -3.67/17]
84...Be5 Threatens to win with ...Re7-c7.
85.Kf3? -6.07/19
[85.Ra6 -3.77/18]
85...Rc7 Black is clearly winning.
86.Rxc7+ Bxc7 87.Ke4 Bb6 88.Kd5 Ba7 89.Be6 Bb6 90.Kd6 Bd4 91.Kd5 Be5 92.Kc6 Kf8 93.Kd7 Kg7 94.Ke7 Bc3 95.Bd7 Bb4+ 96.Ke8



f5! 97.gxf5 Kf6 98.Bc6 g4 99.Kd7 Nxf5 100.Bh1 Kg5 White must now

prevent ...Nf5-d4! **101.Ke6 Nd4+ 102.Ke5 Nf3+ 103.Ke4 Nh4**
[Weaker is 103...Kxh5 104.Bxf3 Be1 105.Bxg4+ Kxg4=]
104.Ke3 Kxh5 105.Kf4 Bd6+ 106.Ke4 Kg5 107.Kd5 Prevents Bd6-c5. **107...Bc7** aiming for ...Kg5-f4. **108.Ke4 Bb8** Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)
0-1

96 **E06**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
■ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2680**
45th Olympiad 2024 (10.7) 21.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

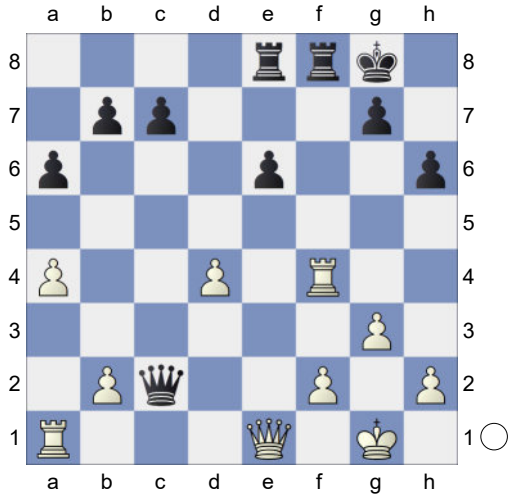
E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6**
[7...b6 8.Qxc4 Bb7 9.Nc3 c5 10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Ne5 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Qc8 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.dxc5 Qc6+ 15.f3 Qxc5 16.Qxc5 Bxc5 17.Bf4 Rfd8 18.e4 Ne8 19.Kf1 Kf8 20.Ke2 Ke7 21.Nb5 Rdc8 22.Rac1 ½-½ C 06/32 (2794)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2809) WYCC U16 Open 2013 (9)]
8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bf4N
[10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Nc3 a5 12.Qd3 Bb4 13.b3 Nc5 14.Qc2 Nce4 15.Na2 Ng4 16.Nxb4 axb4 17.Rf1 Ngxf2 18.Rxf2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bxf3 20.Kxf3 Qf6+ 21.Ke3 e5 22.Bf3 exd4+ 23.Kf2 d3 24.Qb2 Qf5 0-1 Vangsgaard,C (2490)-Lund,H Cesme 92/105 2004 (2) 25.exd3 Rfe8 26.Bd2 Rad8 27.Re1 Rxe1 28.Bxe1 Rxd3 29.Qe2 Qc5+ 30.Kg2 Re3 31.Qd2 Qe7 32.Bf2 Rxb3 33.Qd5 Rb2 34.Qxb7 g6 35.Qa8+ Kg7 36.Qa7 Rd2 37.a5 b3 38.a6 b2 39.Qd4+ Rxd4 0-1 Speelman,J (2490)-Li,Z WchT U26 02 prel-1 1980 (2)]
[10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Nc3 a5 12.Rfe1 Nb6 13.Qd3 h6 14.Bd2 Nbd5 15.e4 Nb4 16.Qb1 b6 8) Catalan-Dessaules,P 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]
10...Bd6 11.Qc1 Nbd7 12.Nc3 Nd5 White has an edge.
[RR 12...Qe7 13.a5 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Bxf4 15.Qxf4 c6 16.Qd2 Rad8 17.Qc2 e5 18.d5 e4 19.Nxe4 Nxd5 20.Ra3 N5f6 21.Re3 g6 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Rb3 Rb8 24.Bg4 Rfd8 25.Rd1 Ne5 26.Bh3 Qe7 27.Rxd8+ Fedoseev,V (2718)-Yu,Y (2784) Hengshui 2019 ½-½ (63)]
[RR 12...Qe7 13.a5 h6 14.Rd1 Nd5 15.Bd2 N7f6 16.Qc2 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Be4 18.Qb3 c5 19.Ne1 Bxg2 20.Nxg2 Rac8 21.Rab1 Rc7 22.Bf4 Bxf4 23.Nxf4 Rd8 24.Qa3 Nd5 25.Nxd5 Rxd5 26.e4 Rd8 27.d5 Deac,B (2692)-Xu,Y (2495) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (42)]
13.Bd2 13.Bg5 gains popularity. 13.Lg5 wird beliebter.
[RR 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bd2 f5 15.Qc2 Qe8 16.Ne1 Kh8 17.Nd3 Nxc3 18.Bxc3 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 e5 20.dxe5 ½-½ (20) Harutyunian,T (2513)-Petrosyan,M (2590) Yerevan 2025]
13...Qe8N
[RR 13...N7f6 14.a5 Qe7 15.Re1 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Ne4 17.Qc2 f5 18.c4 Nxd2 19.Nxd2 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 c5 21.d5 Rae8 22.e4 exd5 23.exd5 Qf6 24.Rab1 f4 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Qd3 Qe7 27.Nf3 h6 28.Qg6 Woodward,A (2530)-Onischuk,A

(2668) New York 2024 1-0 (35)]
[RR 13...h6 14.Qc2 N7f6 15.Ne5 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 c5 18.Nc4 Bc7 19.Qd3 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ne5 b4 22.Bd2 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Qd5+ 24.Qf3 Ne4 25.Bf4 Bxe5 26.dxe5 c4 27.h4 c3 28.bxc3 Theodorou,N (2541)-Schroeder,J (2572) Saint Louis 2019 ½-½ (61)]

14.Re1N
[Vorgänger: 14.Nh4 N7f6 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Qc2 e2-e4 is the strong threat. Bxg2 17.Nxg2 Rc8 18.Qb3 Rb8 19.Qc2 Rc8 20.Bf4 Nd5 21.Qb3 Bxf4 22.Nxf4 Nxf4 23.gxf4 b6 24.Rac1 Qd8 ½-½ Hrubcik,M (2425)-Elyoseph,H (2438) W-ch WS/SIM/A/01 email 2019]

14...f5 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nxd5 Bxd5
[16...exd5 simplifies 17.Nf3 Nf6 18.Qc2 Ne4]

17.e4 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Qh5 19.Qd1 Qf5 20.Re2 Nf6 21.Qe1 Nxe4 22.Bxe4 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 The position is equal.
23...Rae8 24.Bf4 Bxf4 25.Rxf4 Qc2



White must now prevent ...Rf8xf4.
26.Rxf8+ Rxf8= Endgame. KQR-KQR
27.b4 Qb2 28.Rd1 Kh8 29.d5 exd5 30.Rxd5 Qa2 31.Rd7 Qxa4 32.Rxc7 b6
[32...Re8 feels hotter. 33.Qc3 Qd1+ 34.Kg2 Qd5+]

33.h4
[33.Ra7 looks sharper. Rd8 34.Qe5 Qd1+ 35.Kg2]

33...a5 34.bxa5 Qxa5 35.Qb1 Qd2 36.Rc2 Qd4 37.Re2 Qc5 38.Qb2 Qd6 39.Kh2 Qc5 40.Rc2 Qd6 41.Rd2 Qc5 42.Rc2 Qd6 43.Rd2 Qc5 44.Rc2
A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

97 **A13**
□ **Ding,Liren** **2736**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
45th Olympiad 2024 (9.3) 20.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

A13: English Opening: 1...e6
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5
[3...a6 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 b4 9.Na4 d6 10.d4 Be4 11.a3 a5 12.Ne1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 d5 14.Qc2 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.e3 e5 18.dxe5 Espig,L (2429)-Van Wely,L (2654) Deutschland 91/(25) 2003]

4.Bg2 a6N
[4...Bd6 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 d4 7.Bb2 c5 8.e3 e5 9.exd4 cxd4 10.d3 Nc6 11.Ba3 Re8 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nbd2 Bf5 14.Qb1 h6 15.a3 a5 16.Rc1 Nd7 8) Catalan-Catalan Reti 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]
[4...g6 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.d3 Bb7 9.Qc2 c5 10.Nbd2 Nc6 11.a3 d4 12.Rfe1 e5 13.e3 Qd7 14.exd4 exd4 15.Re2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rxe2 17.Rxe2 Re8 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Kf1

½-½ Legendmike (2089)-Greececchess22 (2061) 1st Greek Chessfed Blitz FINAL Team Bat 2020]

5.b3 d4 6.0-0 c5 7.e3 Nc6 8.d3
[RR 8.exd4 cxd4 9.d3 Bd6 10.Ba3 Bxa3 11.Nxa3 0-0 12.Nc2 e5 13.Re1 Re8 14.h3 Qd6 15.a3 h6 16.Nd2 Bf5 17.Qf3 Qd7 18.g4 Bg6 19.Nb4 Nxb4 20.axb4 Re7 21.b5 Qd6 22.Qe2 Rae8 Cao,Q (2394)-Sochacki,C (2450) Paleochora 2025 1-0 (41)]

8...h6N
[RR 8...Be7 9.exd4 cxd4 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bb2 Re8 12.Nbd2 Bf8 13.a3 e5 14.b4 Bd6 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nge4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 Be6 18.Qf3 Qd7 19.c5 Bc7 20.Nc4 Bg4 21.Qg2 Bh3 22.Qf3 Bg4 23.Qg2 Tan,Z (2483)-Muminova,N (2307) Manila 2013 1-0 (44)]

9.Re1 Bd6 10.exd4 cxd4 11.Bb2 0-0 12.Nbd2 -0.36/21
[12.Bxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Be5-+ *(13...Bb4? 14.Nf3-+)*]
[White should play 12.Nxd4± 0.53/27 Nxd4 13.Bxd4]

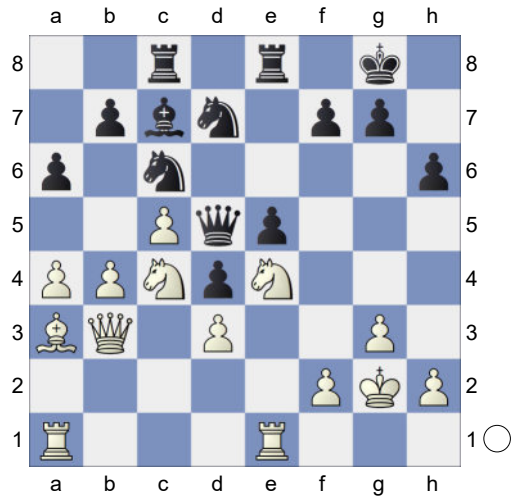
12...e5∓ 13.c5 Bc7 14.Nc4 Re8 15.b4 Bf5 0.08/21
[15...Bg4∓ -0.40/24 is more appropriate.]

16.Qb3 -0.28/23
[16.a4 0.08/21 feels stronger.]

16...Be6= 17.a4 Rc8 0.08/21
[17...Bd5∓ -0.41/21]

18.Nfd2 Bd5 19.Ba3 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qd5+ 21.Ne4 Nd7

(Diagram)

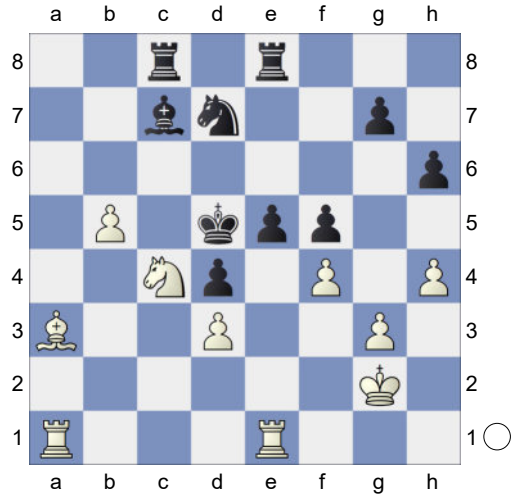


And now ...f7-f5 would win. **22.Na5!** Discovered Attack **22...Qxb3 23.Nxb3 f5 24.Ned2 b5 25.cxb6 Nxb6 26.Nc5 Nb8 27.b5 axb5 28.axb5 Kf7** 0.92/22
[28...Kh7± 0.50/23]

29.h4 0.50/19
[29.Nb7± 0.92/22]

29...N8d7!± 30.Nxd7 Nxd7 31.Nc4 Dodges Bc7-a5 **31...Ke6** Against Ba3-d6 **32.f4** 0.00/27 White is more active.
[32.Rec1± 0.63/20]

32...Kd5=



White must now prevent ...e5-e4. **33.fxe5 Nxe5 34.b6 Bb8** 3.46/26
[34...Nxd3= 0.00/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 35.Rxe8 Rxe8 36.bxc7 Kxc4]

35.b7+- Rcd8 36.Nxe5 Rxe5 37.Rxe5+ Kxe5? 4.71/22 Endgame. KRB-KRB
[37...Bxe5 2.34/22 was worth a try. 38.Rc1 *(38.Be7 Rb8±)* 38...Rb8]
38.Bc1 Kd5 39.Ra5+? 0.15/20
[39.Kf3+- 3.93/21]
39...Kc6= 40.Rxf5 Rd7 Prevents Rf5-f7 **41.Bf4 Rxb7 42.Bxb8 Rxb8** KR-KR **43.Rf7 g5 44.Rf6+ Kc5 45.h5** Strongly threatening Kg2-f3! **45...Rb3 46.Rxh6** Rh6-h8 is the strong threat. **46...Rxd3 47.Rg6** 0.00/36
[47.Rh8!± 0.46/27 was preferrable. Re3 48.h6]
47...Rd2+ The position is equal. **48.Kf3 Rh2 49.Kg4 d3 50.Rg8** aiming for Rg8-d8! **50...d2 51.Rd8**
[51.Kxg5 g e t s m a t e d . d1Q *(51...d1R? 52.Rc8+ Kb4 53.g4-+)* 52.Rc8+ Kb6 53.Rb8+ Kc7 54.Rh8 Qd5+ 55.Kg4 Qd4+ 56.Kg5 Qxh8 57.Kf5 Qd4 *(57...Rxh5+* is a self mate. *58.Ke4 Qe5+ 59.Kd3 Qxg3+ 60.Kc4 Rh4+ 61.Kb5 Qg5+ 62.Ka6 Ra4#)* 58.Kg5 Rf2 59.Kg6 Qg4+ 60.Kh6 Rh2 61.Kh7 Rxh5#]
51...Kc4 52.Kxg5 Kc3 53.h6 Rh1 54.g4 Threatens to win with Kg5-g6. **54...d1Q 55.Rxd1 Rxd1** KR-KPP **56.h7 Rh1! 57.Kg6 Kd4 58.Kg7 Ke5 59.g5 Kf5 60.g6 Rh2** White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
½-½

98 **D33**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2764**
45th Olympiad 2024 (8.1) 19.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

D33: Tarrasch Defence: 6 g3 sidelines
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.g3 Nc6 7.Bg2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Nb3 Bb6 10.0-0 d4! 11.Na4 0-0 The position is equal. **12.Re1N**
[12.Nxb6 axb6 13.Bg5 Be6 14.Qd3 h6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Qxd4 Rfd8 18.Qxb6 Qxb2 19.Qe3 Bxb3 20.Qxb3 Qxe2 ½-½ Mezentsev,I (2370)-Akhilbay,I (2140) Almaty Academy IM 12 2022 (8)]
[12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Rc1 Re8 15.h3 Bf5 16.Nbc5 Bxc5 17.Nxc5 b6 18.Nd3 Be4 19.Bxe4 Rxe4 20.Qc2 Re6 21.Nf4 Rd6 22.Qe4 Rad8 23.Rfd1 g5 24.Nd3 Re6 25.Qg4 Ne5 26.Nxe5 Qxe5 ½-½ Nakamura,H (2794)-Firouzja,A (2737) Norway Chess 12th 2024 (3)]
[12.Nac5 Qe7 13.Nd3 Bg4 14.Re1 Rfe8 15.Bf1 Rad8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Qd2 Ne5 19.Rac1 Bf5 20.Bg2 Re7 21.a4 a5 22.Nbc5 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 b6 24.Nd3 Bxd3 25.exd3 Rde8 26.Re4 Nd7 1-0 Thunder,F (2350)-Kabatianski,A (2221) Cappelle op 25th 2009 (9)]
12...h6
[RR 12...Re8 13.Bd2 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Nbc5 Qe7 16.Nxb6 axb6 17.Nd3 Rad8 18.Nf4 Bg6 19.Rc1 Be4 20.Bf1 Nd5 21.Nd3 Qd7 22.Qb3 Re6 23.Nf4 Nxf4 24.Bxf4 Ne5 25.Bxe5 Rxe5 26.Qxb6 Bc6 27.Rc5 Kozak,A (2434)-Lopusiewicz,P

(2301) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (56)]

13.Bf4

[RR 13.e3 Bg4 14.f3 Be6 15.Nxb6 axb6 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Qxd4 18.exd4 Bxa2 19.Bd2 Bc4 20.Kf2 Rfd8 21.Bh3 b5 22.Bf5 Nd5 23.Ba5 b6 24.Bd2 b4 25.Be4 b3 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.Rc1 Ra4 Artemiev,V (2803)-Yu,Y (2807) Almaty 2022 1-0 (39)]

13...Be6 14.Nbc5 Bd5 And now ... Bd5xg2 would win. **15.Nxb6N** -0.18/21

[15.Nxb7 0.20/23 deserves consideration. Qe7 16.Nxb6 axb6 17.e4 *(17.Nd6 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Nh5∓)* 17...dxe3 18.Rxe3]

[RR 15.Nxb7 Qe7 16.Nxb6 axb6 17.e4 dxe3 18.Rxe3 Qxb7 19.Bxd5 Rfd8 20.Rd3 Qa6 21.Bd6 Rxd6 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 23.Rxd6 Ne5 24.Qb3+ Kg6 25.f4 Qc4 26.Qxc4 Nxc4 27.Rc6 Nxb2 28.Rxb6 Na4 29.Rc6 Kf5 Kramnik,V (2753)-Sychev,K (2540) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (47)]

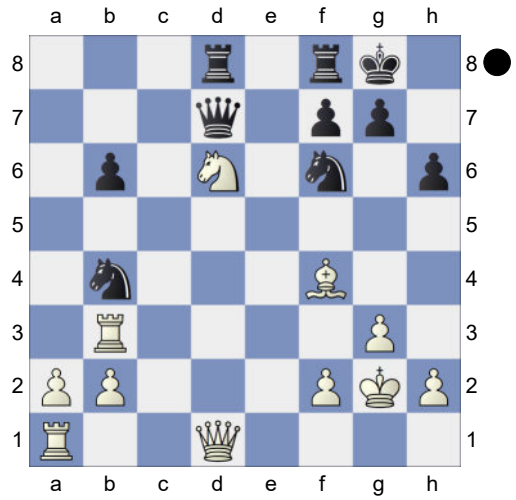
15...axb6= 16.Nxb7 Qd7 ...Bd5xg2 is the strong threat. **17.e4! dxe3 18.Rxe3** -0.96/22

[18.Bxe3? Nb4 19.Qd2 *(19.Bxd5? Nbxd5 20.Bxb6 Nxb6-+)* 19...Qxb7-+]

[18.fxe3= -0.22/20 keeps the balance. Ne7 19.Bxd5 Nexd5 20.e4]

18...Nb4!∓ 19.Nd6 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Rad8 Strongly threatening ...Nb4-d5. **21.Rb3**

(Diagram)



Nbd5 Black has strong compensation. **22.Be5 Qe6 23.Qd4**

[23.Bxf6? gxf6 24.Qd2 Rxd6-+ *(24...Qxd6? 25.Qxh6 Rfe8 26.Qh4-+)*]

23...Ng4 -0.15/25

[Better is 23...Rxd6∓ -0.97/19 24.Bxd6 Qxd6]

24.Rd1 Ne7 Excellent horsemanship. **25.Bxg7 Nf5!** Deflection. Dancing on a razor blade. **26.Qf4**

[26.Qxg4? perishes. Ne3+ *(26...Nxg7? 27.Qxe6 Nxe6 28.Rxb6+-)* 27.Rxe3 Qxg4 28.Bxf8 Qxd1-+]

26...Nxg7 27.Rxb6 f5↑ Black fights for an advantage. **28.h3**

[28.b3 seems wilder. Qe2 29.Rd5 Ne6 30.Qd2]

28...Ne5 -0.02/22

[28...Nf6!∓ -0.54/23 29.Qxh6 Rd7]

29.Nc4? -3.52/22 This move loses the game for White. **29...Qxc4-+ 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Qxe5** -5.91/24

[31.Qxc4+ -3.29/18 Nxc4 32.Rxh6]

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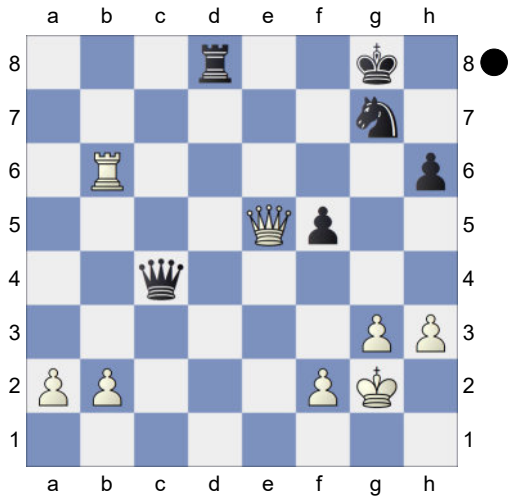

31...Rd1! 32.Rb3 Qf1+ Skewer **33.Kf3 Qh1+** -8.70/20
[⌓33...Rd2 -#13/18 34.Qe3 Qh1+ 35.Kf4 Qd5 36.g4 Ne6+ 37.Qxe6+ Qxe6 38.gxf5 Rxf2+ 39.Rf3 Qd6+ *(39...Qxa2? 40.Rxf2 Qb3 41.Rf3-+)* 40.Ke4 Qb4+ *(40...Rxb2* leads to mate. *41.Re3 Qc6+ 42.Kf4 Rf2+ 43.Ke5 Qc5+ 44.Ke4 Qc4+ 45.Ke5 Rd2 46.Rg3+ Kf7 47.Rg7+* Decoy *Kxg7 48.f6+ Kf7 49.Kf5 Rd5#)* 41.Ke5 Rxf3 42.Kd5 Rd3+ *(42...Rxf5+* is a self mate. *43.Ke6 Qe4+ 44.Kd6 Qb7 45.Ke6 Rd5 46.h4 Qf7#)* 43.Kc6 Rd6+ *(43...Rxh3 44.f6 Rh5 45.b3 Rc5+ 46.Kd6 Qd4+ 47.Ke7 Re5#)* 44.Kc7 Qb6+ 45.Kc8 Rd8#]
34.Kf4 Rd5 Decoy. Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/Black=0.29 (precise)
0-1

99 **C65**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2741**
45th Olympiad 2024 (7.3) 18.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6)
1.e4 Gormally,Daniel **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.Nbd2**
[6.Nxe5? Qd4 7.Be3 Qxe5-+]
6...Nd7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc4 Re8 9.a4 a5 10.Kh1 b6 11.Be3
[RR 11.b3 f6 12.Be3 Bb4 13.Nh4 Nf8 14.Nf5 Ne6 15.Qg4 g6 16.Qg3 Bc3 17.Rad1 Kh8 18.Nh6 Qe7 19.Qh4 Rf8 20.h3 Qg7 21.Ng4 g5 22.Qg3 Nf4 23.Bd2 Ne2 24.Qh2 Bd4 25.Nge3 Be6 Caruana,F (2835)-Ding,L (2791) chess24.com INT 2020 1-0 (64)]
[RR 11.b3 f6 12.Be3 Bb4 13.g4 b5 14.Ncd2 Nf8 15.Rg1 Ng6 16.Qf1 Be6 17.Qh3 Qd7 18.Nh4 Nf4 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.Ndf3 Bc3 21.Rac1 bxa4 22.bxa4 Rab8 23.Nf5 h6 24.N3h4 Rb2 25.d4 Bb4 Grischuk,A (2687)-Sjugirov,S (2643) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (42)]
11...Bb4
[11...Bf8 12.Rg1 Ba6 13.Ncd2 c5 14.g4 Nb8 15.Qf1 Nc6 16.Qh3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 cxd4 18.g5 b5 19.axb5 Bxb5 20.Nh4 g6 21.Qg3 Bd6 22.Nhf3 a4 23.h4 Qe7 24.Nh2 Bd7 25.Ng4 Bxg4 26.Qxg4 1-0 Pranav,V (2609)-Blohberger,F (2520) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (2)]
12.Rg1N -0.26/19
[12.Bd2 0.14/23 should be considered.]
[12.Nfd2 b5 13.axb5 cxb5 14.c3 *(*RR *14.Na3 Ba6 15.c3 Bxa3*

16.Rxa3 b4 17.Rxa5 bxc3 18.bxc3 Bxd3 19.Rxa8 Qxa8 20.Re1 Qc6) 14...bxc4 15.cxb4 cxd3 16.bxa5 Ba6 17.Qb3 Nf6

A) RR 18.f3 Nh5 19.Qc3 *(RR 19.Nc4)* 19...Qh4 20.Kg1 Nf4 21.Bxf4 Qxf4 22.Nb3;

B) 18.h3 Nh5 19.Rfc1 Nf4 20.Rc6 Ne2 *(RR 20...Nxh3 21.gxh3 Qd7 22.Rac1 Qxh3+ 23.Kg1 Qg4+)* 21.Qd5 *(RR 21.Rxa6 Rxa6 22.Qc4 Qa8 23.Qxd3 Nd4 24.Bxd4 exd4 25.b4 c5)* 21...Qb8 *(RR 21...Qxd5 22.exd5 Red8 23.Rxc7 Rxd5 24.b4 Rb5 25.Rb1 f5)* 22.Rxa6 Rxa6 23.Qxd3 Qxb2 24.Rb1 Rd6 25.Qxe2 Qa2 26.Qb5 c6 1-0 Anand,V (2780)-Kramnik,V (2810) Zuerich 117/96 2013 27.Qb2]

[RR 12.Nfd2 b5 13.axb5 cxb5 14.c3 bxc4 15.cxb4 cxd3 16.bxa5 Ba6 17.Qb3 Nf6 18.h3 Nh5 19.Rfc1 Nf4 20.Rc6 Ne2 21.Qd5 Qb8 22.Rxa6 Rxa6 23.Qxd3 Qxb2 24.Rb1 Rd6 25.Qxe2 Qa2 26.Qb5 c6 Anand,V (2780)-Kramnik,V (2810) Zuerich 2013 CBM 153 [Gormally, Daniel] 1-0]

12...b5= 13.Na3 Ba6 14.Nb1 Bb7 15.Nfd2 Nb6 16.b3 Qd7 17.Qe2 Nc8 18.f3 Ne7 19.Qf2 Ng6 20.Nf1 Nf4 21.Ng3 g6 22.d4 0.03/19

[22.Ne2± 0.45/20]

22...Bd6 The position is equal. **23.Nc3 b4 24.dxe5 Bxe5**

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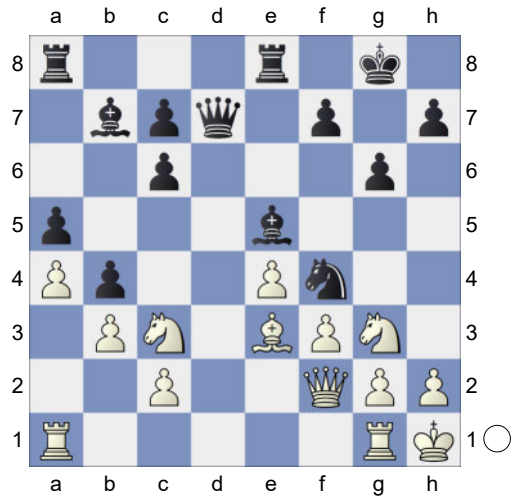
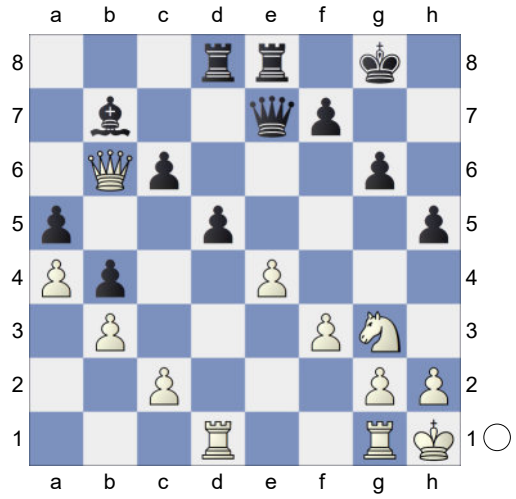


Pin **25.Rad1! Qe7 26.Nce2 Nxe2 27.Nxe2 Rad8 28.Bc5 Bd6 29.Bxd6 cxd6 30.Qb6 d5 31.Ng3 h5**



Threatens to win with ...h5-h4. **32.exd5!**

[32.Qxa5? loses. h4 33.Nf1 dxe4-+]

32...cxd5 White must now prevent ...h5-h4. **33.h3**

[Don't play 33.Qxa5 h4 34.Nf1 h3∓]

33...Rc8 34.Rge1 Qxe1+ 35.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 36.Kh2 h4 37.Qxb7 hxg3+ 38.Kxg3 Rxc2 39.Qxd5 Rb1 40.Qd8+ Kg7 41.Qd4+ Kg8 42.Qd8+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

½-½

100 **B12**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
45th Olympiad 2024 (6.3) 16.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nd2 e6 5.Nb3 Nd7 6.Nf3 Ne7** 0.61/17
[6...c5= 0.25/18]
7.Be2± h6 8.0-0 Bh7 White is slightly better. **9.a4!** is now more promising than 9.Bd2. im Vergleich zu 9.Ld2 vielversprechender. **9...a5**
[9...a6 10.Bd2 Qc7 11.Rc1 Rd8 12.Ba5 b6 13.Bb4 a5 14.Bd6 Qb7 15.Qd2 Nc8 16.Bxf8 Nxf8 17.Ne1 Ne7 18.Nd3 Nd7 19.Nf4 0-0 20.Rfe1 Rc8 21.c3 Rc7 22.g4 Qb8 23.Qe3 Qd8 24.h3 0-1 Firouzja,A (2728)-Ding,L (2791) chess24.com (Int.-m/2-rapid) 144/60 2020]
[RR 9...Nf5 10.a5 a6 11.c4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Ne7 13.Qe2 Nd5 14.Nfd2 Nb4 15.Ne4 b5 16.axb6 Nxb6 17.f3 Nxc4 18.Qxc4 Qd5 19.Qc3 Qb5 20.Ra5 Qb6 21.Bd2 Be7 22.Rfa1 0-0 23.Qc4 Rab8 24.Nbc5 Stukopin,A (2586)-Nyzhnyk,I (2610) Saint Louis 2017 0-1 (48)]
10.Bd2 Qb6
[10...Nc8 11.Rc1 Be7 12.Qe1 b6 13.h3 0-0 14.c4 Be4 15.Nh2 c5 16.f3 dxc4 17.Bxc4 Bc6 18.Ng4 h5 19.Nf2 Bxa4 20.Qe4 Ra7 21.g4 h4 22.d5 exd5 23.Bxd5 c4 24.Bxc4 Nxe5 25.Qxe5 0-1 Heimisson,H (2391)-Vidit,S (2720) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (2.3)]
[RR 10...Nf5 11.c3 Qb6 12.g4 Ne7 13.Ne1 c5 14.Nxc5 Nxc5 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Bb5+ Nc6 17.Be3 Qe7 18.f4 Qc7 19.Bd3 Bg8 20.Nf3 f6 21.exf6 gxf6 22.Nd4 Bc5 23.Qf3 Qb6 24.Qf2 0-0-0 25.Rae1 George Micheal,K (2288)-Yoo,C (2588) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½ (98)]
11.Rc1N
[11.h3 Nc8 12.Ne1 Bb4 13.c3 Be7 14.Bd3 0-0 15.Be3 c5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.f4 c4 18.Qc2+ g6 19.Nd2 f5 20.g4 Rg8 21.Ng2 Kh8 22.Bf2 Rg7 23.Kh2 Qc7 24.Rg1 Ncb6 25.Nf3 Rf8 ½-½ Dovrinder,B (2337)-6...dxc4 madness: 7...Be6 25 (2219) Open_1999 - Finalrunde [6] 26.Be3 Qc8 27.Ngh4 Bxh4 28.Nxh4 Rfg8 29.Qf2 Qe8 30.Qc2 Nf8 31.Rg3 h5 32.Nf3 hxg4 33.hxg4 Rh7+ 34.Kg2 Rh6 35.Rh1 Rxh1 ½-½ Caruso,A (2337)-Zajsek,F (2219) corr Danube/5 2016 [6]]
[RR 11.h3 Be4 12.Ne1 Bh7 13.Rc1 Nf5 14.Nf3 Bb4 15.c3 Be7 16.Re1 0-0 17.Bd3 Bg6 18.Bf1 Rfd8 19.g3 Bh7 20.Kg2 c5 21.Bb5 cxd4 22.cxd4 Bf8 23.g4 Ne7 24.g5 h5 25.Nh4 Be4+ Corrales Jimenez,F (2564)-Yoo,C (2616) San Jose 2024 1-0 (55)]
11...g5N 0.87/20
[Vorgänger: 11...Nf5± 0.48/21 12.Bd3 Bb4 13.Bxb4 Qxb4 14.c3 Qe7 15.Qc2 Bg6 16.g3 0-0 17.Rfe1 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Nxc5 Qxc5 ½-½ So,W (2772)-Carlsen,M (2847) San Fermin Masters Final 2021 (2.4)]
12.Kh1 Ng6 13.Bd3 Bb4 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Nfd2 Nh4 16.Bxh7 Rxh7 17.c3 Be7 18.c4 Nf8 19.f4 Strongly threatening c4xd5. **19...Nf5** 1.32/20
[⌓19...Qd7 0.72/22]

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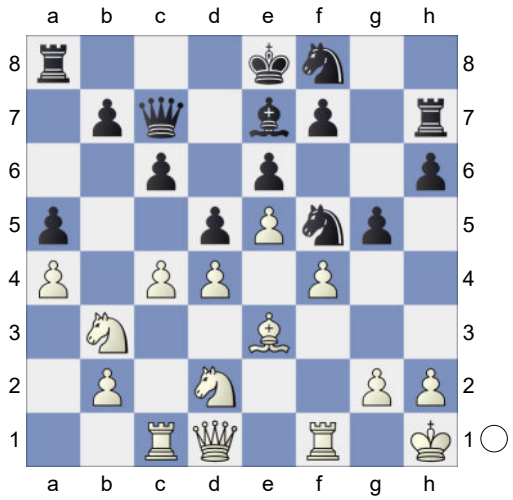

20.Bg1!± gxf4 21.cxd5
[Don't take 21.Rxf4 Qd8±]
21...exd5 22.Rxf4 Ng7 23.Qc2 h5 24.Rcf1 0.98/22 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[⌓24.h3 1.36/21]
24...Nge6 25.Rf5 Qb6 26.Nb1 h4 27.h3 Rg7 28.Nc3 Bg5 1.69/22 Inhibits Bg1-e3.
[28...Ng5± 0.91/22]
29.Nd2 Qa6
[29...Nxd4? loses. 30.Bxd4 Qxd4 31.Nf3+-]
30.R1f3 1.18/22
[White should play 30.Rd1 1.56/20]
30...Rd8 31.Nf1 Rd7 32.Nh2 1.07/21
[⌓32.Ne2 1.43/21]
32...Qc4 1.48/21
[⌓32...Ng6 1.07/21]
33.b3 Qb4

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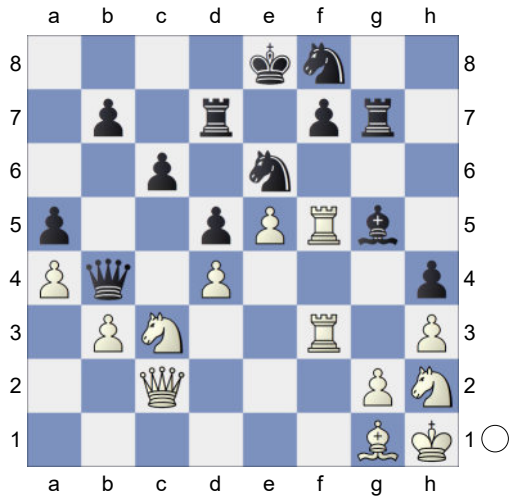
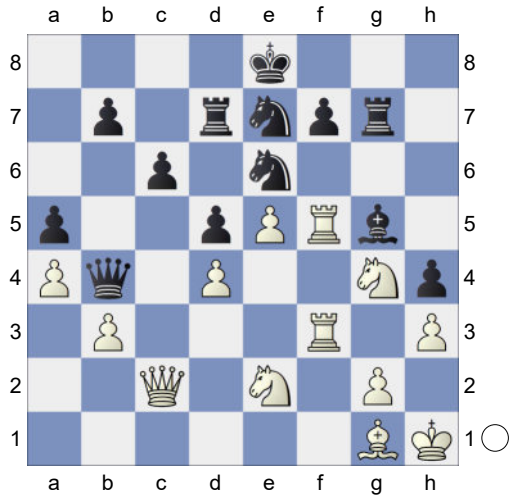


34.Ne2 0.75/21
[34.Rf1!+- 1.78/21 and White stays clearly on top.]
34...Ng6 1.53/21
[⌓34...Qd2 0.75/21 35.Qxd2 Bxd2]
35.Ng4 0.68/20
[35.Rd3± 1.53/21]
35...Ne7!±



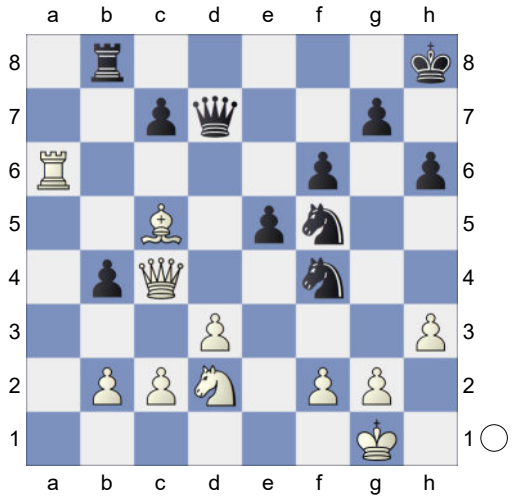
36.Rf6 Qd2! 37.Qxd2 Bxd2 38.Be3 0.25/21
[38.Rf1± 0.69/20 is superior.]
38...Bxe3= 39.Rxe3 c5 40.dxc5 d4! 41.Rd3 Black must now prevent Rf6xe6!
41...Nc6 42.Rxe6+ The position is equal. **42...fxe6 43.Nf6+ Kf8** Threatens to win with ...Rd7-d8.
44.Nxd7+ Rxd7 Endgame. KRN-KRN

45.g3 Kg8 46.gxh4 Rd5 47.Kg2 Kh7
[47...Nxe5 48.Rxd4 Rxc5 49.Rd6]
48.Rd2 Rxc5 49.Nxd4 Nxd4 50.Rxd4 aiming for Rd4-d7+. KR-KR **50...b5 51.Kf3 Rxe5 52.Re4 Rf5+ 53.Ke3 bxa4 54.bxa4 Rh5 55.Rg4 Kh6 56.Kd4 Rd5+ 57.Kc4 Re5 58.Kd4 Rd5+ 59.Ke3 Rh5 60.Re4 Kg7 61.Kf3 Kf6 62.Kg4 Rh8 63.Rf4+ Kg6 64.Re4 Kf6 65.h5 Rg8+ 66.Kf3 Rg5 67.Rh4** And now h5-h6 would win. **67...Kg7 68.h6+ Kh7 69.Re4 Rh5 70.Kg4 Rxh6 71.Re5 Rg6+ 72.Kf4 Rf6+ 73.Kg3 Rg6+ 74.Kh2 Rf6 75.Rxa5 Rf3 76.Rg5 Ra3 77.a5 Kh6 78.h4 Ra4 79.Kg3 Ra3+ 80.Kf4 Ra4+ 81.Ke3 Rxh4 82.Re5 Kg7 83.a6 Ra4** Dodges Re5-a5 **84.Rxe6 Kf7 85.Rh6 Kg7 86.Rb6 Kf7 87.Kd3 Ke7** Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

101 **C84**
□ **Bjerre,Jonas Buhl** **2648**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (4.11) 14.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.a4N**
[8.Nc3 d6 9.a3 Na5 *(9...Bb7 10.Bd2 Qd7 11.a4 Na5 12.Ba2 b4 13.Ne2 c5 14.Ng3 Nc6 15.Nf5 Rae8 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bh4 Nd8 19.c3 Ne6 20.a5 g5 21.Bg3 Kg7 22.Bc4 Nh5 23.cxb4 cxb4 24.Ra4* 1-0 Fedorchuk,S (2665)-Sochacki,C (2449) Paris-ch op-FIDE 89th 2014 (3)*)* 10.Ba2 Be6 11.b4 *(11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Nc6 13.Qe1 Qd7 14.Ne2 a5 15.Bd2 axb4 16.axb4 d5 17.Ng3 Rxa1 18.Qxa1 Bxb4 19.Nxe5 Qd6 20.Bf4 g5 21.Nh5 Nxh5 22.Nf7 Kxf7 23.Bxd6 Bxd6 24.Qc3 Nb8 25.e5 b4* 1-0 Boskovic,M (2713)-Paskulj,K (2634) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (5.8)*)* 11...Bxa2 12.Rxa2 Nc6 13.Bg5 Nd7 14.Be3 Nf6 15.Qb1 d5 16.Bg5 d4 17.Bxf6 dxc3 18.Bxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Qd6 20.Ng4 a5 21.Ne3 c6 22.a4 axb4 ½-½ Deslandes,P (2794)-C 06/32 (2786) Srbija 106/(17) 2008 (12)]
8...Bb7 8...Rb8 gains popularity. 8...Tb8 wird beliebter.8...Rb8 gains popularity. 8...Tb8 wird beliebter. **9.axb5 axb5 10.Rxa8 Bxa8 11.Nc3** White is slightly better. **11...b4 12.Nd5 Na5! 13.Nxe7+**
[Reject 13.Nxe5 Nxb3 14.cxb3 Nxd5 15.exd5 Bxd5∓]
13...Qxe7 14.Ba2
[RR 14.Ba4 Bc6 15.c3 Rb8 16.Bc2 bxc3 17.bxc3 d5 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Bd2 f6 20.Qa1 Qc5 21.Rb1 Rxb1+ 22.Qxb1 Qb6 23.c4 Ne7 24.Qa2 Nb7 25.c5+ 1-0 (25) Littlewood,P (2323)-Moore,J (1938) Kenilworth 2025]
14...d5! 15.exd5 Bxd5N
[Vorgänger: 15...b3 16.cxb3 Hoping for Bc1-d2. Nxd5 17.Re1 ½-½ Cao,S (2402)-Neelotpal,D (2463) Penang op 8th 2016 (5)]
[RR 15...b3 16.cxb3 Nxd5 17.Re1 ½-½ (17) Cao,S (2402)-Neelotpal,D (2463) Penang 2016]
16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Qe2 Re8 18.Re1 f6 19.Qe4 Qf7 20.Bd2 Nc6 21.Ra1 Rb8 0.64/18
[21...h6= 0.21/22]

22.Ra6!± Qd7 23.Qc4 White is more active. **23...Nce7 24.Be3 Kh8 25.h3 h6** 0.67/20
[25...b3= 0.22/20 was preferrable.]
26.Nd2 0.05/18
[White should play 26.b3± 0.67/20]
26...Nf5!= The position is equal. **27.Bc5 Nf4!**



And now ...Nf5-h4 would win. **28.Be3**
[28.Bxb4? too greedy. Nh4 29.Qe4 Qc8∓ *(29...Nhxg2? 30.Ra8-+)*]
28...Nd5 29.Bc5 Nf4! ...Nf5-h4 would now be deadly. **30.Be3**
[30.Bxb4? too greedy. Nh4 31.Qe4 Qc8-+ *(31...Nhxg2? 32.Ra8-+)*]
30...Nd5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

102 **B30**
□ **Pranav,V** **2598**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
FIDE World Bl Team Pool B blitz (3.4)
[Kitty Kat]*

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
4...bxc6 5.b3 Ne7 6.Bb2 Ng6 7.h4! h5 8.g3!? -0.02/22 Prevents e6-e5. An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[8.d3± 0.65/25]
8...f6 0.60/25
[8...e5= -0.02/22]
9.d3 -0.01/21
[9.e5!± 0.60/25]
[RR 9.e5 Be7 10.Qe2 0-0 11.d3 fxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 d6 14.Bb2 Qe8 15.Nd2 e5 16.0-0-0 a5

17.a4 Qg6 18.Rdg1 Be6 19.f3 Rf7 20.g4 Raf8 21.Kb1 Bd5 22.Rh2 Bxf3 23.Nxf3 Rxf3 Mendes,A (2334)-Novik,M (2398) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (34)]

9...e5= 10.Nbd2 -0.48/22

[10.Nc3= 0.06/23]

10...d5∓ 11.Nh2N

[Vorgänger: 11.Qe2 Bg4 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Kb1 -0.40/20 *(13.Nf1!= -0.02/22)* 13...a5 Strongly threatening ...a5-a4. 14.a4! 0-0 0.04/19 *(14...Qb6∓ -0.41/19)* 15.Rde1 -1.02/19 *(15.Nf1!= 0.04/19)* 15...Rb8 -0.61/19 *(15...Rf7∓ -1.02/19 16.Kc1 Nf8)* 16.Qf1 -1.19/22 *(16.Nf1∓ -0.61/19)* 16...Be6 -0.48/21 *(16...c4!∓ -1.19/22* Threatens to win with ... c4xb3. *17.dxc4 dxe4 18.Rxe4 Bb4)* 17.Nh2 0-1 Saydaliev,S (2448)-Ynojosa Aponte,F (2387) Kazan BRICS Games Blitz 2024 (5)]

[RR 11.Qe2 Bg4 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Kb1 a5 14.a4 0-0 15.Rde1 Rb8 16.Qf1 Be6 17.Nh2 c4 18.dxc4 Bb4 19.Rd1 Qc7 20.f4 exf4 21.gxf4 Nxf4 22.Rg1 Bxd2 23.Rxd2 dxc4 24.Nf3 cxb3 25.c4 Rb4 Saydaliev,S (2448)-Ynojosa Aponte,F (2387) Kazan 2024 0-1 (42)]

11...Be6 12.Qe2 Qd7 13.0-0-0 Bd6 14.Rde1 Kf7 15.Rhg1 Rae8 16.Qf1 Bh3 17.Qe2 Bc7 18.Kb1 Ba5 19.Rd1 Bc7 20.Qe3 Bb6 21.c4 -0.49/19

[21.Qf3= 0.00/22 was preferrable.]

21...d4∓ 22.Qe2 a5 23.a4 Bc7 24.Ka2 Nf8 25.f3 -0.88/20

[25.Bc1= -0.21/19 keeps the balance.]

25...g5∓ 26.hxg5 fxg5 27.f4 -1.23/18 **exf4**

[27...gxf4 28.gxf4 exf4 29.Rg5±]

28.gxf4 Bxf4 29.Nhf3 Bg4 -0.74/17

A strong pair of Bishops.

[Black should play 29...g4 -1.52/20 30.Qf2 Kg8 *(30...gxf3 31.Nxf3 Bg4 32.Ng5+ Kg8 33.Qxf4=)*]

30.Rdf1 -1.56/18

[⌓30.e5 -0.74/17]

30...Ke7 -0.63/22

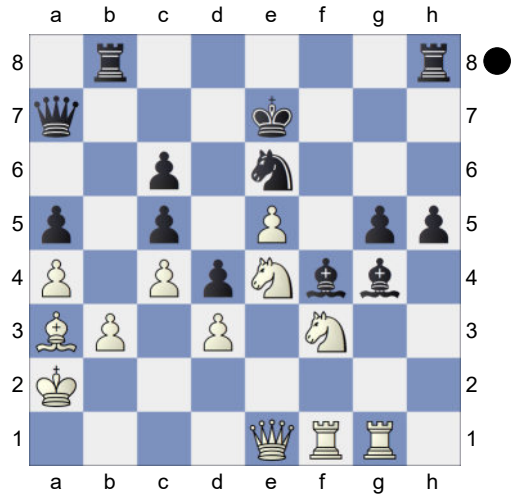
[30...Kg7∓ -1.56/18 Hoping for ...Nf8-g6. 31.e5 Ng6]

31.e5∓ Ne6 32.Ne4 Rb8 0.06/18

[32...Be3∓ -0.74/18 33.Bc1 Bxg1 34.Rxg1 Rb8]

33.Ba3= Chess con chili. **33...Qa7 34.Qe1** -1.31/19

[34.Qb2= 0.14/23 Bxf3 35.Rxf3]



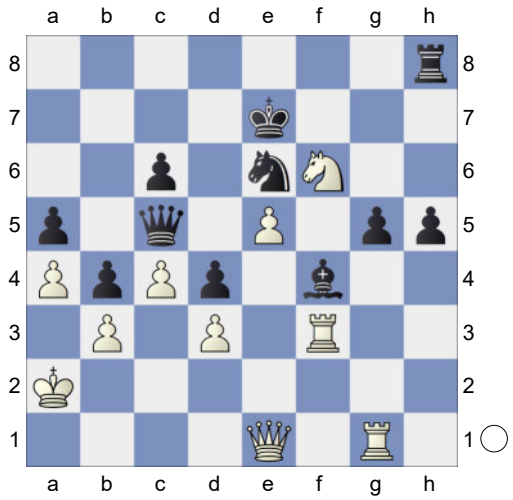
34...Rb4? 3.30/20 **35.Bxb4+- cxb4 36.Nf6?** 0.72/20

[36.Nfxg5+- 3.02/22 Bxg5 37.Nxg5 Nxg5 38.Qf2]

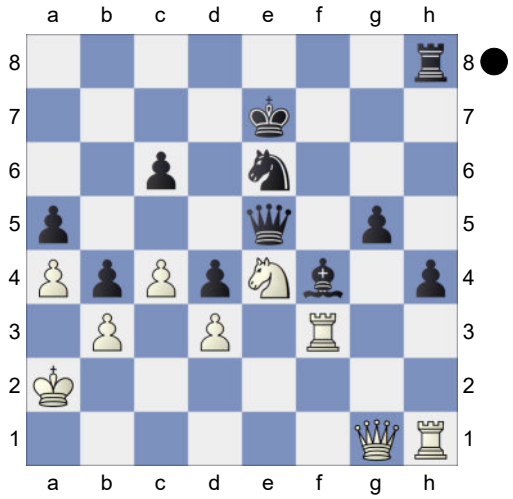
36...Bxf3± 37.Rxf3 Qc5? 3.73/26

[37...Kd8± 0.73/20 might work better.]

(Diagram)



38.Rh1? 0.00/24
[White must play 38.Rxf4!+- 3.73/26 gxf4 39.Qh4]
38...Qxe5= 39.Ne4 -1.42/18
[39.Nxh5? perishes. Qxe1 40.Rxe1 Rxh5-+]
[39.Qxe5= 0.00/24 was the only way to keep the balance. Bxe5 40.Nxh5]
39...h4∓ 40.Qg1



Qf5 Prevents Qg1-g4 **41.Nf2** Inhibits g5-g4. **41...Kd6** White is weak on the dark squares **42.Qg2 Kc7 43.Re1 Nc5** 0.00/23
[43...Rh7∓ -1.49/19 44.Rg1 Rg7]
44.Nh3!= Nh3xf4 is the strong threat. **44...Nxd3 45.Qc2** aiming for Nh3xf4. **45...Nxe1??** 5.91/20
[45...Rf8!= -0.02/19 46.Rxd3 *(46.Qxd3 Qxd3 47.Rxd3 Be3=)* 46...Be3 47.Qh2+ Kb7]
46.Qxf5+- Nxf3 47.Nxf4 gxf4 48.Qxf4+ Kb6 49.Qxf3= KQ-KR **49...h3 50.Qf6 Rh7** ...h3-h2 would now be deadly. **51.Qf5 Rh4 52.c5+** White mates. **52...Kb7 53.Qd7+ Kb8 54.Qd8+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.56
1-0

103 **B22**
□ **Ju,Wenjun** **2563**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
FIDE World Bl Team Final (2.2) 05.08.24
[Kitty Kat]*

B22: Sicilian: 2 c3 **1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 e6 6.Nf3 d6 7.Bc4 dxe5**
[7...Nb6 8.Bb3 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Qd3 a5 14.Bc2 g6 15.Rd1 Ba6 16.Qf3 Rc8 17.Bh6 Re8 18.Rac1 Bc4 19.b3 Bd5 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Bd3 Qb6 22.Rc4 0-1 Eriksen (2528)-Moen,A (2563) olm4 qual GP2 B6 corr ICCF corr 1958 (5)]
8.dxe5 b6N Recently 8...Be7 got a lot of attention. Exploring less charted territory. 8...Le7 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
[8...Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe2 a6 11.Rd1 b5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Nc3 Be6 14.Qd3 Nc6 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Qxd5 Qxd5 17.Rxd5 Rad8 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Bf4 Nb4 20.Bd2 Nd3 21.Ba5 Re8 22.a4 bxa4 23.Bc3 ½-½ Kusiak,M (1943)-

Bartlomowicz,J (1649) Lazy Baltic Pearl op-A 19th 2023 (6)]
[8...Bb4+ 9.Nbd2 Nb6 10.Bb3 *(10.Be2 Bd7 11.0-0 Bc6 12.a3 Be7 13.Qc2 N8d7 14.Ne4 Rc8 15.Qb1 Nc5 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Rd1 Nd5 19.Bd2 Qb6 20.b4 Ba4 21.Rc1 0-0 22.Bc4 Qd8 23.Qe4 Bc6 24.Qg4 h5* 1-0 Ajay,S (2184)-Mohd,T (1496) Asia-ch U20 Jamshedpur 2023 (4)*)* 10...Bd7 11.Qe2 Nc6 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Ne4 Na5 14.Bc2 Nd5 15.a3 Be7 16.Bg5 f6 17.exf6 gxf6 18.Bh6 Nc6 19.Rac1 0-0-0 20.b4 a6 21.Ba4 Kb8 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Qxa6 1-0 Ponomariov,R (2580)-Taimanov,M (2490) Cannes Generations 1998 (8)]

9.0-0
[RR 9.Bxd5 Bb4+ 10.Nc3 Qxd5 11.Qxd5 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 exd5 13.0-0 Nc6 14.Ba3 Be6 15.Rfe1 Rc8 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Rc4 18.Bb2 Kd7 19.Rac1 Rhc8 20.Rxc4 dxc4 21.Bc3 g5 22.f3 h5 23.Kf2 Bd5 Padmini,R (2354)-Maghsoodloo,P (2697) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (67)]

9...Bb7 10.Qe2 White is slightly better.

10...Nd7N 1.18/20
[Vorgänger: 10...Be7 11.Rd1 0-0 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Nd4 -0.02/20 *(13.Nc3± 0.57/18)* 13...Re8 14.f4 Nc6 White must now prevent ... Nc6xd4. 15.Be3 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qd7 0-1 Yilmaz,F (1562)-Cemhan,K (1815) TUR-chT2 Konya 2011 (4)]
[10...Bc5± 0.46/22]
[RR 10...Be7 11.Rd1 0-0 12.h3 Qc7 13.Bg5 Bxg5 14.Nxg5 h6 15.Nf3 Nf4 16.Qc2 Nxh3+ 17.gxh3 Bxf3 18.Rd6 Nd7 19.Qc3 Nxe5 20.Rd4 Rad8 21.Na3 Rxd4 22.Qxd4 Rd8 23.Qf4 Bb7 24.Re1 Nf3+ 0-1 (24) Dwilewicz,K (2198)-Saydaliev,S (2457) Chess.com INT 2025]
[RR 10...Bc5 11.Rd1 0-0 12.Bd3 Nd7 13.Ng5 g6 14.Nc3 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Qc7 16.Bf4 Rfd8 17.Qg4 Nf8 18.h4 Rd7 19.Be4 Rad8 20.Rxd7 Rxd7 21.Bxb7 Qxb7 22.Re1 h5 23.Qg3 Rd5 24.Ne4 Nd7 25.Qg5 Karthikeyan,M (2637)-Tabatabaei,M (2695) Doha 2024 1-0 (35)]

11.Bg5 0.17/19
[11.Bxd5!± 1.18/20 Bxd5 12.Nc3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3]

11...Be7= 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nbd2 0-0 14.Rac1 Rfd8 15.Rfe1 -0.78/20
[15.g3= -0.23/20]

15...h6 -0.20/25
[15...Nc5∓ -0.78/20 Hoping for ...Nd5-f4. 16.Red1 Nf4]

16.a3 Rac8 17.g3 Wards off Nd5-f4

17...Nc5 18.b4 Na4 19.Ne4 Prevents Nd5-c3. **19...b5 20.Bxd5 Bxd5 21.Nd6 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 a6 23.Nd4 f6** 1.13/20
[23...Qd7= -0.04/22 remains equal.]

24.f4? -1.05/21
[24.Nc6± 1.13/20 is forced if you want to stay better. Qc7 25.Qc2 *(25.Nxd8? too greedy. Qxc1+ 26.Qf1 Qxa3-+)* 25...Rxd6 26.exd6 Qxd6 27.Nd4]

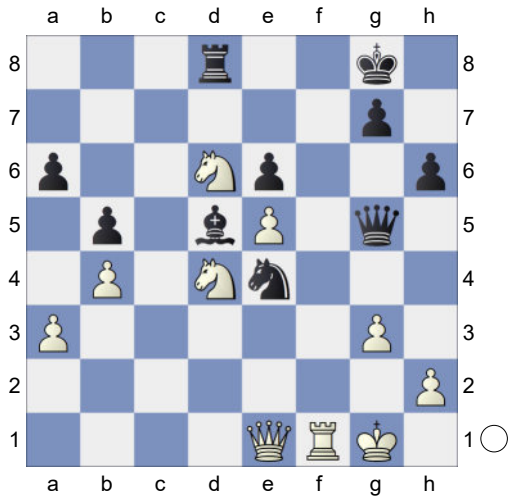
24...fxe5∓ 25.fxe5 Qg5 -0.84/24 Inhibits Qe2-e3.
[⌓25...Nb6! -1.25/22 ...Nb6-c4 would now be deadly. 26.Nc6 Qc7]

26.Rf1 And now Nd6-f7 would win.

26...Nc3 0.00/23
[Black should play 26...Rd7!∓ -1.25/20 27.Nf3 Qg4]

27.Qe1= Ne4? 1.97/25

(Diagram)

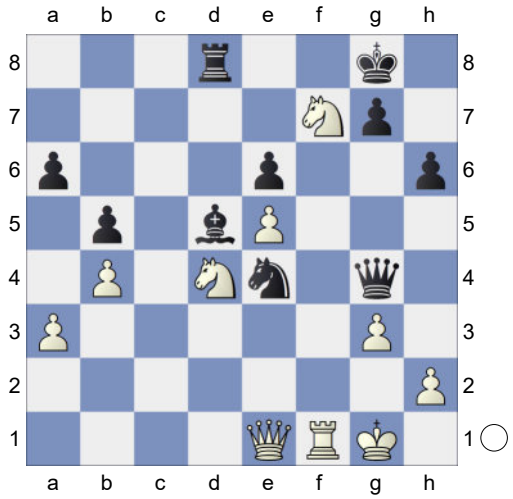


28.Nf7!+- Deflection, Double Attack. A dynamic duo of knights.

[Not 28.Nxe4 Qxe5 29.Qe3 Qxe4 *(29...Bxe4?* loses. *30.Nc6+-* Pin, Double Attack*)* 30.Qxe4 Bxe4 31.Nxe6 Re8=]

28...Qg4 2.35/20

[28...Qe7± 1.46/20 is a better defense.]



29.Nxd8?? -5.58/23

[29.Rf4!+- 2.35/20 is the narrow road to win. Qxf4 Remove Defender 30.gxf4 Kxf7 31.Qc1]

29...Ng5-+ 30.h4 Qxd4+ 31.Kh2 Nf3+ 32.Rxf3 Bxf3 33.Nxe6 -#3/25

[33.Qf1-+ -4.20/24 Qd2+ 34.Kh3]

33...Qb2+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/Black=0.58

0-1

104 **E46**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**

■ **Ju,Wenjun** **2563**

FIDE World Bl Team Final (2.1) 05.08.24

[Kitty Kat]*

E46: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4 e3 0-0 5 Ne2 without early Bd3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 d5 6.a3 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nf4 Re8 9.Bd3 c6 10.0-0 Na6**

[RR 10...Bd6 11.f3 b6 12.b4 Bb7 13.Rb1 a5 14.Nfe2 axb4 15.axb4 Na6 16.Na2 Qc7 17.h3 c5 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Nac3 Bc6 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Bb5 Ne6 22.Bd2 Bc5 23.Kh1 Bxb5 24.Nxb5 Qd7 25.Rb3 Sokolov,I (2654)-Vitiugov,N (2707) Poikovsky 2010 ½-½ (40)]

11.f3 Nc7 12.Bc2N

[12.Kh1 b6 13.g4 Ne6 14.b4 Nxf4 15.exf4 Bb7 16.Qc2 c5 17.g5 Nh5 18.Bxh7+ Kf8 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Rb1 Bc6 21.Bf5 Bd6 22.Ne2 Qe7 23.dxc5 Bxc5 24.Bg4 Qxe2 25.Qxc5+ Kg8 26.Kg1 Rac8 1-0 Korobov,A (2687)-Cheparinov,I (2667) IMSA World Masters Rapid Hengshui CHN 2019 (5.3) 27.Bxh5 Ba4 28.Qf2 1-0 Kuijf,M (2687)-Martins,D (2667) FRA-chT France 2001 (5.3)]

[12.Bd2 c5 13.Rc1 b6 14.Be1 Bd6 15.Qd2 Bxf4 16.exf4 Ne6 17.Ne2 a5 18.f5 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Bh4 Bd7 21.Qf4 Qe7 22.Rfe1 Qf8 23.Qxd4 Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 Rc8 25.Rxc8 Qxc8 26.Qxb6 Qc1

½-½ Deuer,M (2336)-Srbis,J (2451) Mitropa Cup Mati Losinj 2023 (7.18)]

12...c5 The position is equal. **13.Nce2N** -0.49/18

[13.Bb3= 0.01/20]

[RR 13.Kh1 b6 14.Nce2 Ba6 15.Ba4 Bb5 16.Bxb5 Nxb5 17.a4 Nc7 18.b3 Bf8 19.Qd3 a6 20.a5 bxa5 21.Rxa5 Ne6 22.Bd2 cxd4 23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.exd4 Qc7 25.Rc1 Qb7 26.Rca1 Rab8 27.Rxa6 Qxb3 Gut,L (2210)-Laurent Paoli,P (2565) Cannes 2025 0-1 (74)]

13...Ne6 -0.10/21

[13...b6∓ -0.49/18]

14.Nxe6= Bxe6 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.b4 Bb6 17.Nd4 Rc8 0.26/22

[Better is 17...h5∓ -0.44/22]

18.Bb2 -0.21/24

[⌓18.Nxe6! 0.26/22 fxe6 *(18...Rxe6 19.Bf5=)* 19.Re1]

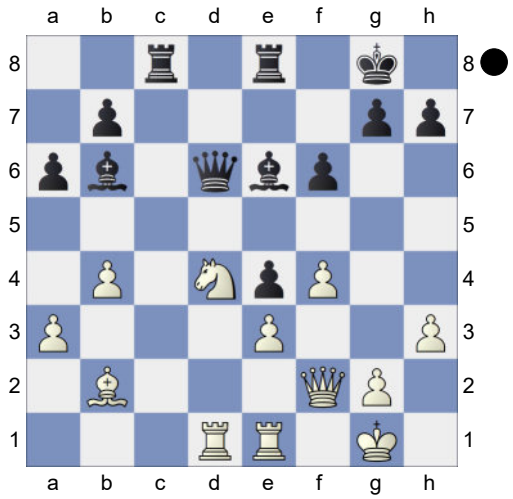
18...a6 19.Re1 Qd6 20.Qd2 Bc7 21.f4 -0.36/20 Active counter play!

[21.g4= 0.00/20]

21...Bb6∓ 22.h3 Ne4 -0.07/19

[22...Bd7∓ -0.53/20]

23.Bxe4= dxe4 24.Qf2 White is weak on the light squares **24...f6 25.Rad1**



Nd4-f5! would now be deadly. **25...Qe7 26.Rd2 Red8 27.Red1 Qf7 28.Qg3** -0.31/21

[28.Nxe6= 0.17/19 deserves consideration. Rxd2 29.Rxd2 Qxe6 30.Bd4]

28...Bxd4 29.Rxd4 Rxd4 30.Bxd4 Bb3 31.Rd2 Rc2 32.Rxc2 Bxc2 Endgame. KQB-KQB **33.f5 h6 34.Kh2 Kh7 35.Qd6 Bd3 36.a4 Qa2** 0.36/25

[36...Bf1= 0.00/31 feels stronger.]

37.Qg3 0.00/23

[37.Bxf6± 0.36/25 gxf6 38.Qe7+ *(38.Qxf6 Qg8=)* 38...Kg8 39.Qe8+ Kg7 40.Qg6+ Kf8 41.Qxf6+ Ke8 42.Qxh6]

37...Qxa4 0.78/26

[37...Qf7= 0.00/23]

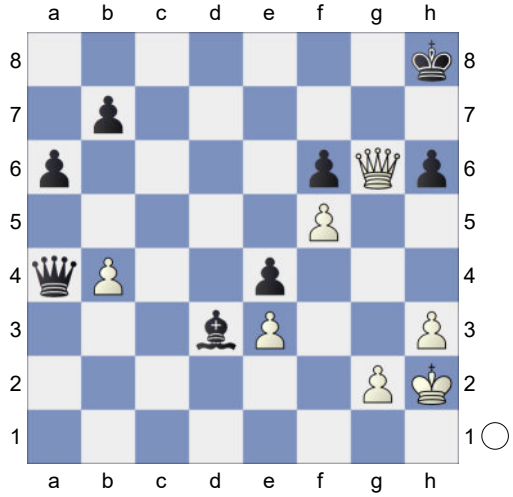
38.Bxf6±

[38.Qg6+ Kh8+-]

38...gxf6 1.38/34

[⌓38...Qd7 0.76/25]

39.Qg6+ Kh8



Threatens to win with ...Qa4-c6.

40.Qxh6+ Kg8 White must now prevent ...Qa4-c6. **41.Qg6+**

[41.Qxf6 Qxb4 42.h4 Qc4 *(42...Qf8 43.Qg6+ Qg7 44.Qe8+ Qf8 45.Qg6+ Qg7 46.Qe8+ Kh7 47.Qh5+ Qh6 48.Qf7+ Kh8 49.f6=)* 43.Qd8+ Kf7=]

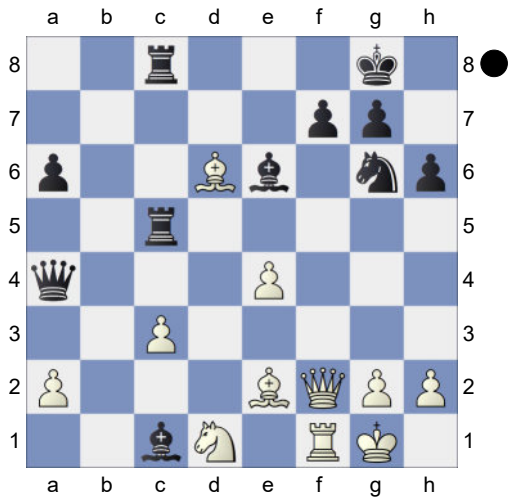
41...Kf8 Hoping for ...Qa4-c6. **42.Qxf6+ Kg8 43.Qe6+** White has strong

compensation. **43...Kf8 44.Qf6+ Kg8 45.Qe7** 0.88/22 **Qc6?** 9.84/27
[45...Qb3± 0.88/22]
46.f6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
1-0

105 **B32**
□ **Tulekenova,Aiza** **1581**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
FIDE World Bl Team Pool B blitz (1.4)
[Kitty Kat]*

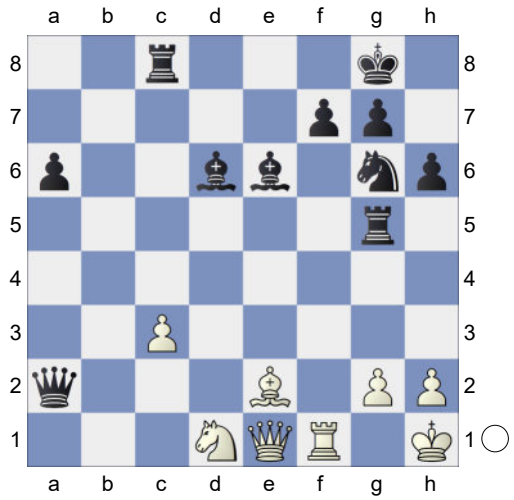
B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and Sveshnikov Variations **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 Be6 8.Nd5**
[8.Nc4 Rb8 9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.exd5 Nce7 11.g4 Nf6 12.Bg2 b5 13.Ne3 g6 14.Qf3 Bg7 15.h4 h5 16.Bd2 hxg4 17.Nxg4 Nh5 18.0-0-0 a5 19.Qa3 b4 20.Qa4+ Qd7 21.Qxd7+ Kxd7 22.Kb1 a4 Gottwald,B (2380)-Van Duyvenbode (2545) 4.Qc2 bxc4 5. e4]
8...Nf6 9.Bg5 The main line 9.Bg5 scores better than 9.Nxf6+. Die Hauptvariante 9.Lg5 punktet besser als 9.Sxf6+.
[9.Nxf6+ Qxf6 10.Nc4 Qg6 11.Nxd6+ Bxd6 12.Qxd6 Qxe4+ 13.Be3 Rd8 14.Qc5 Qb4+ 15.Qc3 0-0 16.Bd3 e4 17.Qxb4 Nxb4 18.Bxe4 Bd5 19.Bxd5 Nxc2+ 20.Ke2 Rxd5 21.Rad1 Nxe3 22.Kxe3 Re8+ 23.Kf4 Rb5 ½-½ 7.h3 e5 8.♖e1 ♖e8 (1838)-Averin,N (1578) 134 Linz 2014 (7)]
9...Bxd5N 10.Bxf6
[10.exd5 Qa5+ 11.c3 Qxd5 12.Bxf6 Qxd1+ 13.Rxd1 gxf6 13) Kalashnikov 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1-Kalashnikov 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 Ã]
10...Qa5+
[10...Qxf6 11.Qxd5 h5 12.c3±]
11.c3 Be6 12.Bg5 The position is equal. **12...h6!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
13.Be3 b5 Prevents Bf1-c4. **14.Nc2 Be7 15.f4N** -1.14/20
[Vorgänger: 15.Be2= 0.08/24 keeps the balance. 0-0 16.0-0 Qc7 17.Bg4 Bc4 18.Re1 Rad8 19.b3 Against d6-d5 Be6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Qg4 0-1 Ucha,L (1898)-Lujan,C (2360) Moron Faogba op 2018 (2)]
[RR 15.Be2 0-0 16.0-0 Qc7 17.Bg4 Bc4 18.Re1 Rad8 19.b3 Be6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Qg4 Rf6 22.a4 d5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Red1 Na5 25.b4 Nc4 26.Ra6 Nxe3 27.Nxe3 d4 28.cxd4 exd4 29.Nf1 Bxb4 Ucha,L (1898)-Lujan,C (2360) Moron 2018 0-1]
15...exf4∓
[15...Bxa2 16.Be2±]
16.Bxf4 0-0 aiming for ...b5-b4.
[16...Bxa2 17.b4 Qa4 18.Qd2+-]
17.Ne3 -2.07/19
[17.Bd3∓ -0.79/21]
17...b4-+
[17...Bxa2? 18.Nd5+-]
18.Qd2 bxc3
[18...Bxa2 19.Be2±]
19.bxc3 Ne5 -1.50/18
[Black should play 19...Bh4+-+ -1.92/20 20.g3 Bf6]
20.Be2∓ Rac8 -1.03/20 Black is more active.
[⌓20...Bf6 -1.53/19 Strongly threatening ...Ne5-f3+! 21.Rc1 Qxa2 *(21...Bxa2 22.0-0∓)* 22.Qxa2 Bxa2]
21.Rc1 -1.70/20
[21.0-0∓ -1.03/20 keeps fighting.]
21...Rc5

[21...Qxa2 22.Qxa2 Bxa2 23.0-0∓]
22.0-0 Rfc8 -0.87/20
[22...Qxa2 23.Nf5 Bf6 24.Qxa2 Bxa2 25.Bxa6]
[⌓22...Ng6 -1.25/19 White must now prevent ...Ng6xf4. 23.Bg3 Rd8 *(23...Bxa2? 24.Ra1+-)*]
23.Nd1 -1.86/20
[23.Nf5∓ -0.87/20 is a better defense. Bxf5 24.exf5]
23...Qa4
[23...Bxa2? 24.Ra1+-]
24.Qe3 -2.51/20
[24.Qc2 -1.83/16 was worth a try. Ra5 *(24...Qxa2 25.Qxa2 Bxa2 26.Bxa6∓)* 25.Qxa4 Rxa4 26.Rc2]
24...Ng6-+
[24...Qxa2 25.Bh5∓]
25.Bg3? -4.54/18
[25.Ra1 -2.42/19]
25...Bg5 Skewer, Deflection
[Stronger than 25...Bxa2 26.Ra1=]
[25...Qxa2 26.Qd3-+]
26.Qf2 Bxc1 27.Bxd6



Ba3 28.Kh1
[28.e5 Rd5]
28...Qxe4 29.Bf3 Qc4 30.Qg3 -#1/14
[30.Bxc5-+ -4.97/18 Bxc5 31.Qe1]
30...Rg5 -7.58/16
[⌓30...Qxf1# -#1/14]

31.Qe1 Bxd6 32.Be2 Qxa2



Threatens to win with ...Be6-d5. **33.Nf2 Nf4 34.Ne4 Qxe2** -15.87/22
[⌓34...Rxg2 -#10/20 35.Qd2 Qxd2 *(35...Rxe2 leads to mate. 36.Qxa2 Rxa2 37.Nf6+ Kh8 38.Ne4 Nh3 39.Rf4 Bxf4 40.Ng3 Bd5+ 41.Ne4 Bxe4#)* 36.Nxd2 Rxe2 37.Nf3 Rxc3 38.Kg1 Nh3+ 39.Kh1 Bd5 *(39...Rxf3 is a self mate. 40.Rf2 Re1+ 41.Rf1 Rfxf1+ 42.Kg2 Rf2#)* 40.Rf2 Bxf3+ Remove Defender, Overworked Piece 41.Rxf3 Rxh2#]
35.Qxe2 Nxe2 36.Nxd6 Rxc3 37.Ne4 Bd5 Weighted Error Value: White=1.11/Black=0.71
0-1

106 **B43**
□ **Jumabayev,R** **2577**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
FIDE World Rapid Team (12.8) 04.08.24
[Kitty Kat]*

B43: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 Nc3 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0 Bc5 8.Nb3 Ba7N**
[8...Be7 9.f4 d6 10.a4 Nc6 11.a5

b5 12.axb6 Qxb6+ 13.Kh1 0-0 14.Qe2 a5 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.c3 d5 18.e5 Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Bxc5 Ba6 22.c4 Rd8 23.Nd6 1-0 Carlsen,M (2646)-Van Wely,L (2655) Schagen (m/2) 96/169 2006 f5 24.exf6 Rxd6 25.Qxe4 Bb7 26.Bxd6 Qxd6 27.Rad1 Nd8 28.f7+ Kxf7 29.Qxh7 Qc6 30.Rf2 Qe4 31.f5 e5 32.Rfd2 Bc6 33.Qg6+ Ke7 34.Rd7+ 1-0 Carlsen,M (2863)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com (Internet-m/2-rapid) 2020]

9.Qf3 Nc6

[RR 9...d6 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Qg3 Ne5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qg7 Rf8 14.Qxf6 Bd7 15.h3 Qc6 16.Kh1 Bb6 17.f4 Bd8 18.Qh6 Ng6 19.f5 Ne5 20.fxe6 Bxe6 21.Nd4 Qd7 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qxh7 Ba5 24.Nd5 Guillemette,H (2002)-Coe,W (2078) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (39)]

10.Bf4 d6! 11.Bg5!? -0.12/20 A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

[11.Be2 0.25/19 was preferrable.]

[RR 11.Be2 Ne5 12.Qg3 0-0 13.Bg5 Nfd7 14.Rad1 f6 15.Bh6 Rf7 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Nb6 18.Qd4 Nec4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 20.Nd2 Ne5 21.a4 Nc6 22.Qe3 Nb4 23.Nb3 Bd7 24.Rd2 e5 25.Nc1 Be6 Ponomariov,R (2673)-Neverov,V (2562) Ohrid 2001 ½-½ (37)]

11...Qe7N

[Vorgänger: 11...Ne5 12.Qg3 Bd7 13.Kh1 0-0-0 14.f4 Ng6 15.f5! Ne5 16.Ne2 -0.81/17 *(16.Be2=* -0.20/19 *)* 16...h6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 ½-½ Frank,A (2327)-Haring,F (2429) Mitropa Cup Corte 2022 (4.4)]

[RR 11...Ne5 12.Qg3 Bd7 13.Kh1 0-0-0 14.f4 Ng6 15.f5 Ne5 16.Ne2 h6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Rhe8 19.fxe6 Bxe6 20.Nbd4 Kb8 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Rae1 d5 23.Nf4 dxe4 24.Bxe4 Nc4 25.Qc1 Nxe4 26.Rxe4 Frank,A (2327)-Haring,F (2429) Corte 2022 ½-½ (32)]

12.Rad1 Black should prevent Bd3xa6!

12...h6 13.Be3 0-0 14.Bxa7 Rxa7 15.a4 Ra8 16.Qg3 e5 17.Bc4 -0.36/20

[17.Nd5= 0.10/22 Nxd5 18.exd5]

17...Nb4∓ 18.Rd2 Qc7 19.Be2 Be6 20.f4 Kh7

[20...Nxc2!? 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.Rxf6 Bxb3= *(22...Qb6+ 23.Rf2±)*]

21.Nc1

[21.fxe5 looks sharper. dxe5 22.Rxf6 gxf6 23.Nd5]

21...Rad8 22.Kh1 Rfe8 23.Bf3 Nc6 24.f5 Bc4 25.Rfd1 b5 0.38/21

[25...Qa5!∓ -0.70/20]

26.b3± b4 0.98/24

[26...Qa5!± 0.36/24 27.Nb1 *(27.Rxd6? Qxc3 28.bxc4 Rxd6-+)* 27...d5 *(27...Qb4? 28.c3±)* 28.bxc4 *(28.exd5 e4=)* 28...dxc4]

27.N3a2± d5 28.exd5

[28.bxc4?! dxc4 29.Rd5 a5 30.Rxd8 Rxd8=]

28...Ne7 2.47/23

[28...Na5± 1.15/19]

29.bxc4+-

[29.d6?! Rxd6 30.Rxd6 Nxf5]

29...Nxf5 30.Qh3 Ne3 31.Re1 1.02/19

[31.Be2+- 2.74/19 is more deadly. Nxd1 32.Rxd1]

31...Nxc4± 32.Rde2 Nd6 2.03/20

[32...a5± 0.83/17 keeps fighting.]

33.Nxb4+-

[33.Rxe5?! Rxe5 34.Rxe5 Qxc2±]

33...e4

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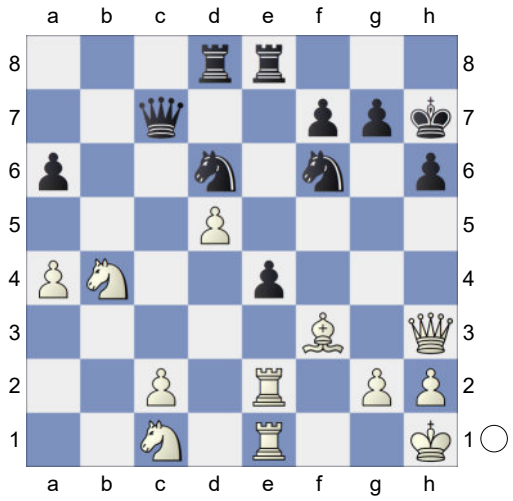
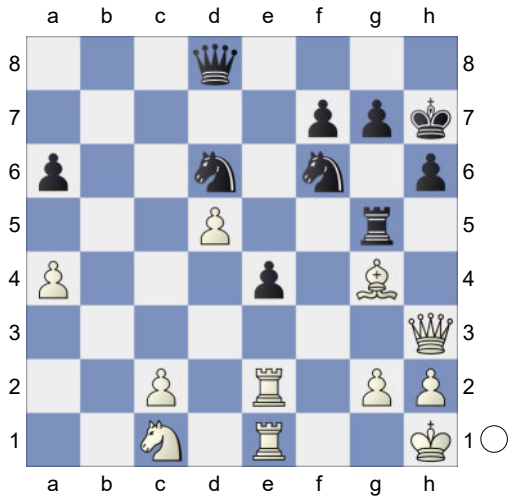


34.Bg4
[34.Nxa6? Qb6 35.Bg4 Qxa6-+]
34...Re5 35.Nc6
[35.Nxa6 Qc4 36.Nd3 Rg5∓
(36...exd3 37.Qxd3+ Qxd3 38.cxd3±)]
35...Rg5 36.Nxd8 Qxd8



37.Bf3 Rxd5
[37...exf3 38.Qxf3]

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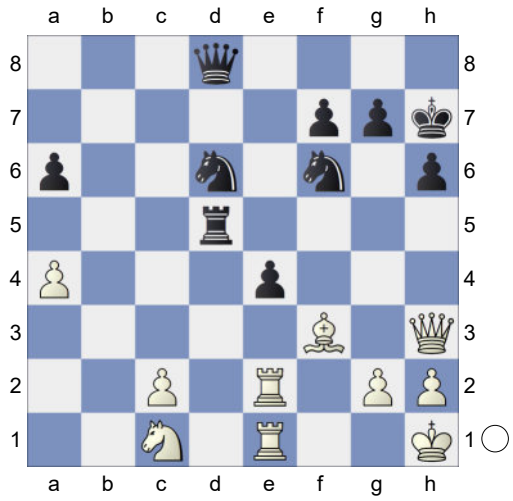
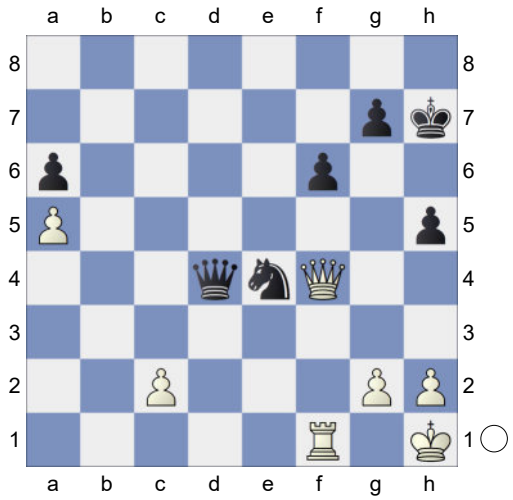
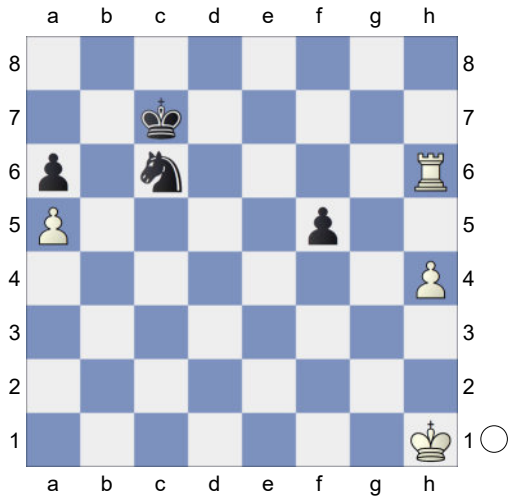


38.Nb3! Dodges Qd8-a5 **38...exf3**
39.Qxf3 Qc7 40.Qg3 1.13/20
[40.Nd2+- 2.09/18]
40...Qc4± 41.Qf3 0.56/19
[White should play 41.a5± 1.12/22]
41...Nf5? 2.83/21
[41...Qxa4± 0.56/19 42.Nd2 Qxc2]
42.Rd2+- Threatens to win with Rd2xd5.
42...Qb4 43.Rf1 Nh4 2.83/20
[⌓43...Re5 1.74/20 44.Qd3 g6]
44.Qe2 aiming for Rd2xd5. **44...Rxd2**
45.Qxd2 Qb7 46.Nd4 Ne4? 4.00/19
[46...Ng4 2.49/20 47.Re1 Qd5]
47.Qf4 Qd5 48.Qxh4
[48.Qxf7? Ng3+ 49.hxg3 Qxg2#]
48...Qxd4 Endgame. KQR-KQN **49.Qf4**
[49.Rxf7? gets mated. Qd1+
(49...Qxa4? too greedy. perishes. 50.Qf4+-; 49...Qxa4? perishes. 50.Qf4+-)]
49...f6 50.a5 h5 5.65/20
[⌓50...Kg8 3.74/19 51.c3 Qd3]

(Diagram)



51.c3! Qd3 52.Qf3 Qd5 53.Qf5+ Qxf5 54.Rxf5 KR-KN **54...g5 55.Rd5 Kg6 56.c4 Kf7 57.Rd4 f5 58.Rd7+ Ke6 59.Rh7 h4 60.Rh6+ Nf6 61.c5 Ke5 62.c6 Nd5 63.Rh5** Deflection **63...g4 64.Rxh4 Kd6 65.Rh6+ Kc7 66.h4 gxh3 67.gxh3 Nb4 68.h4 Nxc6**



69.Rxc6+! Kxc6 70.h5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.35

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107 **D35**

□ **Gareev,T** **2541**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**

FIDE World Rapid Team (8.14) 03.08.24

[Kitty Kat]*

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 Nb6

[6...c6 7.Qc2 Be7 8.h3 Nf8 9.e3 Ng6 10.Bh2 Bd6 11.Ne5 Qe7 12.f4 0-0 13.Bd3 c5 14.0-0 a6 15.g4 c4 16.Be2 Bb4 17.f5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Ne4 20.Qd4 b5 21.Bf3 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: '½-½ 7. ♗b3 b5 8.a4_59011 (2596)-Gheng,J (2535) Cap d'Agde-A rapid 2003 (4)' □-□ 7.♗b3 b5 8.a4_59011 (2596)-Gheng,J (2535) Cap d'Agde-A rapid 2003 (4)]

7.Qc2 c6

[7...g6 8.e3 Bf5 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c6 11.0-0 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kasparov,G (2760)-Eingorn,V (2560) USSR (ch) 46/(526) 1988' Kasparov,G (2760)-Eingorn,V (2560) USSR (ch) 46/(526) 1988]

8.e3 Nh5N GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: 'N' Kitty Kat: 'Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. " Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[8...Bg4 9.Ne5 Bh5 10.Bd3 Bg6 *(10...Be7 11.Bg5 Bg6 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.0-0 Nfd7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.a4 a5 17.e4 dxe4 18.Qxe4+ Kf8 19.Rfe1 Rd8 20.Qf4 Rh5 21.Re4 Nd5 22.Qf3 Qd6 23.h3 Rf5 24.Qe2 Nf6 25.Rh4* GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Shabalov,A (2590)-Kamsky,G (2645) (ch) United States 1993' Shabalov,A (2590)-Kamsky,G

(2645) (ch) United States 1993) 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Ne2 0-0 13.Ng3 Re8 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.Bxf5 Nc4 16.Nxc4 Bxf4 17.exf4 dxc4 18.Qxc4 Qd5 19.Qxd5 Nxd5 20.g3 Re2 21.Rab1 Rd8 22.Rfd1 Nc7 23.Kf1 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Tregubov,P (2560)-Nadyrhanov,S (2480) 73/(459) Krasnodar 1998'Tregubov,P (2560)-Nadyrhanov,S (2480) 73/(459) Krasnodar 1998 Re7 24.Re1 Nd5 25.Rbd1 Kf8 26.h4 h6 27.Rxe7 Kxe7 28.Bc2 Nc7 29.Ke2 Rd5 30.Bb3 Rb5 31.Kf3 f6 32.g4 a5 33.Rd2 Kd6 34.Bc4 Rb4 35.Bf7 Nd5 36.Ke4 Rb5 37.a4 Rb3 38.Bxd5 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: '10.♘f3 b5 11. ♗f6 (2560)-Ordonez,F (2480) Bucuresti 11/236 1971' 10.♘f3 b5 11. ♗f6 (2560)-Ordonez,F (2480) Bucuresti 11/236 1971]

[RR 8...Bg4 9.Bd3 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Bd6 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bh4 g6 13.0-0-0 Rc8 14.Kb1 a6 15.f4 c5 16.dxc5 Rxc5 17.f5 Nfd7 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.h4 Nf6 20.Qb3 Qc7 21.e4 dxe4 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Dreev,A (2676)-Sokolov,I (2611) Neum 2000 0-1 (39)]

9.0-0-0N -0.30/21 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: 'N''

[Vorgänger: 9.Be5± 0.36/23 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: '±'' f6 10.Bg3 Be6 11.Bd3 g6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qd7 14.Nd2 0-0-0 15.0-0-0 Nxg3 16.hxg3 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: '0-1 Sturua,Z (2548)-Kryvoruchko,Y (2691) EU-ch 17th Gjakova 2016 (7)'0-1 Sturua,Z (2548)-Kryvoruchko,Y (2691) EU-ch 17th Gjakova 2016 (7)]

[RR 9.Be5 f6 10.Bg3 Be6 11.Bd3 g6 12.0-0-0 Qd7 13.Kb1 0-0-0 14.Na4 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Bf7 16.Nc5 Qc7 17.Rh4 Nd7 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Rdh1 Be8 20.g4 Qe7 21.Ng1 Qg7 22.Ne2 Bd6 23.g3 Kb8 Almeida Quintana,O (2494)-Schnaider,I (2409) Madrid 2025 ½-½ (41)]

[RR 9.Be5 f6 10.Bg3 Be6 11.Bd3 g6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qd7 14.Nd2 0-0-0 15.0-0-0 Nxg3 16.hxg3 h5 17.Nb3 Qg7 18.Bf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5+ Kb8 20.Rh3 Nc4 21.Rdh1 Nd6 22.Qc2 Qf7 23.Nc5 f5 Sturua,Z (2548)-Kryvoruchko,Y (2691) Gjakova 2016 0-1 (47)]

9...g6 0.17/21 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: '!?' '!?'

[⌓9...Nxf4 -0.30/21 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: '!' '!' GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: ' ⌓'' 10.exf4 Qf6 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: '!' '!' 11.Re1+ Be7 12.g3 Be6 13.Bd3 g6 14.h4 0-0-0↑]

10.Be5 -0.19/25

[⌓10.Bg5 0.17/21 f6 11.Bh4]

10...f6 11.Bg3 Be7 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Kb1 Rf7 14.Rde1 a5 15.Nd2 Be6 16.f4 -0.50/21

[16.f3= -0.08/19]

16...Ng7 -0.08/22

[16...f5∓ -0.50/21 feels stronger.]

17.Bf2= GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: '='' **17...Nc4 18.Rhg1** -0.64/21

[Better is 18.Nxc4!= -0.08/20 dxc4 19.Be2]

18...b5∓ Black is more active. GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: ' ∓' Kitty Kat: 'Black is more active.'' **19.g4 f5 20.gxf5 Bxf5** -0.41/21 **21.Bxf5** -0.80/24

[21.Nf3!∓ -0.41/21]

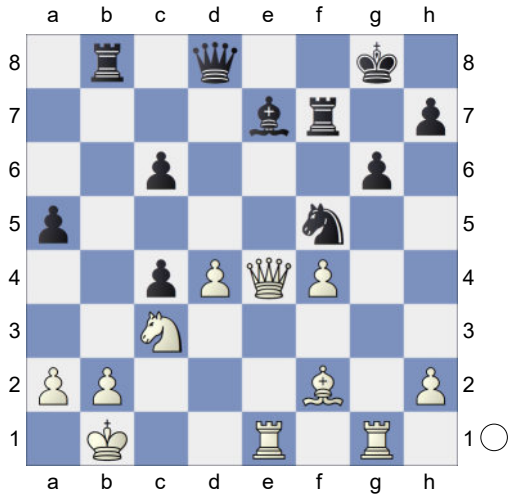
21...Nxf5 -0.06/18

[21...Nxd2+∓ -0.80/24 22.Qxd2 Nxf5]

22.Nxc4

[22.e4 Nxd2+ 23.Qxd2 dxe4 24.Rxe4 Bf8∓]

22...bxc4 23.e4 dxe4 24.Qxe4 Rb8



Strongly threatening ...Be7-a3. GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: '[#] Strongly threatening ...Be7-a3.'' **25.Qxc6 Ba3 26.Nb5**

[26.Qxc4? Rxb2+ 27.Ka1 Rxf2-+]

26...Bxb2 27.Kxb2 Black must now prevent Kb2-a1. GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: 'Black must now prevent Kb2-a1.'' **27...Nxd4 28.Bxd4**

[28.Qxc4? Nxb5 *(28...Rxb5+? 29.Ka1-+)* 29.Ka1 Na3-+]

28...Qxd4+ 29.Kc2 Qd3+? 1.59/21 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: '?''

[29...Qf2+!= 0.00/20 30.Kc3 Qxa2]

30.Kc1± GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: '±'' **30...c3** 2.21/29

[30...Qf5± 1.43/22 was worth a try.]

31.Nxc3+- Re1-e8+ would now be deadly. GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: '+-' Kitty Kat: 'Re1-e8+ would now be deadly.'' **31...Rd7** 3.06/21

[⌓31...Rxf4 2.17/19 32.Qe6+ Rf7]

32.Rg2 Rd6 33.Re8+? 0.04/20 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: '?''

[33.Qc5+- 3.16/20]

33...Kf7⇄ Black has counterplay GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: '⇄' Kitty Kat: 'Black has counterplay'' **34.Qc7+**

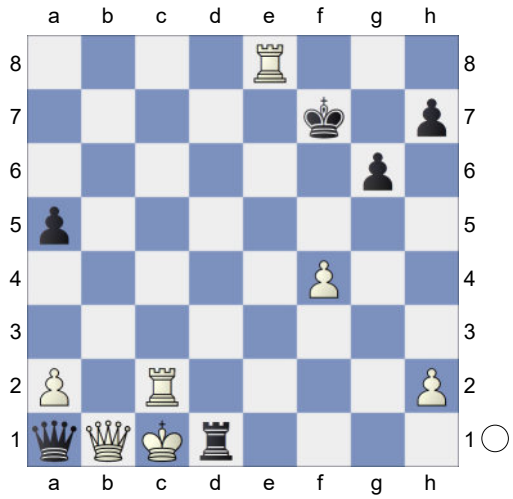
[34.Rxb8? loses. Rxc6 35.Rb7+ Kf6-+]

34...Rd7! Chess con chili. GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: 'Chess con chili.'' **35.Qxb8** -6.14/21 Now White is beyond hope. GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: 'Now White is beyond hope.''

[35.Qxd7+= 0.11/18 Qxd7 36.Rxb8]

35...Qxc3+-+ Black is clearly winning. GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: '-+' Kitty Kat: 'Black is clearly winning.''

36.Rc2 Qa1+ 37.Qb1 Rd1+!



Skewer, Deflection GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: '[#] Skewer, Deflection'' **38.Kxd1 Qxb1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.20 (precise) GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Kitty Kat: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.20 (precise)''

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108 **D10**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
■ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2696**
FIDE World Rapid Team (6.8) 03.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

D10: Slav Defence: 3 cxd5 (without early Nf3) and 3 Nc3 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.f3 h5**
[RR 5...h6 6.g4 Bh7 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 e6 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Bd2 a6 12.h4 b5 13.Kf2 Bd6 14.g5 Nh5 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Be7 17.a4 Ne5 18.Qb3 Nc4 19.Bb4 f5 20.Bxe7 Carlsen,M (2830)-Firouzja,A (2763) Toronto 2023 1-0 (51)]
[RR 5...e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h6 8.Nge2 Bd6 9.Nf4 Bxf4 10.exf4 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nbd7 12.Qe2 Qe7 13.Bd2 Nb6 14.Bb3 Nfd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Rc1 0-0-0 17.a3 Bh7 18.Kf2 Qf6 19.Qe5 Qxe5 20.dxe5 Maghsoodloo,P (2706)-Schnaider,I (2388) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (82)]
6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 dxc4N
[7...e6 8.Nge2 dxc4 9.Qxc4 a6 *(9...Nbd7 10.e4 Rc8 11.a4 Qa5 12.Bd2 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rab1 e5 15.b4 Qc7 16.Be3 Rfd8 17.Rfd1 exd4 18.Nxd4 Ne5 19.Qe2 Ng6 20.Nf5 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1 Bf8 22.a5 b6 23.axb6 axb6 24.b5* 1-0 Maghsoodloo,P (2701)-Harikrishna,P (2720) 44th Olympiad 2022 (10.4)*; 9...b5 10.Qd3 Nbd7 11.e4 Be7* #1 26) Slow Slav 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3-Slow Slav 3.Nc3 − 5.f3 *)* 10.0-0 b5 11.Qd3 Nbd7 The Meran Attempt-Meran Attempt - 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 Lifetime Repertoires: Classical Slav 2023]
[RR 7...e6 8.Nge2 Nbd7 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.e4 dxe4 11.fxe4 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Qb5+ Ned7 14.Bg5 Qb6 15.e5 Qxb5 16.Nxb5 Nd5 17.Nec3 N7b6 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.0-0-0 a6 20.Rxd5 axb5 21.Rxb5 Rxa2 22.Kb1 Chen,Y (2237)-Kuznecova,M (2279) Durres 2025 1-0]
[RR 7...e6 8.Nge2 dxc4 9.Qxc4 Nbd7 10.e4 Rc8 11.a4 Qa5 12.Bd2 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rab1 e5 15.b4 Qc7 16.Be3 Rfd8 17.Rfd1 exd4 18.Nxd4 Ne5 19.Qe2 Ng6 20.Nf5 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1 Bf8 22.a5 Maghsoodloo,P (2701)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Chennai 2022 1-0 (60)]
8.Qxc4 The position is equal. **8...b5 9.Qb3 e6 10.Nge2 Be7** 0.27/24
[⌓10...a6 -0.10/22]
11.e4 Nbd7 12.e5 Ng8 13.0-0 Nh6 14.Bxh6 Rxh6 15.f4 f4-f5 is the strong threat. **15...g6 16.a4 a6 17.a5** Wards off Nd7-b6 **17...Kf8 18.Ne4 Kg7 19.Qc3** White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **19...Rc8 20.b4 h4 21.h3 Qf8 22.Nc5 Nxc5 23.dxc5 Rd8 24.Rad1 Rd5 25.Qf3 Rh5** 1.85/22
[25...Qe8± 1.44/23 was necessary. 26.Rxd5 cxd5]
26.Nc3+- Rf5
[26...Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Qc8 28.Qd3+- *(28.Ne4 Rh8±)*]
27.Ne4 g5 2.32/20
[⌓27...Rh5 1.86/21 28.Rxd5 Remove Defender cxd5]

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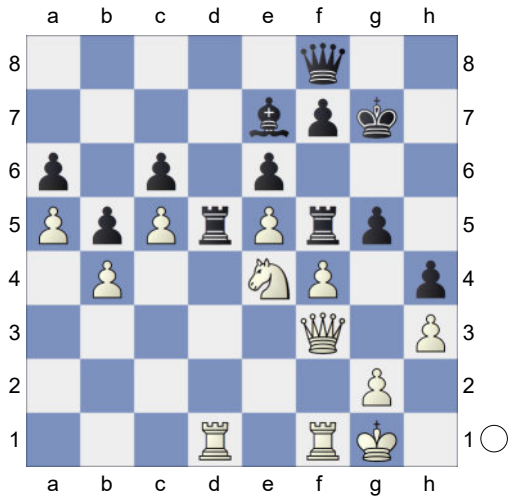
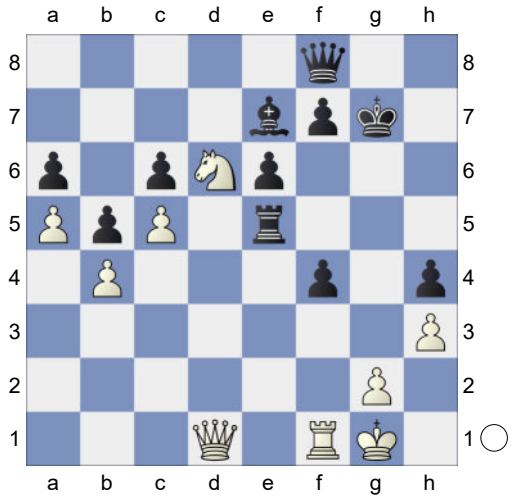


28.Qg4 0.87/24
[28.Rxd5 cxd5 29.Nxg5 Bxg5±]
[28.g3!+- 2.32/20 and White stays clearly on top.]
28...Rxd1± 29.Qxd1 Black must now prevent Qd1-g4. **29...gxf4?** 2.99/22 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[29...Kg8± 1.33/21 was worth a try.]
30.Nd6+- Rxe5



31.Qd4! Dodges f7-f5 **31...f6 32.Rxf4** And now Rf4-g4+ would win. **32...Rg5** 2.93/23
[⌓32...Rh5 1.99/19 33.Rg4+ *(33.Rxh4 Rxh4 34.Qxh4 Bxd6=)* 33...Kh7]
33.Rxh4 Rg6? 5.40/21
[33...Qg8 3.03/20 34.Qe4 f5 35.Qxc6 Kg6]
34.Rg4 White is clearly winning.
34...Bxd6 35.cxd6
[35.Qxd6 Rxg4 36.Qxf8+ Kxf8=]
35...Rxg4 36.Qxg4+ Endgame. KQ-KQ
36...Kf7 37.Qh5+ Kg7 38.Qc5 Qh8 39.Qa7+ Kg6 40.d7 Qd8 41.Qb7
[41.Qxa6 Qxd7 42.Qb6 Qd1+ 43.Kf2 *(43.Kh2 Qd6+ 44.Kh1 Qxb4=)* 43...Qd2+ 44.Kf3 Qd5+ 45.Kf2 Qd2+ 46.Kf3 Qd5+ 47.Kg3 Qg5+ 48.Kf3 Qd5+=]
41...Kf7 42.h4 Ke7 43.h5
[Less strong is 43.Qxc6 Qxd7 44.Qxd7+ *(44.Qxa6 Qd4+ 45.Kf1 Qc4+ 46.Kg1 Qd4+ 47.Kf1 Qd1+ 48.Kf2 Qd2+ 49.Kf3 Qc3+ 50.Kf2 Qb2+ 51.Kf3 Qc3+ 52.Ke2 Qc2+ 53.Ke3 Qc1+ 54.Kf2 Qd2+ 55.Kg3 Qe1+ 56.Kf3 Qf1+ 57.Kg3 Qe1+ 58.Kh3 Qh1+ 59.Kg3 Qe1+=)* 44...Kxd7±]
43...c5 44.bxc5
[Stronger than 44.Qxa6 Qxd7 45.Kh2 cxb4=]
44...b4 45.c6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.38
[Weaker is 45.Qxa6 Qxd7 46.Kh2 b3±]
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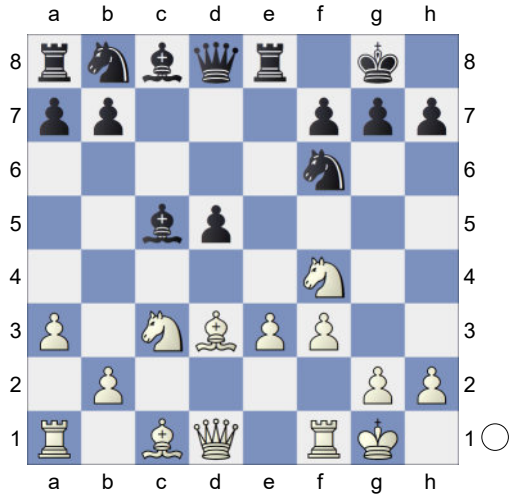
109 **E46**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2767**
FIDE World Rapid Team (5.2) 03.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

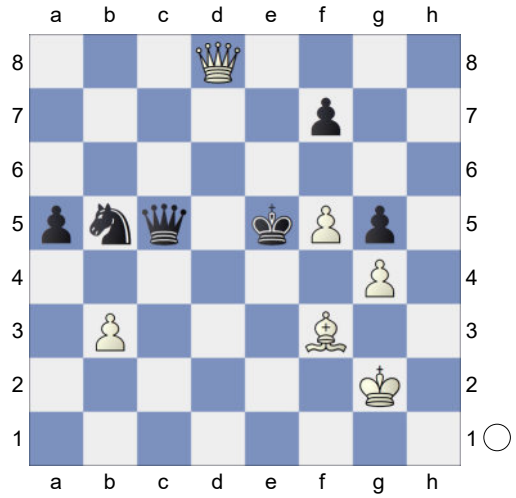
E46: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4 e3 0-0 5 Ne2 without early Bd3 Ivkov,B: '3/401 '
1.d4 ChessBase II **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 d5 6.a3 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nf4 Re8 9.Bd3**

Bd6 10.0-0 c6
[RR 10...Bxf4 11.exf4 Nc6 12.Be3 Ne7 13.Qc2 g6 14.f3 Bf5 15.g4 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Kg7 17.Rae1 Qd7 18.Bf2 h5 19.h3 c6 20.Ne2 hxg4 21.hxg4 Nfg8 22.Bh4 f5 23.Ng3 Rf8 24.Re5 Rf7 25.Qe2 Caruana,F (2811)-So,W (2792) Wijk aan Zee 2018 CBM 183 [ChessBase II] ½-½ (48)]
11.f3 c5N 0.71/20
[11...b6= 0.02/19 12.b4 Bb7 13.Rb1 a5 14.Nfe2 axb4 15.axb4 Na6 16.Na2 Qc7 17.h3 c5 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Nac3 Bc6 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Bb5 Ne6 22.Bd2 Bc5 23.Kh1 Bxb5 24.Nxb5 Qd7 25.Rb3 Rab8 26.Qb1 Rb6 1-0 Vitiugov,N (2707)-Karjakin,S (2739) Poikovsky Karpov 11th 2010 (5)]
[11...Qc7 12.h3 Nbd7 13.b4 Nf8 14.g4 Bxf4 15.exf4 a5 16.b5 Ne6 17.Ne2 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Nd4 Ne6 20.Ne2 Bd7 21.f5 Nd4 22.Rf2 Nxe2+ 23.Bxe2 Qc5 24.a4 Re7 25.Ba3 Qe3 26.Bxe7 1-0 Rubinstein,A - Saemisch,F Moscow International-01 1925 (2)]
[11...Bxf4 12.exf4 b6 13.b4 Ba6 14.b5 cxb5 15.f5 Nc6 16.a4 Bc8 17.axb5 Nxd4 18.g4 Qc7 19.Bd2 Bd7 20.Kg2 Qc5 21.Qb1 h6 22.Qb2 Nxf3 23.Rxf3 Nxg4 24.Ne2 Ne3+ 25.Bxe3 Rxe3 26.Rc1 1-0 Salazar,P (2528)-MacFarland,J (2410) (m/10) Moskau 1948 (9)]
[RR 11...Qc7 12.Kh1 a5 13.Qd2 Bxf4 14.exf4 b6 15.g4 Ba6 16.Bxa6 Nxa6 17.f5 Nd7 18.Ne2 c5 19.Nf4 cxd4 20.Qxd4 Nac5 21.Rb1 Nb3 22.Qc3 Qxc3 23.bxc3 Nxc1 24.Rfxc1 Rac8 25.Nxd5 Rc6 26.Kg2 Ipatov,A (2635)-Hayrapetyan,H (2458) Al Ain 2013 ½-½ (51)]
[RR 11...b6 12.Kh1 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.Qd3 Nc7 15.e4 Bxf4 16.Bxf4 Ne6 17.Be5 dxe4 18.fxe4 Ng4 19.Qf3 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qe7 21.Rad1 Nf8 22.Qf5 g6 23.Qf6 Rac8 24.Rd6 Nd7 25.Qxe7 Rxe7 26.e6 Gaal,Z (2404)-Allahverdiyeva,A (2284) Petrovac 2025 0-1 (53)]
[RR 11...Qc7 12.Qd2 g5 13.Nfe2 Bxh2+ 14.Kh1 Nh5 15.e4 Bf4 16.Qc2 Qd6 17.g4 Bxc1 18.Qxc1 Nf4 19.Nxf4 Qxf4 20.Qxf4 gxf4 21.exd5 Rd8 22.Be4 cxd5 23.Nxd5 Nc6 24.Rad1 Kg7 25.Nxf4 Nxd4 26.Nh5+ Sharapov,S (2265)-Bellia,F (2393) Forni di Sopra 2014 ½-½ (70)]
12.dxc5± White is more active.
12...Bxc5



13.Ncxd5! White is better. **13...Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Be6! 15.Nf4 Qb6 16.Nxe6 Rxe6 17.Bc4** 0.08/25
[17.Kh1± 0.85/23]
17...Re7 18.Kh1 Hoping for b2-b4. **18...Bxe3 19.Bxe3 Rxe3 20.Qd5** Prevents Nb8-c6. **20...Qc7 21.Rae1 Rxe1 22.Rxe1 Nc6** Black is weak on the light squares **23.Qe4** White wants to mate with Qe4-e8+! **23...g6 24.Rd1 Rd8 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8=** Endgame. KQB-

KQN **26.Qd5 Qf6 27.Qd2 b6 28.f4 h5 29.g3 Nd4 30.Bd5** Inhibits Qf6-c6. **30...Nf5 31.Be4 Nd6 32.Bd5 h4 33.Kg2 Qf5 34.Kf3 hxg3 35.hxg3 Qh3 36.Qg2** -0.68/25 Repels Qh3-h1
[36.Qd3!= -0.04/19 Nf5 37.Kf2]
36...Qh8 -0.07/23
[Black should play 36...Qh5+∓ -0.68/25 37.Kf2 Qd1]
37.g4 Qd4 38.Kg3 a5 39.b3 Nb5 40.a4 Nc3 41.Bf3 -0.45/24
[41.Bxf7+= 0.00/25 is more appropriate. Kxf7 42.Qb7+ Kf8 43.Qb8+ Ke7 44.Qc7+ Ke6 45.Qc6+ Ke7 46.Qc7+ Ke6 47.Qc6+ Ke7 48.Qc7+]
41...Qe3 -0.08/18
[41...Qd3!∓ -0.45/24]
42.Qc2 Kf8 43.f5 -0.84/23
[43.Kg2!= -0.01/24 remains equal.]
43...g5 0.00/36
[Black should try 43...gxf5∓ -0.84/23 And now ...Nc3-e4+ would win. 44.gxf5 Kg7]
44.Kg2 Ke7 45.Qb2 Qd4 46.Qa3+ Qc5
[46...Kf6 keeps more tension. 47.Qf8 Qd2+ 48.Kg3 Qe3]
47.Qc1 Kf6 48.Qd2 b5? 27.17/20
[48...Ke5= 0.14/22]
49.Qd8++- Skewer. White is clearly winning. **49...Ke5 50.axb5** 5.35/22
[50.Qxg5 bxa4 51.Qg7+ f6 52.bxa4 Ne4 53.Bxe4 Remove Defender Kxe4±]
[50.Qxa5 Kf4±]
[⌓50.Qh8+ 14.53/21 f6 51.Qh2+ Kd4 52.Qg1+ Skewer, Deflection Kd3 53.Qxc5 bxa4 54.bxa4 *(54.Qxa5 Nb1 55.Qb5+ Kc3 56.Qc4+ Kb2 57.bxa4 Nd2 58.Qd4+ Kc2)* 54...Kd2 55.Qc4 *(55.Qxa5 Kd3 56.Qb4 Kc2 57.Be4+ Nxe4 58.Qxe4+ Kc3 59.a5 Kd2)*]
50...Nxb5



51.Qh8+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
[And not 51.Qxa5 Qc2+ 52.Kg3 Qxb3=]
[Not 51.Qxg5 Nd4 52.Qe3+ Kd6±]
1-0

110 **C47**
□ **Wei,Yi** **2762**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
FIDE World Rapid Team (4.8) 02.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

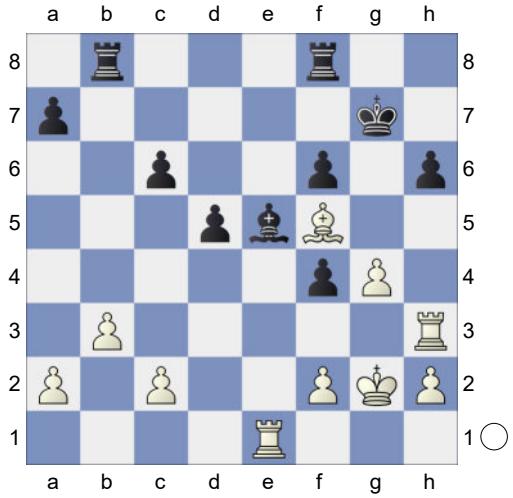
C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four Knights with 4 g3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bg5 c6 11.Qf3 Bd6** 11...h6 is setting a new trend. 11...h6 setzt einen neuen Trend. **12.Rae1 Rb8 13.Nd1 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Qxf6 gxf6 16.b3 f5 17.Ne3! f4 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Bxf5 Kg7 20.g4N**
[20.g3
A) 20...Kf6 21.Bd3 *(21.Bd7 Rb6 22.Re8 Rxe8 23.Bxe8 Bb4*

24.Bd7 Ke5 25.Rd1 fxg3 26.fxg3 c5 27.Be8 f5 28.Bf7 d4 29.Rf1 Bd2 30.Kg2 Rf6 31.Bc4 f4 32.Bd3 fxg3 ½-½ Blagojevic,T (2266)-Atalik,E (2406) EU-Cup (Women) 26th Mayrhofen 2022 (1. 2) *)* 21...Rfe8 22.Kg2 a5 23.a4 Bb4 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.gxf4 Re1 26.Rxe1 Bxe1 ½-½ Stevic,H (2531)-Ragger,M (2601) Bundesliga 2425 Germany 2024 (1. 1);

B) 20...h5 21.Kg2 Kf6 22.Bd3 Rh8 23.Kf3 fxg3 24.hxg3 h4 25.Rh1 hxg3 26.fxg3 Rxh1 27.Rxh1 Re8 28.Rh6+ Ke7 29.Bf5 a5 30.a4 Rb8 ½-½ Ambartsumova,K (2386)-Kogan,A (2476) San Cristobal de La Laguna op 4th 2022 (9)]

20...Kf6N

[Vorgänger: 20...Bb4 21.Rd1 Kf6 22.Kg2 Bc3 0.80/22 *(22...h5=* 0.28/21 keeps the balance.*)* 23.Rd3 Be5 24.Rh3! Kg7 25.Re1 f6



26.g5 0.26/21 *(26.Rh5!±* 0.76/20 *)* 26...Rh8 27.gxh6+ Rxh6 28.Rxh6 Kxh6 ½-½ Wang,Y (2234)-Guo,Q (2362) CHN-chT Div-A Fuling 2024 (6. 5)]

21.Kg2 Rfe8 22.Kf3 Rxe1 23.Rxe1= Endgame. KRB-KRB **23...Rd8 24.Bd3 a5 25.h4 Rb8 26.Bf5 Rd8N 27.Bd3 Rb8 28.Rg1 Rg8 29.Ba6 Ke6 30.Re1+ Be5 31.c4 f6 32.Bb7 dxc4 33.Ba6 Ra8** 1.25/21

[Black should try 33...Re8± 0.40/25]

34.Bxc4+± Kd6 35.Ke4 Threatens to win with g4-g5! White is more active. **35...a4** 2.58/21

[35...Bc3± 1.57/17 36.Rd1+ Kc5 37.Kxf4 Re8]

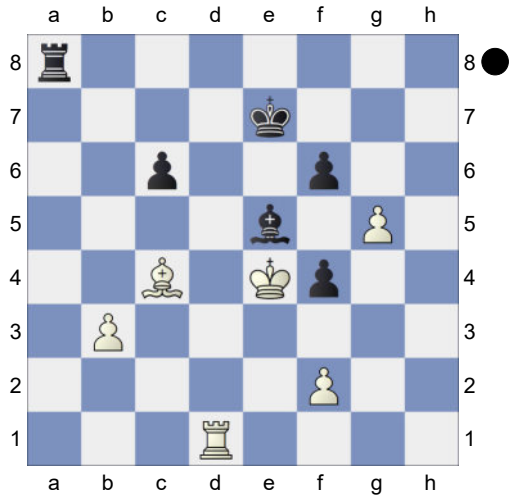
36.g5 axb3 2.90/23

[36...hxg5 1.82/18 was worth a try. 37.hxg5 Bb2]

37.axb3? 0.14/18

[37.Bxb3+- 2.90/23 g5-g6 is the strong threat. hxg5 38.Rd1+ Ke7 39.hxg5]

37...hxg5= The position is equal. **38.Rd1+ Ke7 39.hxg5**



Strongly threatening Rd1-h1. **39...Ra1!**

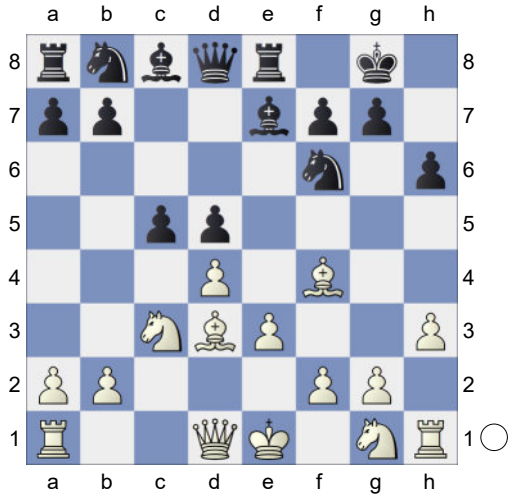
[Avoid the trap 39...Ra2? 40.g6 Rxf2 41.g7+-]

40.Rd2 Re1+ 41.Kf5 fxg5 42.Kxg5 Bd6 43.Ra2 Kd7 44.Kf5 Kc7 45.Bd3 Re5+ 46.Kg4 Rd5 47.Bc4 Rd1 48.Kf5 Re1 49.Rd2 Re5+ 50.Kg4 Re1 51.Kf3 Rc1 52.Ke4 Re1+ 53.Be2 Rb1 54.Bd1 Bb4 55.Rd3 Bc5 56.Kxf4

Bxf2 57.Ke4 Bc5 58.Kf3 Kb6 59.Ke2 Ra1 60.Rd8 Bb4 61.Bc2 Rh1 62.Be4 Rh2+ 63.Kd1 Kc5 64.Rd7 Ba5 65.Rd3 Kb5 66.Kc1 c5 67.Bd5 Kb4 68.Bc4 Bc7 69.Kd1 Bf4 70.Ke1 Be5 71.Kf1 Bd4 72.Ke1 Rg2 73.Rf3 Ka3 74.Rd3 Rh2 75.Kd1 Kb4 76.Ke1 Rg2 77.Kf1 Rf2+ 78.Ke1 Black must now prevent Rd3xd4! **78...Rf4 79.Ke2 Ka3 80.Rf3 Re4+ 81.Kd3 Re7 82.Kc2 Rh7 83.Rf7 Rh2+ 84.Kd3 Rh3+ 85.Ke4 Kb4 86.Rf3 Rxf3 87.Kxf3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

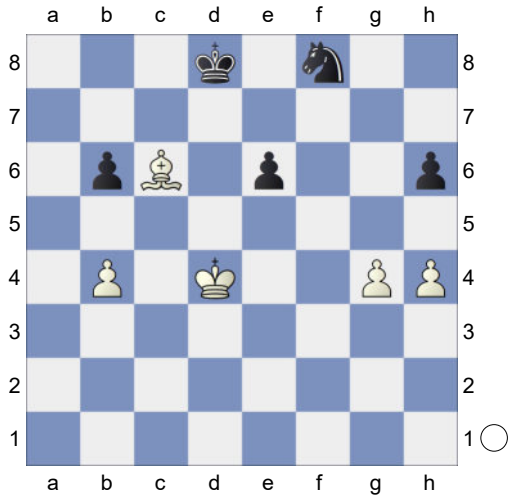
111 **D35**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
■ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2668**
Tashkent Kasimdzhanov Cup 2nd rapid ..
[Kitty Kat]*

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 Re8 8.h3** 8.Nf3 is the recent fashion. 8.Sf3 ist aktuell in Mode. **8...h6 9.Bf4 c5**



White must now prevent ...c5xd4. **10.Nf3 Nc6 11.0-0 cxd4 12.exd4 Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Re1N**
[Vorgänger: 14.Qd2 a6 15.Rae1 Bd7 16.a3 Rxe1 17.Rxe1 Re8 ½-½ Calvo Minguez,R-Toran Albero,R Olot 1969 (4)]
14...Bd7 15.Qd2 Rxe1+N
[15...a6 16.a3 Rac8 17.Rad1 Kf8 18.b4 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Re8 20.Rxe8+ Bxe8 21.Qe3 Nd8 22.Qe5 Qe7 23.g4 Nc6 24.Qf4 g5 25.Qe3 a5 26.b5 Nd8 27.a4 Ne6 28.Qe5 Nf4 29.Bf1 Qxe5 30.Nxe5 1-0 Robson,R (2700)-Sindarov,J (2677) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (8)]
16.Rxe1 Re8 17.Rxe8+ Bxe8 18.a3N
[RR 18.Qe3 Qe7 19.Ne5 Qb4 20.Nxc6 Bxc6 21.Qd2 g6 22.Be2 Kg7 23.a3 Qb6 24.Bf3 Qb3 25.h4 Qb6 26.g3 h5 27.b4 a5 28.b5 Bd7 29.Qf4 Bxb5 30.Nxd5 Nxd5 31.Bxd5 Be8 32.Qe5+ Kf8 Oparin,G (2671)-Livaic,L (2561) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (71)]
18...Bd7 19.Qe3 a6 20.Ne5 Qc7 21.f4 Qb6 22.Nxd7 Nxd7 23.b4 Qxd4 0.95/21
[23...Ne7!= 0.10/27]
24.Qxd4± Nxd4 25.Nxd5= Endgame. KBN-KNN **25...Kf8 26.Kf2 Ke8 27.Ke3 Nc6 28.Be4 Kd8** Inhibits Nd5-c7. **29.h4 a5 30.g4** 0.23/21
[30.b5± 0.87/24 Na7 31.Bd3]
30...axb4 31.axb4 b6 0.68/24
[31...Nf8= 0.17/21]
32.Kd3 0.22/23
[32.g5± 0.68/24]
32...Ne7 33.Ne3 Nf6 34.Bf3 Ng6 35.Ng2 Ne7 36.Kd4 Nd7 37.Ne3 Ng6 1.25/23
[37...Kc7= 0.17/20]
38.Nf5± Threatens to win with Kd4-e3.

38...Nxf4 1.96/29
[38...Nf6± 1.10/20]
39.Nxg7+- Ne6+? 5.44/20
[39...Ng6± 1.46/21 is tougher.]
40.Nxe6+ fxe6 KB-KN **41.Bc6?** 0.14/27
[41.g5+- 6.07/28 hxg5 42.hxg5]
41...Nf8? 5.61/28
[41...Nf6!= 0.14/27]



42.Be4! Ke7 43.g5 hxg5 44.hxg5 Kd6 45.g6? 0.15/21
[White has to play 45.Kc4+- 6.52/26]
45...e5+= The position is equal. **46.Kc4 Ne6 47.Kb5 Kc7 48.Bf3 Ng7!**
[Not 48...Nd4+? 49.Kc4 Ne6 *(49...Nxf3? perishes. 50.g7+-)* 50.Bg4+-]
49.Bg4 Ne8 50.Kc4 aiming for Kc4-d3. **50...Kd6 51.Kd3** Kd3-e4 is the strong threat. **51...Ke7 52.Ke4 Kf6 53.Kd5 Kxg6 54.Kxe5 Nc7 55.Kd6 Na6 56.b5 Nc5 57.Bd1 Kf6 58.Bc2 Ne6 59.Kc6 Nd4+ 60.Kxb6 Nxb5 61.Kxb5 Ke5** Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.39
½-½

112 **B15**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2766**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
Tashkent Kasimdzhanov Cup 2nd rapid ..
[Kitty Kat]*

B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6 **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.Bc4 Bd6 7.Qe2+ Be7 8.Nf3 Na6!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[RR 8...b5 9.Bb3 0-0 10.0-0 a5 11.c3 Bd6 12.Re1 Qc7 13.Bc2 Nd7 14.Qe4 g6 15.Bh6 Rd8 16.Qh4 c5 17.Be4 Bb7 18.d5 Re8 19.Rad1 Re7 20.Bd3 c4 21.Rxe7 Bxe7 22.Be4 Nc5 23.d6 Souza Neves,A (2138)-Kaneda,E (1949) Foz do Iguacu 2025 0-1 (60)]
9.0-0
[9.Bxa6 bxa6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe4 Be6 12.Qxc6 Rc8 13.Qe4 Bd5 14.Qg4 Be6 15.Qe4 Bd5 16.Qg4 h5 17.Qxh5 g6 18.Qg4 Rxc2 19.Nh4 Qc8 20.Qg3 Kg7 21.Be3 Qd7 22.Rac1 Rfc8 23.Rxc2 Rxc2 ½-½ Kasimdzhanov,R (2685)-Maghsoodloo,P (2733) Tashkent Kasimdzhanov Cup 2nd rapid 2024 (2)]
[RR 9.Bxa6 bxa6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe4 Be6 12.Qxc6 Rc8 13.Qe4 Bd5 14.Qg4 Be6 15.Qe4 Bd5 16.Qg4 h5 17.Qxh5 g6 18.Qg4 Rxc2 19.Nh4 Qc8 20.Qg3 Kg7 21.Be3 Qd7 22.Rac1 Rfc8 23.Rxc2 Rxc2 Kasimdzhanov,R (2685)-Maghsoodloo,P (2733) Tashkent 2024 ½-½ (35)]
9...0-0 10.h3N White is slightly better.
[10.Bf4 Nc7 11.Rfe1 Re8 12.Qd3 Nd5 13.Bg3 Be6 14.a3 Qd7 15.Rad1 a5 16.h3 a4 17.Bxd5 Qxd5

18.c3 Bf8 19.Qe4 Qd7 20.Qf4 Qd5 21.Qc7 Qb5 22.Rd2 g5 23.Bh2 Bd5 24.Qd7 Be6 0-1 Hampel,A (1969)-Kasparov,G (2459) Dublin 1993 (6) *(24...Rxe1+ 25.Nxe1 Be6 26.Qc7 Re8 27.Qg3 Bxh3 28.f4 Be6 29.Nf3 h6 30.fxg5 hxg5 31.Rd1 Bc4 32.Rd2 Qf5 33.Rd1 Qc2 34.Re1 Rxe1+ 35.Qxe1 Qxb2 36.Bg3 Qxa3 37.Qb1 Qxc3 38.Qf5 Qe3+ 39.Kh2* 0-1 Grigoriev,D (1969)-Yankelevich,L (2459) Reykjavik op 2023 (6) *)*]

[RR 10.Re1 Bd6 11.h3 Nc7 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Qd1 Be6 14.c4 Qd7 15.Bd2 b5 16.b3 a5 17.Qc2 h6 18.Bf1 Bf5 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.Qc3 Be4 21.Qxa5 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Ne6 23.Be3 Nf4 24.Bxf4 Bxf4 Jones,G (2682)-McShane,L (2664) London 2018 1-0 (46)]

10...Nc7 11.a4 0.04/19

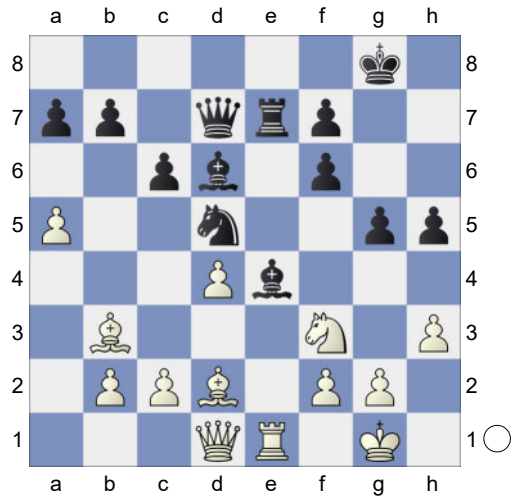
[11.Bd3!± 0.46/20]

11...Re8=

[Vorgänger: 11...a5 12.c3 Bd6 13.Bd2 Re8 14.Qd3 Be6 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.Rad1 Qd7 17.Rfe1 Rae8 1-0 Annaberdiyev,B (2146)-Siddharth, J (2331) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th June blitz 2021 (8)]

12.Qd3 Nd5 13.Bd2 Be6 14.Rfe1 Qd7 15.Bb3 Bf5 16.Qf1 h5 17.a5 Bd6 18.Rxe8+ Rxe8 19.Re1 Be4 20.Qe2 Re7 21.Qd1 g5

(Diagram)



22.Ne5! Bxe5

[22...Qf5? 23.f3 Bxe5 24.dxe5 *(24.fxe4? Bxd4+ 25.Kh1 Rxe4-+; 24.Rxe4 Bd6=)* 24...Rxe5 25.fxe4 Rxe4 26.Rf1+- *(26.Qxh5 Rxe1+ 27.Bxe1 Qe5+-)*]

[22...fxe5 23.Rxe4]

23.dxe5

[23.Rxe4 Bh2+ 24.Kxh2 Rxe4∓]

23...Rxe5 24.Bc3 -0.31/22

[24.f3± 0.48/20 Bg6 25.Rxe5 fxe5 26.Bxg5]

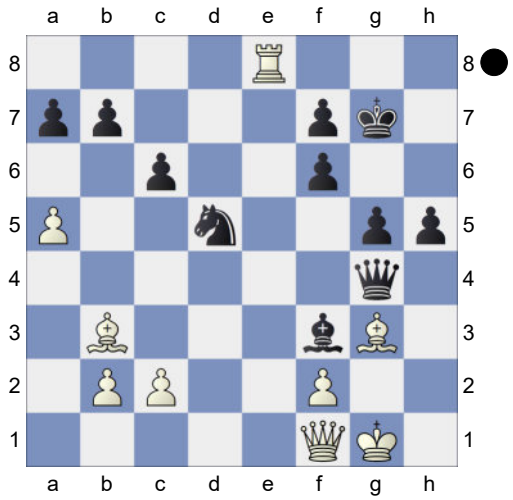
24...Bxg2!→ (→ ...Qd7xh3!). Decoy. White needs to defend precisely.

25.Bxe5?? -5.31/20 White does not recover from this.

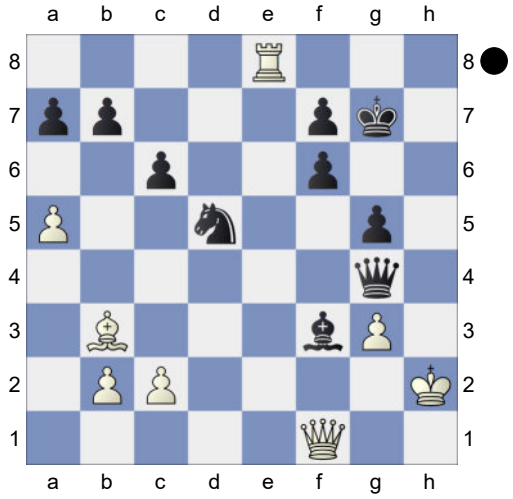
[25.Kxg2? is the wrong capture. Nf4+ 26.Kg1 Qxh3 27.Qd8+ Kh7-+ *(27...Kg7? 28.Qxf6+ Kxf6 29.Bxe5+ Kg6 30.Bxf4-+; 27...Kg7? 28.Qxf6+ Kxf6 29.Bxe5+ Kg6 30.Bxf4-+)*]

[White has to play 25.Bxd5!∓ -0.38/21 Rxe1+ *(25...Rxd5? 26.Qxh5 Qxh3 27.Qxh3-+)* 26.Qxe1 Qxd5 *(26...cxd5? 27.Kxg2 d4 28.Bb4+-; 26...Bxd5 27.Bxf6 Kh7 28.Qe3=)* 27.Bxf6]

25...Qxh3-+ 26.Bh2 Bf3 27.Re8+ Kg7 28.Qf1 Prevents Qh3-g2+ **28...Qg4+ 29.Bg3**



h4! Pin
[Not 29...Nf4 30.Qc4 Bd5 31.Qc3 Bxb3 32.Qxb3∓ *(32.cxb3 h4∓* Pin *)*]
30.Kh2 hxg3+ 31.fxg3



Nf4 Prevents Qf1-h3. Strongly threatening ...Qg4-h5+. **32.Re3 Qh5+ 33.Kg1 Nh3+ 34.Kh2 g4 35.Qc4 Ng5+ 36.Kg1 Qh1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/Black=0.09 (flawless)
0-1

113 **D12**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
■ **Rapport,Richard** **2715**
Tashkent Kasimdzhanov Cup 2nd rapid ..
[Kitty Kat]*

D12: Slav Defence: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 e3 Bf5
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Bd2 Nbd7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Nxg6 White has an edge. **9...hxg6 10.Bd3** 10.Qc2 is more fashionable. 10.Dc2 ist modischer.
[10.Qc2 Qc7 11.h3 Be7 12.0-0-0 Nf8 13.Kb1 Ne6 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.Bd3 0-0 16.g4 c5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.f3 Rac8 19.h4 d4 20.Bb5 Qd6 21.exd4 Ne6 22.d5 Nxd5 23.Qd3 Rcd8 24.Rcd1 Nxc3+ ½-½ Larand,M (2680)-Storme,I (2609) Balatonlelle 85/72 2002]
[RR 10.h4 Bb4 11.Bd3 Qe7 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Ne4 14.Bb4 Qe6 15.a4 g5 16.h5 g4 17.Qc2 g3 18.Bxe4 gxf2+ 19.Qxf2 dxe4 20.0-0-0 Nb6 21.Rdf1 Nd5 22.Bd2 f6 23.a5 0-0-0 24.a6 bxa6 Abdusattorov,N (2765)-Erigaisi,A (2756) Malmo 2024 ½-½ (35)]
[RR 10.Qc2 Bd6 11.0-0-0 Qc7 12.h3 0-0-0 13.Bd3 Rhe8 14.Kb1 Kb8 15.f3 Nb6 16.Bc1 Re7 17.Rhf1 Bb4 18.a3 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Rde8 20.Rde1 Ka8 21.Qc2 Qd6 22.b3 Nbd7 23.a4 Re6 24.Ka2 Nh5 Potkin,V (2555)-Shogdzhiev,R (2348) Moscow 2025 ½-½ (45)]
10...Bd6 11.h4N
[11.h3 Qe7 12.Qc2 0-0 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Kb1 b4 15.Na4 Rac8 16.f3 c5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Nxc5 Rxc5 19.Qb3 a5 20.Rc1 Nd7 21.e4 dxe4 22.Bxe4 Rxc1+ 23.Rxc1 Nc5 24.Qd5 Nxe4 25.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 1-0 Polgar,J (2686)-

Iordachescu,V (2626) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (10) 26.fxe4 Re8 27.Rc6 Bf8 28.Ra6 Rxe4 29.Rxa5 Re2 30.Kc1 b3 31.Ra8 bxa2 32.Rxa2 Bd6 33.g4 f5 34.Ra6 Be5 35.Kd1 Rh2 36.Rxg6 fxg4 37.Rxg4 Bxb2 ½-½ Warlick,J (2733)-Grankin,F (2741) 36/736 Baile Herculane 1983 (7)]

11...Qe7N

[RR 11...g5 12.h5 g4 13.Qe2 Qe7 14.0-0-0 Qe6 15.f3 Rxh5 16.e4 0-0-0 17.e5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Kb1 gxf3 20.gxf3 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Qf5 22.Kc2 Qxd3+ 23.Kxd3 Rdh8 24.Rxh5 Rxh5 25.Be3 b6 26.Bd4 Maghsoodloo,P (2742)-Murzin,V (2627) Samarkand 2023 0-1 (41)]

12.Qf3 0-0-0 13.0-0-0N

[Vorgänger: 13.g4 Nf8 14.a3 Kb8 15.0-0-0 Ne6 16.Kb1 Nd7 17.g5 Nb6 18.Qe2 Rh7 19.f4 1-0 Schroeder,C (1814)-Julkowski,T (1781) WZ-ch prel40 email 2022]

13...Rde8 14.g4 Ne4 15.h5 gxh5 16.gxh5 f5 17.Rdg1

[17.Qxf5 Rhf8 18.Bxe4 *(18.Nxe4? dxe4 19.Qxe4 Qxe4-+)* 18...Rxf5 19.Bxf5 Rf8∓]

17...Ref8 18.Rg6 Rf7 19.h6 gxh6 20.Rhxh6 Rxh6 21.Rxh6 Kc7 22.Rh5 Qf6

[22...Qf8 simplifies 23.Be1 Nxc3 24.Bxc3 f4]

23.Kc2 Nf8 24.Ne2 Ne6 25.Ba5+ b6 26.Be1 N4g5 27.Qh1 f4 28.Rh6 Qe7 29.Bd2 fxe3 30.Bxe3 Kb7 0.65/21

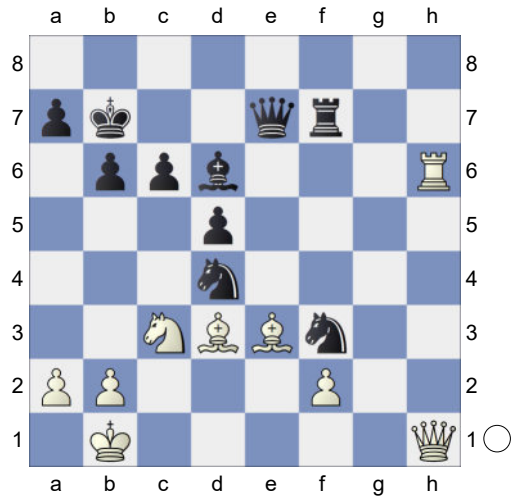
[Black should try 30...Bf4= 0.00/24]

31.Nc3 -0.06/21 White is more active.

[31.Qh4!± 0.65/21]

31...Nf3⇄ Black has counterplay **32.Kb1 Nexd4**

(Diagram)



33.Nxd5 cxd5 34.Bxd4 A strong pair of Bishops. **34...Bf4?** 5.23/23

[34...Be5= 0.03/23 35.Bxe5 *(35.Be3 Qb4=)* 35...Qxe5]

35.Qxf3+-

[35.Rg6 Be5 *(35...Nxd4 36.Qxd5+ Kc7 37.Qc4+ Kb8 38.Rg8+ Rf8 39.Rxf8+ Qxf8 40.Qxd4±)* 36.Bxe5 *(36.Be3 Qb4∓)* 36...Qxe5=]

35...Qe1+ 36.Kc2 Rc7+ 37.Bc3 2.63/29

[⌓37.Kb3 5.48/29 Bxh6 38.Qxd5+ Kb8 39.Be5 Pin Qd1+ 40.Ka3 Bf8+ 41.b4]

37...Qd2+

[37...Bxh6? 38.Qxd5+ Kb8 39.Qd8+ Kb7 40.Qxc7+ *(40.Qd5+ Kb8+-)* 40...Kxc7 41.Bxe1+-]

[37...Qc1+? 38.Kb3 Rd7 39.Rh1+-]

38.Kb3 Rxc3+ 39.bxc3 Bxh6 40.Qxd5+ Endgame. KQB-KQB **40...Kc7 41.Qe5+ Kd7 42.Bb5+ Kd8?** 3.92/23

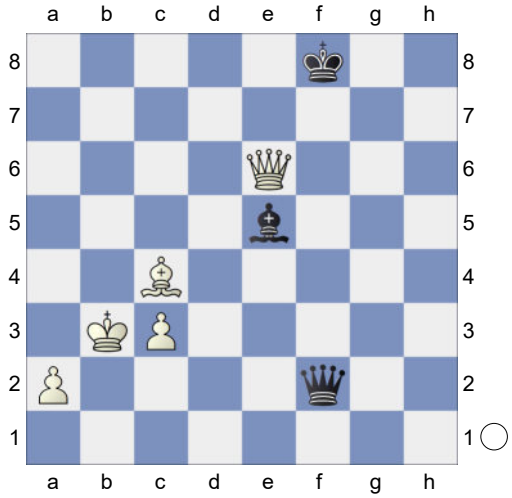
[42...Kc8± 1.18/19]

43.Qb8+ Ke7 ...Qd2-d1+ would now be deadly. **44.Qxa7+ Kf8 45.Qb8+ Kg7 46.Qe5+**

[46.Qxb6 Qd1+ 47.Kb4 Qb1+ 48.Kc5 Qxa2±]

46...Kh7 47.Qf5+ Kg7 48.Bd3 aiming for Qf5-g6+. **48...Qd1+?** 6.04/22

[48...Bg5 3.62/18 49.Bc2 Bd8]
49.Kb4 Qd2 50.Qg6+ Kf8 51.Bc4
[51.Qxb6 Qb2+ 52.Kc5 *(52.Ka5 Qxa2+ 53.Kb5 Qb3+ 54.Ka6 Qa4+ 55.Qa5 Qc6+ 56.Qb6 Qxb6+ 57.Kxb6 Bg7=)* 52...Qxf2+ 53.Kb5 Qb2+ 54.Kc6 Qxc3+ 55.Kb7 Bg5=]
51...Qf4 Prevents Qg6-f7+ **52.Qxb6 Bg5 53.Kb3 Bf6 54.Qa7 Be5 55.Qh7** 2.21/20
[⌓55.a4 5.01/20]
55...Qxf2 56.Qg8+ Ke7 57.Qe6+ Kf8



58.a4? 0.54/21
[Not 58.Qxe5 Qb2+ 59.Ka4 Qb4+ 60.Kxb4=]
[58.Qc8+!+- 2.25/20 Ke7 59.Qb7+ *(59.Qe6+ Kf8±)* 59...Kf8 60.Be6 *(60.Qb4+ Ke8±)*]
58...Qf3 0.95/21 **59.Qxe5** 0.00/58
[White should play 59.Qh6+± 0.95/21 Ke8 60.Bb5+ *(60.Qe6+ Kf8=)* 60...Kf7 61.Qc6 *(61.Bc4+ Ke7=)* 61...Qxc6 62.Bxc6]
59...Qd1+= The position is equal.
60.Kb4 Qxa4+ 61.Kc5 White threatens Qe5-f6+ and mate. **61...Qa7+ 62.Kd5** Threatening mate with Qe5-h8+.
62...Qc5+! 63.Ke6 Qe7+
[63...Qxc4+ simplifies 64.Kd6 Qa6+ 65.Kc7 Qa7+]
64.Kf5 Qg5+ 65.Ke4 Qe3+! 66.Kd5 Qc5+! 67.Ke4 Qe3+ 68.Kd5 Qc5+! 69.Ke6 Qe7+ 70.Kf5 Qg5+ 71.Ke4 Qe3+! 72.Kd5 Qc5+! 73.Ke6 Qe7+ Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) / Black=0.39
½-½

114 **D26**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2721**
UzChess Cup Masters 2024 (9.2) 14.6.24
[Kitty Kat]*

D28: Queen's Gambit Accepted: Classical main line: 7 Qe2 with early ...Nc6 Inf 103/(283) **1.c4** Huzman,Alexander Huzman,Alexander
1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 dxc4N
[5...Nbd7
A) 6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2 0-0 8.0-0 b6 *(8...c5 9.Nbd2 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Bb7 15.dxc5 Bf4 16.Bxb7 Bxc1 17.Qxc1 Qxb7 18.c6 Qc7 19.cxd7 Qxd7 20.Rd1 Qf5 21.Qc3 f6 22.Qc4+ Kh8 23.Nd4* 1-0 Kurmangaliyeva,L (2199)-Dartmann Aubanell,C (1924) Wch U18 Girls Mamaia 2022 (1)*)* 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Nd2 c5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.f4 cxd4 13.exd4 Ne4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Bc4 *(15.Bb5 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Be7 17.Rc1 Rc8 18.Rxc8 Qxc8 19.Bc4 a6 20.a4 Qd8 21.Qe2 a5 22.h3* Georgiev,V (2581)-Jankovic,A (2541) Bosna i Hercegovina 103/(283) 2008*)* 15...b5 16.Bxb5 Nxe5 17.fxe5

Bxe5 18.dxe5 Qb6+ 19.Kh1 Qxb5 20.Qg4 Skalusevic,L (2658)-Dallmann,V (2585) Wuerzburg op 14th Würzburg 1998;

B) 6.0-0 Bd6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.e4 e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Re1 Re8 11.exd5 exd4 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Nc5 14.Qxd4 Nxe4 15.Rxe4 Bf5 16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.Bf4 Qd8 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Re1 h6 20.h3 1-0 Socko,M (2486)-Warakomska,A (2188) POL-chT 66th Katowice 2010 (1)]

6.Bxc4 c5 7.0-0 7.0-0 was played by the boomers. 7.0-0 wurden von den Boomern gerne gespielt. **7...Nc6 8.Qe2 a6 9.a3 b5**

[RR 9...Be7 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.b4 Bd6 12.Bb2 0-0 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.Nc3 b6 15.Rac1 Bb7 16.Bd3 Qe7 17.Ne4]

[RR 9...Qc7 10.Nc3 cxd4 11.exd4 Be7 12.Bg5 Ng4 13.Qd2 h6 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Ne4 Qd8 17.Qf4]

10.Ba2 cxd4

[RR 10...Bb7 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.b4 Bb6 *(RR 12...Be7 13.Bb2 0-0 14.Nbd2 Qb6 15.Nb3 Rfd8 16.Rac1 Rac8 17.Nc5)* 13.Bb2 0-0 14.Rd1 Qe7 15.Nbd2 Rfd8 16.Rac1 Rd7 17.Bb1 Rad8 18.Nb3]

11.Rd1 The position is equal. **11...d3**

[RR 11...Bb7 12.Nc3 b4 13.axb4 Nxb4 14.Rxd4 Qc7 15.Bb3 Be7 16.Ba4+ Kf8 17.Bd2]

12.Rxd3 Qc7 13.e4 Ng4

[RR 13...Bc5 14.b4 Bb6 15.Be3]

[RR 13...Bd6 14.Rxd6 Qxd6 15.e5]

14.h3 h5N

[Vorgänger: 14...Nge5 1.15/27 14...h7-h5 0.75 15.Nxe5

A) RR 15...Nxe5 16.Rc3 *(RR 16.Bf4 Bd6 17.Rc3 Qe7)* 16...Qd8 17.Be3;

B) 15...Qxe5 16.Be3 Against Bf8-c5

B1) 16...Be7± 1.07/21;

B2) RR 16...Qxe4 17.Nc3

B2a) RR 17...Qf5 18.Nd5 *(RR 18.Rad1 Be7 19.Bb1 Qf6 20.Ne4 Qh4 21.Nd6+)* 18...exd5 19.Bxd5 Ne5 20.Bd4 *(RR 20.Rad1 Be7 21.Bxa8 Nxd3 22.Bc6+ Bd7 23.Bxd7+ Qxd7 24.Rxd3 Qe6)* 20...Qxd3 21.Qxe5+ Be6 22.Bc6+ Kd8 23.Bxa8;

B2b) RR 17...Qe5 18.Rad1 Be7 19.Qf3 Qc7 20.Bf4 Qb6 21.Nd5 exd5 22.Bxd5 Bb7 *(RR 22...0-0 23.Bxc6 Ra7 24.Rc1)*

B2b1) RR 23.Bc7 Ne5 *(RR 23...Qxc7 24.Qxf7+ Kd8 25.Be6+)* 24.Bxe5 Bxd5 25.Rxd5 0-0 26.Rd7;

B2b2) 23.Bxf7+ Kf8 *(RR 23...Kxf7 24.Bc7+)* 24.Bd5 Ke8 25.Bc7;

B2c) 17...Qg6 18.Nd5 *(RR 18.Rad1 Bb7 19.Nd5;* RR *18.Qf3 Bb7 19.Rad1 Na5 20.Qg4 Qxg4 21.hxg4 Bc6)* 18...exd5 19.Bxd5 Be7 20.Bc5 0-0 21.Bxe7 Re8 22.Re3;

B3) 16...Bb7 1.76/24 17.Nc3 1.39/21 *(17.f4+- 1.76/24 Qxe4 18.Nc3)* 17...Bc5 2.11/25 *(17...Rd8± 1.39/21)* 18.Rad1 Be3xc5 is the strong threat. 0-0 19.f4 *(RR 19.Rd7 Rab8 20.f4 Bxe3+ 21.Qxe3)* 19...Bxe3+ 20.Qxe3 Qb8 21.Rd7 Bc8

1-0 Kramnik,V (2760)-Topalov,V (2690) FIDE-Wch k.o. g/25+10 Las Vegas rapid 1999 (4.3)]

[RR 14...Nge5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Be3 Bb7 17.Nc3 Bc5 18.Rad1 0-0 19.f4 Bxe3+ 20.Qxe3 Qb8 21.Rd7 Bc8 22.R7d6 Ne7 23.Kh1 Qc7 24.Qg3 Kh8 25.h4 Ng8 26.Bb1 Bb7 27.Rd7 Qc6 28.e5 Qc8

A) RR 29.Qd3 f5 *(RR 29...g6 30.Qd6 Qc6 31.Be4 Qxd6 32.R1xd6 Bxe4 33.Nxe4)* 30.Qg3 g6 31.h5;

B) 29.f5 Kramnik,V (2760)-Topalov,V (2690) Las Vegas 1999 CBM 072 [Huzman,Alexander] 1-0 (60)]

15.Nc3 0.15/19

[Better is 15.Qc2± 0.83/23 Bb7 16.hxg4 hxg4 17.Nbd2]

15...Bc5!= 16.hxg4 hxg4 17.Nd5! exd5 18.exd5+ Qe7 19.Qxe7+ Nxe7 20.Be3 -0.53/28

[20.d6= 0.00/24 gxf3 *(20...Bf5 21.d7+ Kd8 22.Rc3=)* 21.dxe7 Bxe7 22.Bd5]

20...Bd6!↑ Black is really pushing.

[20...Bxe3 21.Rxe3 gxf3 22.d6±]

21.Nd4 Bf5 22.Rd2 -1.19/20 Black keeps a firm grip on the game.

[22.Nxf5∓ -0.51/22 Nxf5 23.Bb3]

22...Kd7!∓ ...Rh8-h2 would now be deadly. Black is more active. **23.Rad1** -1.73/24

[23.Nxf5∓ -1.14/23 Nxf5 24.Bb1 Nxe3 25.fxe3]

23...Rh5 -1.31/25

[23...Rh2-+ -1.73/24 And now ...Ra8-h8 would win. 24.Nxf5 Nxf5]

24.Kf1 -2.61/25

[24.Ne2∓ -1.31/25]

24...Be4 25.f3 gxf3

[25...Bxd5 26.Bxd5 *(26.Nxb5 Nf5=)* 26...Rxd5 *(26...Nxd5 27.Bg1±)* 27.fxg4=]

[25...Nxd5? 26.Bg1 gxf3 27.Nxf3+-]

26.gxf3 Bg6

[26...Bxd5 27.Nc2 *(27.Nxb5 axb5 28.Bxd5 Nxd5±)* 27...Rc8 28.Nb4 Bxb4 29.axb4∓]

[26...Nxd5? 27.Bg1 Nf6 28.Bxf7+- *(28.fxe4 Nxe4 29.Rg2 g6+-)*]

27.Bg1 Nf5

[27...Nxd5? 28.Ne2 Rc8 29.Bxd5+- *(29.Rxd5 Rxd5 30.Bxd5 Kc7+-)*]

28.Bb1 Ng3+ Discovered Attack **29.Kg2 Bxb1**

[29...Rxd5? 30.Ba2 Rh5 31.Nxb5+-]

30.Rxb1 Rah8

[30...Rxd5 31.Rbd1 Bf4 32.Rd3=]

31.Rbd1 Rg5 32.Be3 Rgh5

[32...Rxd5 33.Bf2 Nh5 34.Ne2 Rxd2 35.Rxd2∓]

33.Bg1 Prevents Rh5-h2+ **33...Bf4**

[33...Rxd5 34.Nb3 Rxd2+ 35.Rxd2∓]

34.Ne2 -2.79/27

[⌓34.Rd3 -1.84/23]

34...Nxe2 35.Rxe2 Rg5+ 36.Kf1 Rg3 37.Rd3 -2.22/22

[37.d6 -1.74/27 might work better. Bxd6 *(37...Rxf3+ 38.Kg2=)* 38.Rd3]

37...Rhh3-+ 38.Rf2 Bd6 39.b4 -2.70/23

[⌓39.b3 -1.97/22]

39...g6 40.Bh2 Rg5 41.Bg1 Rhh5 42.Rfd2 -3.76/23

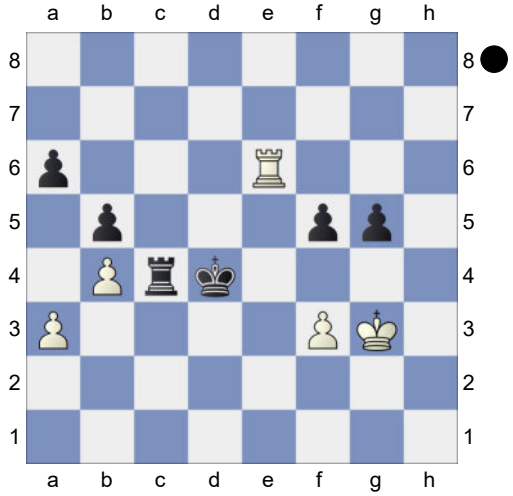
[42.Ra2 -2.64/24 is a better defense.]

42...Bf4 43.Be3 Bxe3 44.Rxe3 Endgame. KRR-KRR **44...Rh1+**

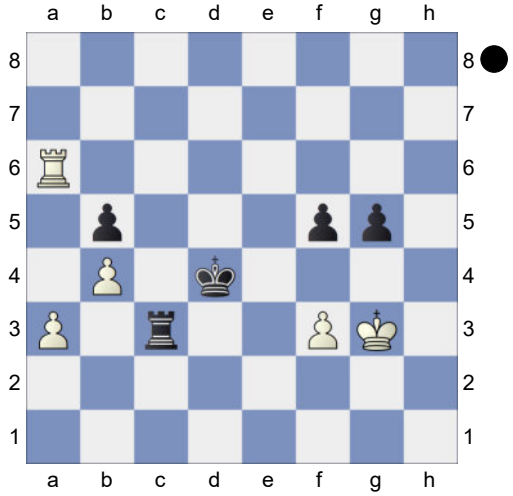
[Less strong is 44...Rxd5 45.Rde2∓]

45.Ke2 Rh2+ 46.Kd1 Rxd2+ Remove Defender **47.Kxd2 Rxd5+** KR-KR **48.Ke2 Rd6** Threatens to win with ...Rd6-e6. **49.Rc3 Re6+ 50.Kf2 Rc6 51.Rd3+ Ke6 52.Re3+ Kd5 53.Rd3+ Ke5 54.Ke3 g5 55.Kf2 f5**

56.Kg3 Rc4 57.Re3+ Kd5 58.Rd3+ Ke5 59.Re3+ Kd4 60.Re6



Rc3! 61.Rxa6



g4! 62.a4 Rxf3+ 63.Kg2 bxa4 64.Rxa4 Rb3 65.b5+ Ke5 66.b6 Rxb6 67.Kg3 Rb3+ 68.Kh4 Rh3+ 69.Kg5 Rf3 70.Kh4 Re3 71.Rb4 g3 Strongly threatening ...g3-g2. **72.Kh3 f4 73.Rb2 Kf5 74.Ra2 Re1 75.Rb2 Rh1+ 76.Kg2 Rd1 77.Kh3 Ke4** Hoping for ... Ke4-e3. **78.Kg4 Ke3 79.Rb3+ Ke2** -29.40/22 **80.Kh3 Rd3 81.Rb1 Kf2** -14.06/23

[⌓81...Rd2 -#52/25 82.Kg4 Kf2 83.Kxf4 g2 84.Ke4 g1Q *(84...g1R 85.Rb6-+)* 85.Rxg1 Kxg1 86.Ke3 Rd8 87.Kf4 Kf2 88.Ke4 Rd1 89.Kf4 Re1 90.Kg4 Re4+ 91.Kg5 Kg3 92.Kf5 Re3 *(92...Re1 93.Kg6 Kg4 94.Kf6 Re4 95.Kg6 Rf4 96.Kh7 Kg5 97.Kg7 Rf1 98.Kh7 Kf6 99.Kg8 Rh1 100.Kf8 Rh8#)* 93.Kg6 Kf4 94.Kf6 Kg4 95.Kg6 Rf3 96.Kh6 Kf5 97.Kg7 Kg5 98.Kh8 Kh6 99.Kg8 Kg6 100.Kh8 Rf8#]

82.Rb2+ Kf3 (→ ...Rd3-e3) **83.Ra2 Re3 84.Ra1 Kf2 85.Ra2+ Re2** Black mates. **86.Ra1 g2 87.Kh2 f3 88.Rb1 Re1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1

115 **C69**
□ **Rapport,Richard** **2715**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
UzChess Cup Masters 2024 (8.5) 13.6.24
[Kitty Kat]*

C68: Ruy Lopez: Exchange Variation, sidelines
1.e4 Shirov,Alexei **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 Qd6 6.Na3 b5 7.c3 c5 8.Nc2 Ne7 9.a4**

[RR 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 exd4 11.Nfxd4 c5 *(*RR *11...Nc6 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Bf4 Bd6 14.Nd4 Qb6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Rc1 0-0 17.Nc6 Re8 18.f3 Be6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Qd4 h5)* 12.Nb3 Qxd1 13.Rxd1

A) RR 13...c4 14.Na5 Ng6 15.Be3 *(*RR *15.b3 cxb3 16.axb3 Be7 17.Ba3 Bxa3 18.Rxa3 0-0 19.Ne3 f5 20.exf5 Bxf5 21.Rd6 Rae8 22.Rxa6 Bd3)* 15...Be7 16.Nc6 Bf6 17.Bd4 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 0-0 19.N2b4 Re8 20.a4 Bb7 21.axb5 axb5 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.g3 f6;

B) 13...Nc6

B1) RR 14.Ne3 Be6 *(* RR

14...c4 15.Nd5 Ra7 16.Be3 cxb3 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nc7+ Ke7 19.axb3) 15.Nd5 0-0-0 16.a4 *(*RR *16.Be3 c4 17.Nc5 Bxc5 18.Bxc5 Kb7 19.a4 Rd7)* 16...bxa4 17.Rxa4 Nb4 18.Ra5 Nxd5 *(*RR *18...c4 19.Nc5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Rxd5 21.Rxd5 Bxd5 22.Nxa6 Bc6)* 19.exd5 c4 *(* RR *19...Rxd5 20.Rxd5 Bxd5 21.Nxc5 Bc4 22.Be3)* 20.Bf4;

B2) 14.Be3 c4 15.Nc5 f5 *(* RR *15...f6 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Kf7 18.a4 Bxc5 19.Bxc5 Be6 20.a5)* 16.Rd5 fxe4 17.a4 b4 18.Rc1 Be7 19.Ne1 0-0 20.Rxc4 Rf5 21.Rd1 Bxc5 22.Rxc5 Rxc5 23.Bxc5 Bg4]

9...Bd7N

[9...Bb7 10.axb5 axb5 11.Rxa8+ *(*RR *11.Qe2 c4;* RR *11.Na3)* 11...Bxa8

A) RR 12.Qe2 c4 13.b3 *(* RR *13.Rd1 Ng6 14.d3 cxd3 15.Rxd3 Qc6 16.h4 h5 17.Rd1 Bd6* RR *18.Re1 f6 19.g3 Bb7 20.Nd2 Bc8 21.Ne3 Ne7 22.c4 bxc4 23.Nexc4 Bg4 24.Nxd6+ cxd6 25.Qc4)* 13...Ng6 14.bxc4 Nf4 15.Qe3 bxc4 16.Qa7 Bxe4 17.Qb8+ Ke7 18.Re1 Nh3+ *(*RR *18...Bxc2 19.Ba3 c5 20.Bxc5 Qxc5 21.Rxe5+ Ne6 22.Rxc5 Nxc5 23.Qc7+ Nd7 24.Ne5 Bf5)* 19.gxh3 Qg6+ 20.Kf1 Bd3+ 21.Re2 Bxe2+ 22.Kxe2 Qd3+ 23.Ke1 Qxf3 24.Ba3+ Kf6 25.Bxf8;

B) 12.d4

B1) 12...exd4 13.cxd4 *(* RR *13.cxd4 Bxe4 14.Re1 Qd5 15.Ng5)* 13...Bxe4 14.Re1 Bg6 15.Bd2 Bh5 16.dxc5 Qd5 17.Ncd4 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 f6 19.Qa1 Qxc5 20.Qa5 Kf7 21.b4 Qd5 22.Qxc7 h6 23.h3 g5 24.Be3 Qc6 25.Qa7 Kg6 26.Nd4 Qd5 27.Qc7 1-0 Arsenie,C (2601)-Collinet,N (2606) Match Steinitz-Golmayo +8-1=1 1883 Rg8 28.Qc2+ Kf7 29.Rc1 g4 30.Qh7+ Rg7 31.Qxh6 Qe4 32.Nxb5 Nf5 33.Rc7+ Ke6 34.Qh5 Nxe3 35.Qe8+ Kf5 36.Nd6+ Bxd6 37.Qxe4+ Kxe4 38.Rxg7 Nc4 39.Rxg4+ Kd5 40.b5 Be5 41.h4 Nd6 42.Ra4 1-0 Geenen,M (2601)-Brookes,J (2560) corr Christoffel Memorial Section Gold 2002;

B2) RR 12...exd4 13.Qd3 Qc6 14.Rd1 f6 15.Na3;

B3) 12...cxd4 13.cxd4

B3a) RR 13...exd4 14.Ncxd4

B3a1) RR 14...Bxe4 15.Nxb5 Qb6 *(* RR *15...Qxd1 16.Rxd1)* 16.Qa4 *(*RR *16.Qd4)* 16...Bc6 17.Nfd4 Bd7 18.Bf4;

B3a2) 14...c6 15.Qc2;

B3b) 13...Bxe4 14.Nxe5 *(* RR *14.Re1 Qc6)* 14...f6 *(* RR *14...Nf5 15.Re1 Qd5 16.Qg4 Bxc2 17.Ng6+)* 15.Nd3

B3b1) RR 15...c6 16.Re1 *(*RR *16.Nc5 Bxc2 17.Qxc2 Qxd4)* 16...Bxd3 *(* RR *16...Bg6 17.Bf4 Qd5 18.Ndb4 Qd7 19.Ne3;* RR *16...Bd5 17.Bf4 Qd8 18.Nc5;* RR *16...f5 17.Nc5)* 17.Qxd3 Kf7;

B3b2) 15...Bxd3 16.Qxd3 c6 17.Bd2 Nd5 *(* RR *17...Ng6 18.Ra1)* 18.Ra1

Kf7 *(*RR *18...Kf7 19.Ra8;* RR *18...Qb8 19.Qe2+ Be7 20.Nb4 Qb7 21.Nxd5 cxd5 22.Bb4)* 19.Ra8 g6 20.Ne3 Nc7 21.Ra7 Be7 22.Qb3+ Nd5 23.Nxd5 Qxd5 24.Qxd5+ 0-1 Ibarra Jerez,J (2387)-Kuzmin,A (2583) Andorra op 21st 2003 (9)]

[9...Rb8 10.axb5 axb5 11.Qe2 Nc6 12.Rd1 Qg6 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 exd4 15.Ncxd4 Nxd4 16.Rxd4 Be7 17.Bf4 Rb7 18.b4 0-0 19.Rc1 Bg4 20.Qd3 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 c6 22.h4 h6 23.Qh3 Rb6 24.h5 1-0 Hess,R (2485)-Becerra Rivero,J (2609) ch-USA Saint Louis USA 2009 (2)]

[RR 9...Rb8 10.axb5 axb5 11.d4 Ng6 *(*RR *11...Ng6 12.Nxe5 cxd4 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.e5* RR *14...Qb6 15.Qxd4 c5 16.Qf4 Be7 17.b4 cxb4 18.Nxb4 Qe6 19.Nd5 Qxd5 20.e6 Rb7 21.Qxf7+ Kd8 22.Bf4 Bxe6 23.Qxg7 Rg8 24.Qh7 Rd7)* 12.Nxe5 cxd4 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.e5 Qb6 15.Qxd4 c5 16.Qf4 Be7 17.b4 cxb4 18.Nxb4 Qe6 19.Nd5 Qxd5 20.e6 Rb7 21.Qxf7+ Kd8 22.Bf4 Bxe6 23.Qxg7 Rg8 24.Qh7 De la Riva Aguado,O (2470)-Foisor,C (2370) Zaragoza 1996 ½-½ (41)]

[RR 9...Bb7 10.axb5 axb5 11.Rxa8+ Bxa8 12.d4 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bxe4 14.Nxe5 f6 15.Nd3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 c6 17.Bd2 Nd5 18.Ra1 Be7 19.Ra8+ Bd8 20.Qb3

A) RR 20...Kf7 21.Ra7+ Be7 *(* RR *21...Bc7 22.g3 Rc8 23.Ne3)* 22.Ne3 Re8 23.Nxd5 Qxd5 24.Qxd5+ cxd5 25.Kf1 Ke6 26.Rb7;

B) RR 20...Qd7 21.Bb4 *(* RR *21.Ba5 0-0 22.Bxd8 Rxd8 23.Qh3 Kf7 24.Rxd8 Qxd8 25.Qxh7 Qa5)* 21...Kf7 22.Bc5 Re8 23.Ra7 Bc7 24.Ne3 Re6 25.g3;

C) RR 20...Rf8 21.Ba5 Kf7 22.Bb4 Qf4 23.g3 Qc1+ 24.Kg2 Re8 25.Rc8;

D) 20...0-0 21.Bb4 Qf4 22.g3 *(*RR *22.Ne3 Be7 23.Ra6 Kh8 24.Bxe7 Nxe7)* 22...Qc1+ 23.Kg2

D1) RR 23...Re8 24.Ne3 *(* RR *24.Ba5)* 24...Qb1 25.Nxd5 Qe4+ 26.Qf3 Qxd5 27.Qxd5+ cxd5 28.Ba5;

D2) 23...Be7 24.Ra1 Shirov,A (2685)-Short,N (2695) Groningen 1996 CBM 057 [Shirov,Alexei] 1-0 (42)RR 24...Qg5 25.Bxe7 Re8 26.Bd6]

[RR 9...Rb8 10.axb5 axb5 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 exd4 13.Ncxd4 c5 14.Nxb5 *(*RR *14.Nb3 Nc6 15.Be3 Qxd1 16.Rfxd1 c4)* 14...Qxd1 15.Nc7+ Kd8 16.Rxd1+ Kxc7 17.Bf4+ Kb7 18.Bxb8 *(*RR *18.Ra3 Nc6 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.Rb3+ Kc6 21.Rxb8 Bd6;* RR *18.Ra5 Ra8 19.Rxc5 Ng6)* 18...Kxb8 19.Ne5 f6 20.Nf7 Rg8 21.Rd8 Kb7 22.Nd6+ Kc7 23.Ra7+]

[RR 9...b4 10.Ne3 Nc6 11.cxb4 cxb4 12.b3 RR 12...Be6 13.Bb2 f6 14.Rc1 0-0-0 *(*RR *14...Na5)* 15.Qc2 Kb7 16.d4]

[RR 9...b4 10.d4 cxd4 11.cxd4 exd4 12.e5 Qg6 13.Ncxd4 Bb7 14.Qe2 Nf5 15.e6 Nxd4 16.exf7+ Kd7 17.Rd1 Bxf3 18.Rxd4+ Bd6 19.Qxf3 Rhf8 20.Bf4 Qxf7 21.Bxd6 cxd6 22.Qb7+ Ke6 23.Re1+ 1-0 (23) Stratmann,H (1997)-Reinoehl,C (2088) Germany 2017]

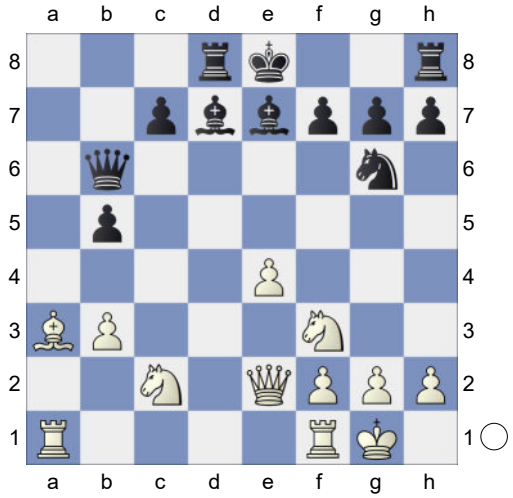
[RR 9...Bb7 10.axb5 axb5 11.Rxa8+ Bxa8 12.Qe2 c4 13.Na3 Ng6

14.Qe3 Qd7 15.b3 cxb3 16.d4 Be7 17.dxe5 0-0 18.c4 bxc4 19.Nxc4 Qb5 20.Nfd2 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 b2 22.Bxb2 Qxb2 23.Ndf3 Qb4 24.Rc1 Heinemann,T (2490)-Nyback,T (2639) Germany 2009 ½-½ (45)]

10.b3 0.47/20

[White should play 10.axb5± 1.03/20 Bxb5 11.Re1]

10...Rd8 11.axb5 White is slightly better. **11...axb5 12.Qe2 Ng6 13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 Be7 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Ba3 Qb6**

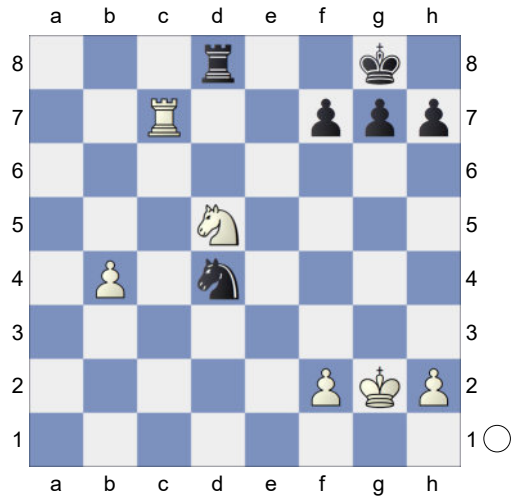


And now ...b5-b4 would win. **17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Qe3 Qxe3** The position is equal. **19.Nxe3 Bc6 20.Rfc1 Bxe4 21.Rxc7 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Ng6 23.Ra5 Nh4 24.Rxb5** Rb5-e5+ is the strong threat. **24...Nxf3+ 25.Kg2 Nd4 26.Rd5** Threatens to win with Rd5xd8+.

[26.Rbb7!? 0-0□ 27.h4=]

26...0-0 27.b4 Rxd5 28.Nxd5= Endgame. KRN-KRN **28...Rd8**

(Diagram)



29.Rc4! Ne6 30.Ne3 Kf8 31.b5 Ke7 32.b6 Rb8 33.Ra4 Kd6 34.Ra7 Kc6 35.Rxf7 Rxb6 36.Re7 Kc5 37.Kg3 h5 38.Rd7 g6 39.Rd5+ Kc6 40.Kf3 Rb4 41.Rd1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½

116 **E10**

□ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2634**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**

UzChess Cup Masters 2024 (4.3) 9.6.24

[Kitty Kat]*

E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3 Inf 103/(30) Moehring,G: 'Inf 39/(70)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Be7N**

[3...c5 4.g3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qb6 6.Bg2 Bc5 7.e3 Nc6 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.exd4 Bxd4 10.Nc3 e5 11.Nb5 Bc5 12.Qe1 0-0 13.b4 Bd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Bg5 d6 16.Rd1 Qxc4 17.Rxd6 Be6 18.Qxe5 ½-½ Atabayev, Y (2539)-7. ♘bd2 ♗f6 (2522) EU/FSM. 50 corr ICCF 1992 (6)]

[3...a6 4.Nc3 c5 5.g3 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qc7 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bf4 *(9.Be3 Qxc4 10.Rc1 Qb4 11.Na4*

d5 12.Nb6 Qxb6 13.Nf5 Qxb2 14.Nxe7+ Kh8 15.Nxc8 Nbd7 16.Nb6 Nxb6 17.Rb1 Qxa2 18.Rxb6 Rac8 19.Rxb7 Rc2 20.Qd4 Rc4 21.Qa7 Kg8 22.Bc5 Rc8 23.Rc7 Re8 Vovk,Y (2557)-Olszewski,M (2409) Grodzisk Mazowiecki 103/(30) 2007 *)* 9...d6 10.Nb3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Nh5 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Na4 Bd7 14.Nb6 Rad8 15.Qd2 Be8 16.Qa5 Kh8 17.f4 Ng4 18.Bd2 1-0 Dautov,R (2615)-Lutz,C (2555) 66/458 Nussloch 1996]

4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e5 Ne4 8.Bd3 White is slightly better. **8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 c5N**

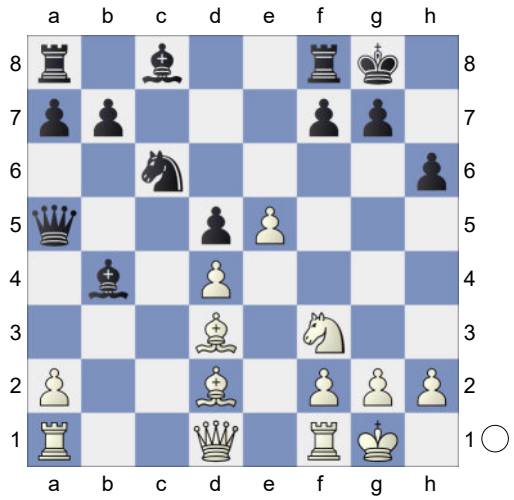
[RR 9...Bg4 10.Qc2 g6 11.h4 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Bxh4 13.Bh6 Re8 14.0-0-0 Nd7 15.Rdg1 Re6 16.f4 1-0 (16) Elieff,K-Schiff,M London,Canada 1993]

10.Qc2!?N White is more active. An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

[Vorgänger: 10.0-0 Nc6 11.h3 h6 1.58/22 *(11...c4± 0.54/23 12.Bc2 f5)* 12.Bc2± aiming for Bc1xh6! f5 1.40/22 *(⌓12...cxd4 0.96/23 13.cxd4 f5)* 13.dxc5 0.97/22 *(White should try 13.exf6* 1.40/22 *Rxf6 14.dxc5)* 13...Be6 1.82/21 *(13...Bxc5± 0.97/22* might work better. *14.Rb1 Re8)* 14.Nd4+- Qd7 2.30/22 *(⌓14...Nxd4* 1.83/19 *15.cxd4 b6)* 15.Bb3 1.19/21 *(15.Ba3+-* 2.30/22 *)* 15...Rad8± 16.Qf3 0.35/23 *(16.Ba3±* 1.27/22 *)* 16...Bxc5 0-1 Leitao,R (2592)-Demin, V (2430) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Sept blitz 2021 (7)]

10...h6 11.Qd1 Nc6 12.0-0 Qa5 13.Bd2 cxd4 14.cxd4 Bb4 1.16/22

[⌓14...Qa3 0.72/21 15.Be3 Be6]



15.Be3!± f6 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Ne5 Prevents Bc8-g4. **17...Ne7** 2.23/20 This move loses the game for Black.

[17...Bf5± 1.00/21]

18.g4+- Bd6 19.f4 Rf8 20.f5 Nc6 3.41/20

[⌓20...Qa3 2.31/19 21.Qd2 Nc6]

21.Ng6 Re8 22.Qf3 Qd8 Prevents f5-f6 **23.h4**

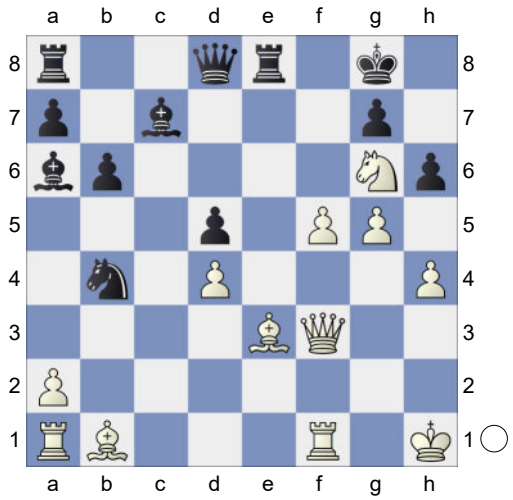
[23.Qxd5+ Be6 24.Qf3 *(24.fxe6?* perishes. *Bxh2+* Discovered Attack *25.Kxh2 Qxd5-+)* 24...Bf7±]

23...Bc7 24.Kh1 Nb4 25.Bb1 b6? 6.27/20

[25...Nc6 3.90/20 26.g5 Rxe3 27.Qxe3 Qd7 28.gxh6 Bd6 29.hxg7 b6]

26.g5 And now f5-f6 would win. **26...Ba6**

(Diagram)



27.f6! gxf6 28.gxf6 Threatening mate with f6-f7+. **28...Bxf1 29.f7+ Kg7 30.fxe8N+ Qxe8 31.Nf4** Against Bf1-d3. White wants to mate with Nf4-h5+. **31...Kh8 32.Bg6 Qe7** 7.15/21
[⌓32...Bd3 4.33/20]
33.Qh5 Kg7 34.Ne6+ Qxe6 35.Qxh6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.65
1-0

117 **A48**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2734**
UzChess Cup Masters 2024 (3.5) 8.6.24
[GM Papaioannou,TA]*

Let's examine how Mamedyarov played with Black. **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 c5 5.Bxf6 Bxf6 6.Ne4 Qb6** This line was clearly part of Mamedyarov's preparation. **7.Nxf6+ Qxf6**
[RR 7...exf6 8.b3 d5 9.c3 cxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Bd7 12.e3 Ke7 13.Be2 Nc6 14.0-0-0 Nxd4 15.Rxd4 Be6 16.Kb2 Rhc8 17.Rhd1 Rc5 18.Bf3 Rac8 19.Bxd5 Rxc3 20.Bc4 Bxc4 21.Kxc3 Be2+ 22.Kb2 Le,T (2557)-Paravyan,D (2612) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (71)]
[RR 7...exf6 8.dxc5 Qxb2 9.Qd4 Qxd4 10.Nxd4 Na6 11.Nb3 b6 12.cxb6 axb6 13.e4 Bb7 14.Kd2 0-0 15.Bd3 d5 16.Rhe1 Rfd8 17.e5 fxe5 18.Rxe5 Nc5 19.Nd4 Ra4 20.Nf3 d4 21.Be2 d3 22.Bxd3 Woodward,A (2544)-Lin,B (2290) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½ (76)]
8.e4!?
[8.c3 is a standard move.]
8...Nc6!?
[8...cxd4 9.e5 *(9.Qxd4 Qxd4 10.Nxd4±)* 9...Qb6 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4±]
9.c3 Now White is controlling the center quite well and should have a slight advantage. **9...cxd4N**
[RR 9...d6 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.0-0 a6 12.e5 dxe5 13.Bxc6 Bxc6 14.Nxe5 Rd8 15.Qe2 cxd4 16.Rfd1 0-0 17.cxd4 Rd5 18.Rac1 Rfd8 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Qxa6 Rxd4 21.Rxd4 Qxd4 22.Qe2 c5 23.g3 Rb8 24.b3 Griffa,R (2075)-Aglietti,G (2060) Robecchetto 1998 1-0 (42)]
10.cxd4 Qf4 11.Bd3 0-0 12.Qd2 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2± This position is highly desirable for White at the top level. White controls the center, the pieces are active, and the king is ready to join the battle. In other words, White is playing for two results. **13...d5! 14.Rhc1**
[14.e5? Bg4∓]
[14.exd5 Nb4⇄]
The position is already quite drawish now. **14...Rd8 15.exd5 Nb4 16.Be4 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Rxd5 18.Rc7 Bg4 19.Ke3 Bxf3 20.Kxf3 b6 21.Rxe7 Rxd4 22.Rc1 Rd3+ 23.Ke2 Rad8 24.Re8+ Rxe8+ 25.Kxd3**
½-½

118 **A46**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2766**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
UzChess Cup Masters 2024 (1.1) 6.6.24
[R Palliser,TA]*

A46: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6: Torre, London and Colle Systems **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4** Richard Palliser,MH: 'N'

[3.c4 Richard Palliser,MH c5 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4

A) 5...a6 6.g3 *(6.e4 Qc7 7.a3 b6 8.Be3 Bb7 9.f3 Be7 10.Rc1 d6 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Qd2 Rac8 14.b4 Rfe8 15.Kh1 Qb8 16.Rc2 Bd8 17.Na4 Ne5 18.Bg1 h5 19.Bf2 Ng6 20.c5 b5* ½-½ Skopec,L (2642)-Papadiamandis,E (2632) 17/482 Las Palmas 1974 (8.1)*)* 6...Qc7 7.Bg2 Qxc4 8.Bf4 Nc6 9.Nb3 d5 10.0-0 Qb4 11.e4 d4 12.Nd5 exd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.Re1 Bg4 15.Qd3 Rd8 16.h3 Bc8 17.Rac1 g5 18.Bd2 Qd6 19.Qxd4 Nfxd5 20.Qxh8 0-1 Adianto,U (2598)-Kasparov,G (2838) EUR-ASIA m 30' Batumi rapid 2001 (5);

B) 5...Bb4 6.Qb3 Bc5 7.Be3 b6 8.f3 Qe7 9.g3 Nc6 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Bg2 Na5 12.Qa4 Bb4 13.Bc1 Nxc4 14.0-0 d5 15.Kh1 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Bd7 17.Qc2 Rac8 12 Chapter-Games Chapter - 24 Game -]

[3.g3 Richard Palliser,MH c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Nd2 Bc5 *(6...b6 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.Nb5 Qc8 9.e4 a6 10.Nc3 d6 11.0-0 Be7 12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Nbd7 14.Qe2 Rd8 15.Rac1 Ra7 16.g4 h6 17.f4 Nh7 18.Nf3 Nhf8 19.g5 Ng6 20.gxh6 Nxf4 21.Qd2* 1-0 Phandsupatavorn,W (2490)-Kulejewski,L (2250) Biel Master Open 2015*)* 7.N2b3 Be7 8.Qd3 a6 9.Bg2 d6 10.Bd2 Bd7 11.Ba5 Qc8 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rac1 Nc6 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.e4 Qb8 16.Nd4 Bd7 17.h3 Rc8 1-0 Huzman, A (2435)-Novikov,I (2480) USSR 43/36 1987]

3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2

[A slightly more flexible method of development than 5.c3 ,]

[although with this move order, a definite case can also be made for the Jobava-Prie-like 5.Nc3!? , as we've seen before, most recently in Banh Gia Huy-Shahil, Qatar Masters Open, Doha 2023.]

5...h6!?

[This has been something of a recent trend amongst strong grandmasters over the past year or so. Black threatens ...Nh5 and avoids transposing into one of the main lines with 5...d5 6.c3 .]

6.Nc4!?

[A direct response. Instead, 6.c3 Nh5 7.Bg3 Nxg3 8.hxg3 d5 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.Qe2 Qe7 *(10...cxd4 11.exd4 Bd7* may also be OK, as touted by the engines *)* 11.dxc5! Bxc5 12.e4 d4! seemed OK for Black in Gukesh-Caruana, Zagreb (blitz) 2023,]

[which helps to explain why White has tended to go 6.h3 . Then d5 7.c3 Bd6 is like the main line, but without White able to go Bg3 and

A) 8.dxc5!? Bxc5 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 Richard Palliser,MH: 'Threatens to win with ...e6-e5.' 11.e4 e5 also equalised in Moroni-Niemann, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2024, where after 12.Bg3 Black might

have kept the tension with Be6!? , 13.Nxe5? -0.40/22 *(13.Qc2=* 0.02/20 (Richard Palliser,MH) is more appropriate.*)* 13...Qc7! being a neat point;

B) 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Bb5 0-0 10.0-0 Bd7 was rock-solid for Black in Sargsyan-Caruana, Julius Baer Play-In (rapid) 2023.]

[RR 6.c3 Nh5 7.Bg3 Nxg3 8.hxg3 d5 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.Qe2 Qe7 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.e4 d4 13.e5 dxc3 14.bxc3 Qc7 15.Rh4 b6 16.Rg4 Kf8 17.Rc4 Bb7 18.Nb3 Be7 19.Rd1 b5 20.Rf4 g5 Gukesh,D (2744)-Caruana,F (2782) Zagreb 2023 1-0 (41)]

6...d5 7.Nce5 And so White has got a knight to e5, and not the usual one that goes there. This feels pleasant for him, although Black is super-solid and can play around the knight. **7...Qb6!?**

[In typical fashion Maghsoodloo angles for counterplay, rather than be safe and solid with 7...Bd6 8.c3 0-0 9.Bd3 Qc7 followed by ...Nd7.]

[RR 7...Nxe5 8.Nxe5 Nd7 9.c3 Be7 10.Bd3 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 f6 12.Qh5+ Kf8 13.Bg3 Qb6 14.0-0 Bd7 15.Rfd1 Be8 16.Qe2 c4 17.Bc2 f5 18.f3 Bh5 19.b3 Qc6 20.bxc4 Qxc4 21.Bd3 Qxc3 22.Rdc1 Akhmetov,A (2410)-Harshavardhan,G (2472) Khanty-Mansiysk 2025 1-0 (77)]

8.Rb1 Richard Palliser,MH: 'Active counter play! The position is equal.'

8...Nxe5N

[I'm not sold on this novelty, although 8...Ne4?! 0.82/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '8...Nf6-h5 0.02' 9.Bd3! *(* improving over Md-Shahil, India 2022, where after *9.c3?!* -0.13/18 Richard Palliser, MH: '9.Bf1-d3 0.81' *g5! 10.Bg3 h5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd3* Black would have enjoyed decent play had he gone, say, Black would have enjoyed decent play had he gone, say, Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black would have enjoyed decent play had he gone, say,. Strongly threatening Bd3xe4.' *f6)* 9...g5!? 10.Nxc6! gxf4 11.Nce5 also seems to favour White, and if also seems to favour White, and if Richard Palliser,MH: 'also seems to favour White, and if. 0-0 would now be deadly.' cxd4 12.exd4 0.18/20 *(*Better is *12.exf4±* 1.00/20 Richard Palliser,MH *Qb4+ 13.Kf1)* 12...f6 1.19/20 *(12...Rg8!=* 0.18/20 (Richard Palliser,MH) remains equal.*)* 13.Ng6 .]

[As such, perhaps the critical line is 8...Nh5!? 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Be5 when Nf6 can't be too bad for Black.]

[RR 8...Ne4 9.c3 g5 10.Bg3 h5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd3 Ba6 13.h4 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nxg3 15.fxg3 Qc7 16.0-0 c4 17.Qe2 Qxg3 18.Nxg5 Bd6 19.Rf4 Bxf4 20.exf4 Qd3 21.Qe1 Qf5 22.Rd1 Kd7 23.Rd2 Md,B (1724)-Shahil,D (2395) New Delhi 2022 0-1]

9.Nxe5 Bd6 10.c3 Keeping everything secure. White's pieces will now flow to good squares, while coming up with a good plan for Black isn't so easy.

10...Bd7 11.Bd3 Rd8

[Slightly mysterious unless Black was keen not to castle into it and so provoke 11...0-0 12.g4?! -0.30/22 when *(*White should play *12.Qe2±* 0.33/20 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 12...cxd4 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 13.exd4 Bb5 doesn't look overly convincing for White.]

12.a4! A handy gain of space, which also

prevents ...Bb5 ideas, and only now does Maghsoodloo elect to castle. A handy gain of space, which also prevents ...Bb5 ideas, and only now does Maghsoodloo elect to castle. Richard Palliser,MH: 'A handy gain of space, which also prevents ...Bb5 ideas, and only now does Maghsoodloo elect to castle. Inhibits Bd7-b5.' **12...0-0** **13.h4!?**

[Wowsers, is White AlphaZero? Instead, the classical 13.0-0 Qc7 14.Ra1 followed by Qf3 looks like a pleasant edge for White.]

13...cxd4 **14.exd4** **Ne4!?** Richard Palliser,MH: 'Repels Bf4-g5' **15.0-0**

[A calm approach, one which sidesteps 15.f3 Be8! 16.fxe4 f6 when White lacks a magic move and, for instance, 17.Nc4 dxc4 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Bxc4 Qg3+ is likely roughly level.]

15...Be8! As we've already seen, this is a fairly strong retreat, looking to advance the f-pawn. **16.Qg4!? Qc7**

[White's point was, of course, 16...f6 3.06/20 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' Richard Palliser,MH: '16...Qb6-c7 0.22' 17.Qxe6+ ,]

[but 16...f5!? 17.Qd1 Qc7 might have been better than the game for Black, and if 18.h5 Qe7 .]

17.Bc2

[Calmly covering a4 and most certainly not 17.Bxh6?? f5 . *(17...Bxa4* Richard Palliser,MH *18.Qxg7#)* 18.Qf4 Richard Palliser, MH Bxe5 *(18...gxh6? 19.Qxh6 Rf6 20.Qf4-+)* 19.dxe5 gxh6-+]

17...Kh8!?

[Refusing to potentially weaken with Richard Palliser,MH: 'Refusing to potentially weaken with' 17...f5 , although this and then Richard Palliser,MH: ', although this and then' 18.Qe2 g5! should supply sufficient counterplay, as we noted above. doesn't seem to be too bad for Black. doesn't seem to be too bad for Black. Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'should supply sufficient counterplay, as we noted above.']

18.f3! A big decision and likely a good one, driving the knight back and being happy to keep the queen on the kingside. **18...Nf6** **19.Qh3** Now White might finally get to go g2-g4 after all. Black clearly needs counterplay - and fast. **19...Nh5?** 0.74/20

[Playing on the wrong side. Black either needed to be solid and go 19...Nd7]

[or lash out with 19...b5!? 0.21/21 when when Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 20.axb5 Bxb5 21.Rfe1 a5 22.Bh2! a4 23.g4 Nd7! seems to maintain the rough balance, including after the highly unclear 24.f4 Nf6 25.g5 Ne4! .]

20.Bh2 Richard Palliser,MH: ' **±**' **20...f6** The point of Black's play, and otherwise White had g2-g4, but Maghsoodloo has missed or underestimated White's next. The point of Black's play, and otherwise White had g2-g4, but Maghsoodloo has missed or underestimated White's next. Richard Palliser,MH: '

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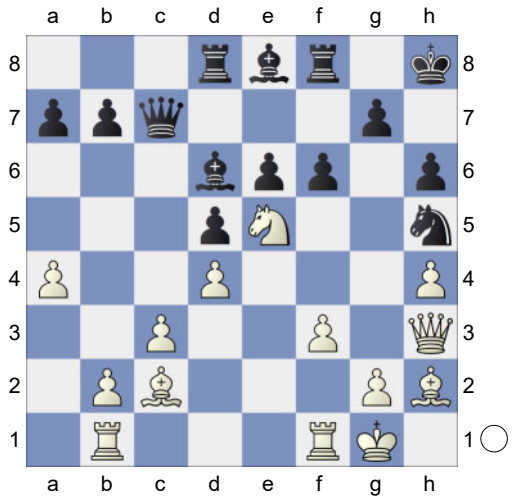

The point of Black's play, and otherwise White had g2-g4, but Maghsoodloo has missed or underestimated White's next.' **21.f4!** A powerful piece sacrifice which fully exploits Black's lack of coordination and offside knight. **21...fxe5?** 1.77/20

[Falling in with White's plans. Black absolutely had to go 21...f5! 0.68/20 , even if , even if Richard Palliser,MH: '±' 22.g4! fxg4 23.Qxg4 Qe7 24.f5 would leave White with a fairly strong initiative.]

22.fxe5 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-' **22...Be7** **23.g4** Regaining the piece while keeping Black still rather untangled up. **23...Qc4?** 2.61/21

[The last chance according to the engines was to dig in with 23...Bf7! 24.gxh5 Richard Palliser,MH: 'And now Rf1xf7! would win.' Qd7 25.Qg4 Richard Palliser,MH: 'aiming for Rf1xf7!' Bg8 , pretty grim though this would have been.]

[⌓23...Rg8 1.80/22 Richard Palliser, MH 24.gxh5 Discovered Attack Qd7 *(24...Bxh5 25.Qxe6 Qc8 26.Qxc8±)*]

24.Rxf8+ Richard Palliser,MH: '→' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black is in trouble.'

[24.gxh5 Richard Palliser,MH Bxh5 25.Bf4 Qe2±]

24...Bxf8 **25.Qf3** Gaining a handy tempo ahead of doubling on the open file. **25...Be7** 4.38/22

[But not 25...Bxa4 Richard Palliser, MH 26.b3 Bxb3 27.Bxb3+-]

[⌓25...Bf7 2.86/19 Richard Palliser, MH 26.Qxf7 Trapped Piece *(26.gxh5 Bg8+-)* 26...Qe2]

26.gxh5 **b5** **27.Rf1** Threatening mate ahead of regaining use of the d3-square for the white queen. Threatening mate ahead of regaining use of the d3-square for the white queen. Richard Palliser, MH: 'Threatening mate ahead of regaining use of the d3-square for the white queen. White is clearly winning.' **27...Kg8** Richard Palliser,MH: 'Repels Qf3-f8+' **28.b3!** **Qc7** **29.Qd3** It's all over bar the shouting and we can certainly appreciate why Black would have done much better to have had a bishop on g8. **29...g6** **30.Qh3** **Kg7**

[Likewise, 30...Qd7 31.hxg6 bxa4 32.bxa4 Rb8 33.Bf4 Bf8 34.Bc1 would have left White two pawns to the good and still attacking. would have left White two pawns to the good and still attacking. Richard Palliser, MH: 'would have left White two pawns to the good and still attacking. Prevents Rb8-b2.']

31.Qxe6 **Bxh4** 8.03/22 Richard Palliser, MH: '

[⌓31...Qd7 4.35/20 Richard Palliser, MH 32.Qxd7 Bxd7]

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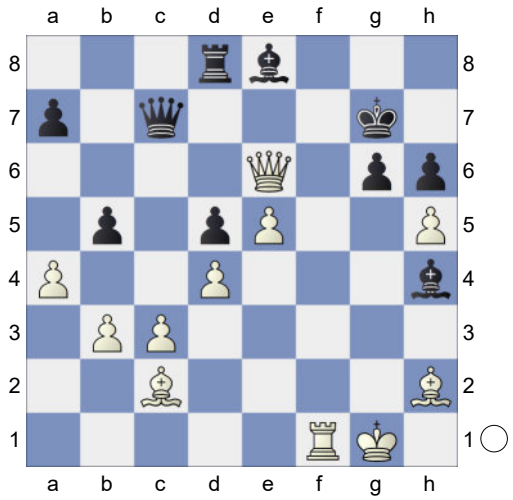

' **32.Qf6+!** A neat finish to exploit the loose piece on c7. A neat finish to exploit the loose piece on c7. Richard Palliser,MH: '!!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'A neat finish to exploit the loose piece on c7. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.30'
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119 **E10**
☐ **Gupta,Ab** **2601**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2732**
Vladimir Dvorkovich Open (7.1) 31.05.24
[Kitty Kat]*

E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Nbd7
[4...c5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.a3 Ne4 10.Nfd2 0-0 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Qxd8 Rxd8 13.Bxe4 Bd4 14.Re1 Re8 15.Nd2 Be6 16.Nf3 Bf6 17.Bg5 Bxb2 18.Rab1 Bxa3 19.Rxb7 1-0 Esipenko,A (2680)-Bjerre,J (2608) EU-ch 23rd Vrnjacka Banja 2023 (9)]
5.Bg2 Bb4+N
[5...Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Qc2 Ne4 8.b3 f5 9.Ba3 c6 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Nbd2 g5 12.Ne1 Qg7 13.e3 Kh8 14.Nd3 h5 15.Nf3 Qh6 16.Nfe5 g4 17.Kh1 h4 18.gxh4 Kg7 19.f3 Qxh4 20.fxe4 1-0 Fominyh,A (2571)-Adly,A (2209) Golden Cleopatra op 2001 (4)]
[5...Bd6 6.0-0 *(6.Nbd2 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.b3 Bb7 9.Bb2 c5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Ne5 Re8 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Nc4 Be7 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Ne3 Ne4 16.Nf5 Bf6 17.Nd4 Rc8 18.Rc1 Rc5 19.Qd3 Qc8 20.Rfd1 Ba6* 0-1 Brenke,A (2357)-Maller,K (2513) Lippstadt *)* 6...0-0 7.Nc3 dxc4 8.Nd2 Nb6 9.e4 Bb4 10.a3 Be7 11.e5 Nfd5 12.Qe2 c5 13.dxc5 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bxc5 15.Nxc4 Qc7 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.Ne4 Be7 18.Bf4 Nd5 19.Nf6+ Bxf6 20.Bxd5 1-0 Xiao,Y (2136)-Ozturk,H (1818) WY GU16 2012 (1.10)]
6.Bd2 a5 7.0-0 Be7 8.Qc2 c6 9.Bf4 0-0 10.Rd1 a4 11.Nc3 0.01/21
11.a3 is a critical line. 11.a3 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.
[11.h4± 0.38/20]
11...dxc4 12.Nd2 White has an edge.
12...Nb6
[RR 12...Nd5 13.Nxc4 b5 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 a3 16.b3 Qb6 17.Rac1 Nb4 18.Qb1 Rd8 19.Rd2 Ra7 20.Rcd1 Rad7 21.Qe4 Bf8 22.Qg4 Kh8 23.Qh5 Kg8 24.Ne4 Nd5 25.Ng5 h6 26.Be4 Nf6 27.Bxf6 Percivaldi,M (2374)-Haubro,M (2363) Odense 2025 ½-½ (42)]
13.e4N Prevents Nf6-d5
[Vorgänger: 13.Nce4 -0.02/21 13.e2-e4 0.34 a3 14.bxa3 Nfd5 15.Nxc4 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Nxf4 17.gxf4 Rxa3 18.Rd3 Rxd3 19.Qxd3 ½-½ Serban,C (2275)-Petkov,M (2489) Arad op 16th 2023 (8)]
13...a3 14.b3N -0.24/20

[14.Rab1!± 0.44/20]
[RR 14.bxa3 Bxa3 15.Rab1 h6 16.h3 Re8 17.Ne2 Nfd7 18.Be3 Ra6 19.f4 f5 20.Nxc4 Nxc4 21.Qxc4 Nf6 22.exf5 Kh8 23.Nc3 exf5 24.Bf2 b5 25.Qb3 b4 26.Na4 Be6 27.Qc2 Bd5 28.Nc5 Bxg2 Efimov,L (2058)-Ovod,E (2260) Ershovo 2024 1-0 (58)]

14...cxb3=
[14...Qxd4? 15.Nxc4 Qc5 16.Be3+-]

15.Qxb3 Nbd7
[15...Qxd4? 16.Be3 Qe5 17.Bxb6+-]

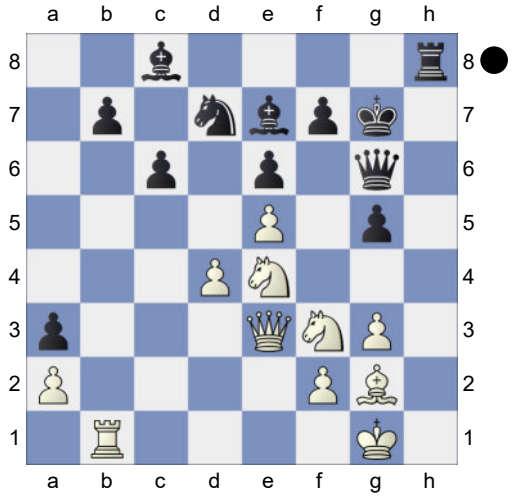
16.Nf3 Qa5 17.Rab1 h6 18.Qc2 Qh5 19.h3 White has compensation. **19...g5 20.Be3 Qg6 21.Qc1 Ra6** 0.91/18
[21...Rd8± 0.38/21]

22.h4 0.00/22
[22.Ne5± 0.91/18 Qg7 23.Nd3]

22...Ng4 23.hxg5 Nxe3 Remove Defender **24.Qxe3 hxg5 25.e5 Rb6 26.Bf1** -0.63/21
[26.Nd2= 0.06/21]

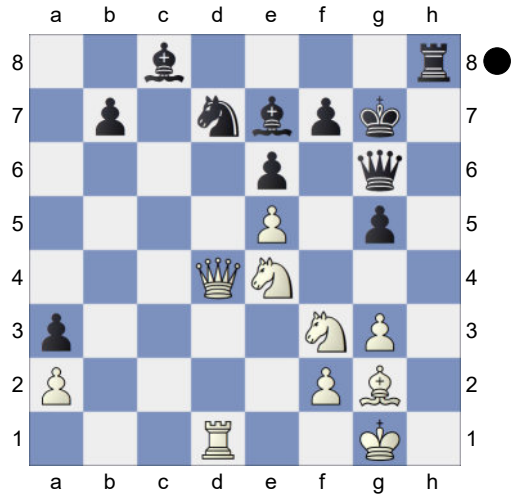
26...Kg7
[26...Rxb1 simplifies 27.Rxb1 c5 28.Re1 cxd4 29.Nxd4 Qg7]

27.Ne4 Rh8 28.Bg2 Rxb1 29.Rxb1



c5 -0.27/20 **30.Rd1** -0.82/19
[30.Nfxg5 cxd4 31.Qf4 Bxg5 32.Qxg5 Qxg5 33.Nxg5 Nxe5∓]
[30.dxc5= -0.27/20 keeps the balance. Bxc5 31.Qxg5]

30...cxd4 31.Qxd4



Qh5 -0.10/19
[31...b6!∓ -1.15/21 32.Rd2 Nc5]

32.Nd6 aiming for Nd6xc8. **32...g4** Deflection **33.Nh4↑** White has the initiative. A dynamic duo of knights.

33...Rd8!
[33...Nxe5? 34.Nhf5+ *(34.Bxb7? Bxd6 35.Bxc8 Bc5-+)* 34...exf5 35.Qxe5+ Bf6 36.Ne8+ Rxe8 37.Qxe8+-]

34.Nxc8
[34.Nxb7? too greedy. Bxb7 35.Bxb7 Nc5-+ *(35...Qxe5 36.Qxg4+ Kf8 37.Qf3=; 35...Nxe5? 36.Qa4-+)*]

34...Nxe5 35.Qxd8 -3.54/21 White does not recover from this.
[35.Nxe7 Rxd4 36.Rxd4 Qg5∓]
[35.Nf5+!∓ -0.38/19 exf5 36.Qxe5+ Bf6 37.Qe2 *(37.Qxf6+ Kxf6 38.Rxd8 f4∓)* 37...Rxc8 38.Bxb7]

35...Bxd8-+ 36.Rxd8 Qh7 Threatens to win with ...Qh7-b1+. **37.Nd6** Bg2-e4! is the strong threat. **37...Qb1+ 38.Bf1 Qxa2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.14 (very precise)

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120 **E20**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2762**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
7th Sharjah Masters 2024 (7.4) 20.05.24
[John Emms,TA]*

E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3** It's no surprise to see this sharp line as part of Erigaisi's repertoire. **4...c5 5.d5 b5 6.e4! 0-0** Maghsoodloo allows the advance of the e-pawn. 6...d6 is the main alternative. **7.e5**

[7.cxb5 exd5 8.Bd3 dxe4 9.fxe4 d5∓]

7...Ne8 8.f4 exd5 9.cxd5 d6 10.Nf3

[10.Bxb5 dxe5 11.Nge2 Nd6=]

10...c4 11.a4 dxe5!? This is a relatively rare choice.

[11...Nd7 is the main line, and here Erigaisi has played 12.axb5!? : *(12.Be2* is the most popular choice - see the notes to Firouzja,A-So,W/chess24.com 2021*)* 12...dxe5 13.Bxc4 Nd6 *(13...Qc7!)* 14.Be2

A) 14...exf4 15.0-0! Bb7 1.04/20 *(*Black should play *15...Bc5+*± 0.36/21 *16.Kh1 Qf6)* 16.Bxf4± favoured White in Erigaisi,A-Nakamura,H/Kolkata 2022;

B) 14...Qb6!

B1) 15.Bd2

B1a) 15...Bxc3 0.41/19 15...e5-e4 -0.32 16.Bxc3 Ne4 17.Rf1 Prevents Qb6-f2+. Nxc3 18.bxc3 Qc5 0.95/21 *(18...exf4*± 0.37/19 *19.Qd4 Re8)* 19.c4 0.39/18 *(19.fxe5*± 0.95/21 *Qxc3+ 20.Kf2)* 19...Re8!± 20.Rf2 was better for White in Piesik,P-Kozak,A/Slovakia 2020;

B1b) 15...e4! 16.Ne5! e3;

B2) 15.fxe5 Nxe5! appears to be a critical line. For example, 16.Nxe5 Re8! 17.Nd3 Ne4 18.Qc2 Nxc3 *(18...Bf5!?)* 19.bxc3 Bg4! 20.Nf4 Rac8! 21.Bd2! *(21.Bb2 Qe3! 22.Qd2 Rxc3!)* 21...Bxe2 22.Nxe2 Qxb5 23.0-0! Qxe2 24.Rae1 Qc4 25.Qf5 Bc5+ 26.Kh1 f6 and the engine says 0.00!]

12.fxe5 Bg4 13.axb5 is another way to reach the game position.

[13.Be2! Nd7 14.Bf4 has been seen a few times in correspondence games, with Black holding in the complications.

A) 14...Nb6 15.axb5 *(15.d6!?* Black must now prevent 0-0. *Nxa4 16.Qd2* is worth a look for example,. Hoping for 0-0. *f6* And now ...f6xe5 would win. *17.Rd1 fxe5 18.Bxe5 Nf6* Against Qd2-d5+ *19.0-0* with good compensation for White*)* 15...Nxd5 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Bxc4 Nec7 18.0-0 Bxc3! 19.bxc3 Nxc3 20.Qxd7 Bxd7 21.Bd2 N3xb5 22.Ng5 Ne6 23.Rad1 Rfc8 (□-□ Neubauer,R-Borwell,A/ICCF email 2012). Black equalises with accurate play, e.g. 24.Bd5 Bc6 25.Ba2 Nbc7 26.Nxf7 Threatens to win with Bd2-a5. *(26.Rxf7!? Bd5*□ *27.Bxd5 Nxd5 28.Rd7=)* 26...Bd5!=;

B) 14...Qb6 15.d6! Repels Ne8-c7 bxa4 16.Kf1! Be6! Otherwise Nd5 was coming. 17.Rxa4 Bc5 0.32/19 *(*Black should try *17...Qb7*= -0.21/20 *)* 18.Bxc4± Qxb2 19.Qd2! Qxd2 20.Bxd2 Bxc4+! 21.Rxc4 f6! Black has to break up White's impressive pawn centre. 22.Ne4 *(22.e6?* -1.66/19 22.Nc3-e4 0.25

Nxd6) 22...fxe5! 23.Nxc5 Nxc5 24.Rxc5 e4 25.Bg5! exf3 26.Be7 Rf4! This allows Black to contain the d-pawn with ...Rd4. 27.gxf3 (□-□ Oikamo,T-Engelen,J/ICCF email 2021). d6-d7 would now be deadly. *(27.d7!? Rd4□ 28.Rc8 Rxd7 29.Rxa8 Rd1+ 30.Kf2 Rxh1 31.Ba3±)* 27...Nf6 28.Rg1 Kf7 29.Ke2 a5 and Black holds comfortably.]

13...Nd7 14.Bf4

[14.Qd4 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nc7 16.Bxc4 Bc5! *(16...Bc5!? 17.Qf4 Nxe5=)* 17.Qe4 Nxe5! gives Black good counterplay.]

[14.Bxc4 Bxf3 *(14...Nxe5 15.Be2∓)* 15.gxf3 Qh4+ *(15...Nxe5 16.Be2∓)* 16.Kf1 Qxc4+ 17.Qe2 Nxe5-+]

14...Nc7! 15.Bxc4

[RR 15.Ra4 Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 Nb6 17.Rxc4 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 Rc8 19.Qd3 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Ne6 21.dxe6 Qh4+ 22.Bg3 Qxc4 23.Qxc4 Rxc4 24.exf7+ Rxf7 25.Ke2 Rxc3 26.Rd1 Rfxf3 27.Rd7 Rb3 28.Bf2 Rf8 29.Bd4 Rxb5 Karthi,J (2206)-Marin Ferragut,P (2333) Durres 2025 0-1 (51)]

15...Nb6 16.Be2N

[16.Bg5? Qxg5 17.Nxg5 Bxd1-+]

[16.Bb3 Nbxd5 17.Bd2 Nxc3 18.Bxc3 Bxf3 19.Qxd8 Bxc3+ 20.bxc3 Rfxd8 21.gxf3 Nxb5 #2 4.f3-7.e5 with 10.a4]

[16.Qd4 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Ne6 18.Qe4 Qh4+ 19.Bg3 Qxe4+ 20.fxe4 Nxc4 21.dxe6 Nxb2 #1 4.f3-7.e5 with 10.a4]

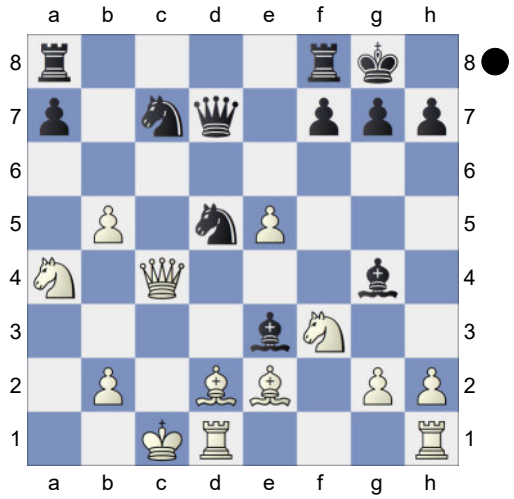
[RR 16.Qd4 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qh4+ 18.Ke2 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Ncxd5 20.Bxd5 Nxd5 21.Be3 Qd8 22.Rhd1 Nxe3 23.Qxd8 Rfxd8 24.Kxe3 Rdc8 25.Rd3 h5 26.Ra6 Rab8 27.Rxa7 Rxb5 28.h4 Rxe5+ 29.Kf4 Re6 30.Rad7 Rf6+ Kornyukov,A (2452)-Ferey,A (2181) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (32)]

16...Nbxd5 17.Bd2 Bc5 Preventing White from castling. The opening battle has been successful for Maghsoodloo, and Black has a promising position here although it remains tremendously sharp and the assessment can change very quickly. **18.Qa4 Qd7 19.Qc4 Bb6 20.Na4**

[20.h3 simplifies Nxc3 21.Qxg4 Qxg4 22.hxg4 Nxe2 23.Kxe2 f6 24.exf6 Rxf6 25.Ba5]

20...Bxf3

[20...Be3! is the best move here, and after 21.Rd1 Bd2xe3 is the strong threat. *(21.0-0-0* -1.25/18 21.Ra1-d1 -0.23



a6!) 21...Qf5! Black's position looks easier to play.]

21.Bxf3 With the idea Na4xb6.

21...Rae8 0.40/20

[21...Rad8= 0.04/19]

22.0-0-0!± After the last two moves, suddenly queenside castling looks a lot safer for White! **22...Rxe5 23.Rhe1!**

[And not 23.Bf4 Qf5 24.Bxe5

(24.Bxd5? Nxd5 25.Nxb6 Nxf4-+) 24...Be3+ 25.Rd2 Bxd2+ *(25...Qxe5 26.Rhd1∓)* 26.Kxd2 Qg5+∓ *(26...Qxe5 27.Kc1∓; 26...Qxe5 27.Kc1∓)*]

23...Qf5 24.Rxe5

[24.g4!?]

24...Qxe5 25.Re1 It's now clear that White is the one who is pressing.

25...Qd6 26.Qc6 Rd8 27.Nxb6 axb6 28.Rd1

[28.Qxd6 Rxd6 29.Be2 Kf8±]

28...Ne7 0.40/22

[28...Qe5!= 0.00/22 is superior.]

29.Qxd6

[29.Qc4 seems wilder. Ncd5 30.Bb4 Qxb4 31.Qxb4 Rc8+ 32.Qc3]

29...Rxd6 30.Be3 Rxd1+ 31.Kxd1= Endgame. With a healthy pawn majority on the queenside, the bishop pair advantage would be close to decisive. As it is, White is still better, but the doubled b-pawns give Black excellent chances to hold. KBB-KNN **31...Ned5 32.Bf2 f5 33.Kd2 Kf7 34.Kd3 g5 35.Kc4 Ke6 36.h3 Ke5 37.Bd4+ Kd6 38.g4** The position is equal. **38...f4 39.Be4 h6 40.Bf3**

[40.Bg7 is critical, but. Strongly threatening Be4xd5! Ne6! 41.Bxh6 Ne3+ 42.Kd3 Ke5 gives Black dangerous counterplay. Dodges Be4-f5]

40...Ke6 41.Bg7 Kf7 42.Bd4 Again Maghsoodloo chooses not to take the pawn. This pair of bishops is nice.

[42.Bxh6 Ne3+ 43.Kd3 Ne6! forces White to play. aiming for ...Kf7-g6. 44.h4 gxh4 and Black is okay.]

[Much worse is 42.Bxd5+ Kxg7 43.Bc6 Kf7∓]

42...Ke6 43.Bg7 Kf7 44.Bd4 Ke6 45.Be4 Kd6 46.Bh1 Ke6 47.Bf3 Kd6 48.b3 Ke6 49.Bg7 Kf7 50.Bd4 Ke6 51.Bg7 Kf7 52.Bd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

[Don't play 52.Bxd5+ Kxg7 53.Bg2 *(53.Bf3 Kf6∓)* 53...Kf6∓]

½-½

121 **E71**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**

■ **Theodorou,Nikolas** **2617**

7th Sharjah Masters 2024 (6.8) 19.05.24

[Kitty Kat]*

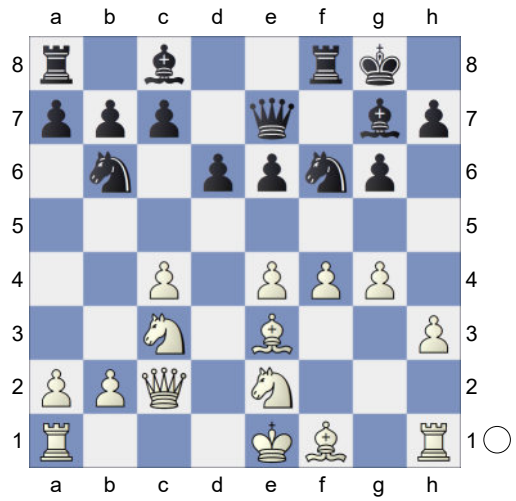
E71: King's Indian: 4 e4 d6 5 h3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0 6.Be3 Nc6 7.d5 Ne5 8.Qc2 e6 White is slightly better. **9.f4 Ned7 10.dxe6!** &Bianco is more active.

10...fxe6 11.g4 Against Nh5 **11...Qe7N**

[11...b6 12.0-0-0 Bb7 13.Bg2 Nc5 14.Nge2 B6-6... Nc6 and 7... Ne5 #1]

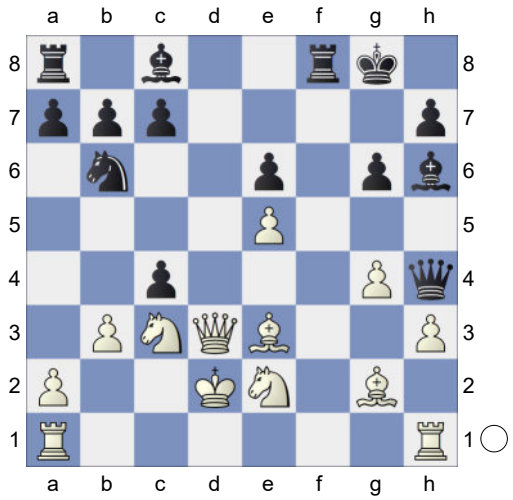
12.Nge2 Nb6



13.b3! d5 14.e5 Black is on the road to losing. **14...Nfd7 15.Bg2 Nxe5** 1.28/19 **16.fxe5± Qh4+ 17.Kd2 Bh6 18.Qd3**

[18.cxd5?! Bxe3+ 19.Kxe3 Qf2+ 20.Kd2 Qxg2=]

18...dxc4



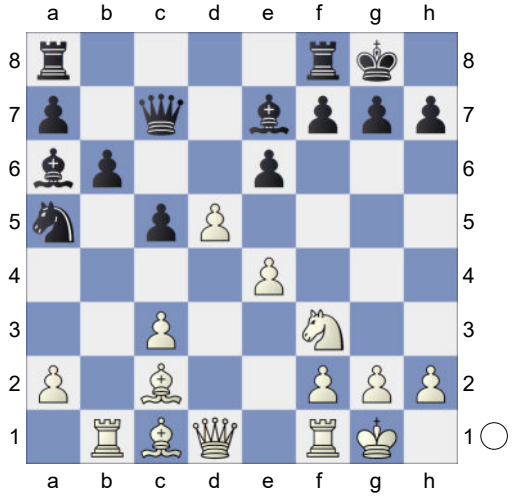
19.Qe4 Nd5 2.43/21
[⌓19...Bd7 1.64/18 20.g5 Bxg5 21.Qxh4 Bxh4 22.Bxb7 Rad8]
20.Nxd5+- exd5 21.Qd4 Be6 2.18/20
[⌓21...Bxe3+ 1.81/19 22.Qxe3 Be6]
22.g5 Bxg5 Threatens to win with ... Qxd4+. **23.Qxh4** The board is on fire.
23...Bxh4 24.Nd4 Rfe8 25.bxc4 dxc4 26.Bxb7
[26.Nxe6 Rxe6 27.Kc3 *(27.Bxb7 Rd8+ 28.Kc3 Rd3+ 29.Kxc4 Rxe3±)* 27...Rxe5]
26...Rad8 Strongly threatening ...c5.
27.Ke2 Bd5 28.Bxd5+ Rxd5 29.Nf3 Bg3 30.Rhd1
[30.Bxa7 Bxe5 31.Nxe5 Rexe5+ 32.Kf2 Rf5+ 33.Kg3 Rg5+ 34.Kf4 Rgf5+ 35.Kg4 Rg5+ 36.Kf4 Rgf5+ 37.Kg4 Rg5+ 38.Kf3 Rgf5+ 39.Ke4 Rfe5+ 40.Kf4 Rf5+=]
30...Bxe5 31.Rxd5 Bxa1 32.Rc5 Rb8 33.a4
[33.Rxc4?! Rb2+ 34.Kd3 Rxa2 35.Rxc7 a5 36.Rc8+ Kg7+-]
33...Rb4 34.a5
[34.Rxc7 a5 35.Rc8+ Kg7]
34...a6 35.Nd2
[Resist 35.Rxc7 Ra4 36.Bd2 Bf6+-]
35...c3 36.Nc4
[Not 36.Rxc7 cxd2 37.Rc6 Rb3 38.Bxd2 Rxh3=]
36...Rb2+ 37.Kd3 Rh2 38.Rc6 c2 39.Rxa6 c5 40.Ra8+ Kf7 41.a6 Bd4 And now ...Bxe3 would win. **42.Bd2 c1Q 43.Bxc1 Rxh3+ 44.Be3 Bxe3 45.Nxe3 c4+ 46.Kxc4 Rxe3** KR-KR **47.a7**
[Less strong is 47.Ra7+ Kf6±]
47...Re7 48.Rh8 Rc7+ 49.Kd4 Rd7+ 50.Ke4 Re7+ 51.Kf3N
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.30
1-0

122 **D35**
□ **Vakhidov,Jahongir** **2599**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
7th Sharjah Masters 2024 (5.14) 18.5.24
[Kitty Kat]*

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation
1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4
[3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Qc2 e5 8.cxd5 *(8.d4 e4 9.Nd2 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Be2 h5 12.Ba3 Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Bf5 14.b4 Nbd7 15.0-0 Nf8 16.a5 Ne6 17.Rfa1 g6 18.b5 axb5 19.cxb5 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Nb3 Nxb3 22.Qxb3 d4* 0-1 Marcetic,N (2003)-Mah,K (2444) Jugoslavija (ch) 29/209 1980 (1) *)* 8...cxd5 9.Nb5 Nc6 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 11.Bb5 Bg4 12.Bxc6 Bxf3 13.gxf3 bxc6 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Rg1 Rfe8 16.Qf5 d4 17.Kf1 g6 Ganguly,S (2609)-Mendonca,L (2536) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(4) 2022]
3...Nf6 4.cxd5N
[4.Nf3 a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 c6 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.e3 Qe7 12.Qc2

Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nc4 Bf5 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.a3 Rad8 18.Re1 Qe6 Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game 8]

4...Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 c5 7.Rb1 Be7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bc4 Qc7 White has an edge. **10.Bb3 b6 11.0-0 Nc6 12.d5 Na5 13.Bc2 Ba6!**



Wards off Qd1-e2 **14.e5! exd5 15.Re1 Rae8 16.Bf4N**

[RR 16.h3 d4 17.cxd4 cxd4 18.Be4 h6 19.Nxd4 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Rxd4 21.Qxd4 gxh6 22.Qe3 Bg5 23.Qg3 Kh8 24.Rbd1 Qe7 25.Bb1 Rg8 26.Qf3 Bb7 27.Qf5 Rg7 28.e6 Bh4 29.g4 Nc6 30.Rd7 fxe6 Vakhidov,J (2599)-Rathanvel,V (2471) Dubai 2024 1-0 (32)]

16...Nc4 aiming for ...Nc4-a3. **17.Qd3**

[17.Qxd5 Na3 18.Qe4 Nxc2 19.Qxc2 Qc8±]

17...g6 18.Bh6 -0.08/20

[White should play 18.Ba4!± 0.48/21]

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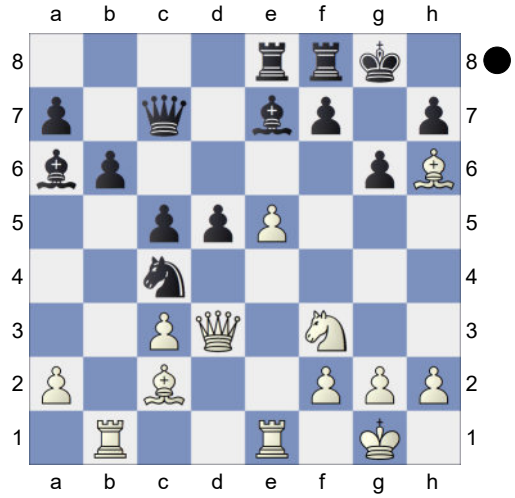


18...Bc8!= 19.Bxf8

[19.Ba4 Rd8]

19...Bxf8 20.Qxd5 Na3 21.Rbc1 Strongly threatening Bc2-e4. **21...Bh6** Black has compensation. **22.Ba4! Be6 23.Qe4 b5 24.Rcd1**

[24.Bb3? c4 25.Ra1 cxb3 26.axb3 Bf5-+]

24...Qe7

[24...bxa4? 25.Qxa4 Qc8 26.Qxa3+-]

25.Bb3 Bb3xe6 would now be deadly.

25...c4 26.Nd4 cxb3 27.axb3 a5 28.Qc6 -0.58/22

[28.h4= -0.22/21]

28...Bf8∓ ...Qe7-d7 is the strong threat.

29.Ra1 -1.98/23

[29.Nxe6!∓ -0.51/21 Qxe6 30.Qxe6 Rxe6 *(30...fxe6 31.Re4-+)* 31.Re4]

29...Qd8 30.Qe4 -2.20/19

[⌓30.Nxe6 -1.79/18 Rxe6 31.Qb7]

30...Bd5-+ 31.Qf4 Qb6 32.Rad1 -2.23/23

[32.h4 -1.63/17 was necessary.]

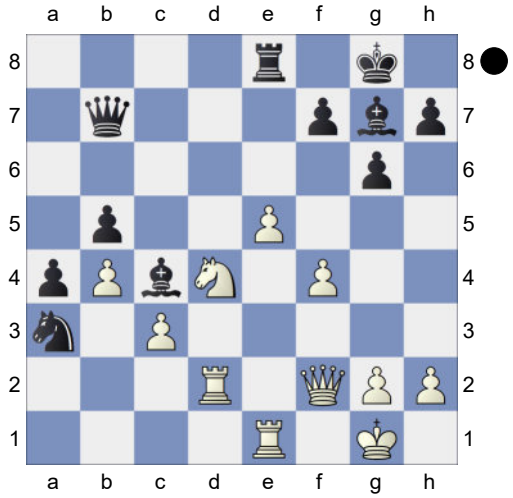
32...Qb7 33.Qg3 a4 34.b4 Bb3 35.Rd2 Qd5 -1.32/21

[Black should try 35...Be6-+ -2.23/21 36.Nxe6 Rxe6 *(36...fxe6? 37.h4-+)*]

36.f4∓ Bg7 37.Qf2 -1.62/18

[37.h4∓ -1.10/20 might work better.]

37...Qb7-+ 38.Rde2 -2.59/21
[38.Ra1∓ -1.58/20 was worth a try. Nc4 39.Re2]
38...Bc4 39.Rd2



Bd5! 40.Rdd1 Nc4 41.h4 h5 42.Kh2 a3 43.g3 Nb2 44.Rd2 Na4 45.Nc2 a2
[45...Nxc3 46.Qd4 Qc6 47.Nxa3∓]
46.Ne3 Bb3
[Not 46...Nxc3 47.Nxd5 Nxd5 48.Qg2-+]
47.Rd3 -4.33/21 White is weak on the light squares
[47.Rxa2 -2.94/18 is a better defense. Bxa2 *(47...Nxc3? 48.Ra3-+)* 48.Qxa2]
47...Qe4 48.Qf1 Qc6 49.Rc1 Qe4 White must now prevent ...Re8-c8. **50.Re1 Ra8 51.Rd4 Qc6 52.c4 Nc3** Black is clearly winning. **53.Ra1 bxc4** Threatens to win with ...Qc6-b6. **54.Qe1 Nb5 55.Rd5 Bf8 56.e6 c3 57.exf7+ Kxf7 58.Re5 Nd4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.10 (very precise)
0-1

123 **A05**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
■ **Sethuraman,Sandeep** **2593**
7th Sharjah Masters 2024 (2.10) 15.5.24
[Kitty Kat]*

A04: Unusual lines after 1 Nf3 and King's Indian Attack **1.Nf3** Besenthal, Klaus Guenther **1...Nf6 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.0-0 e5 5.e4 d6 6.d3 g6 7.c4**
[7.a3 Bg7 8.c3 0-0 9.b4 a6 10.Nbd2 b5 11.Rb1 Nd7 12.Nb3 cxb4 13.axb4 Nb6 14.Be3 Be6 15.Qd2 Rc8 16.Rfc1 Re8 17.h4 Na4 18.c4 h5 19.Kh2 Bg4 20.cxb5 axb5 21.Na5 Nd4 1-0 Beukema,H (2822)-10. ♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5_1525 (2773) GER-ITA email 2012 (2)]
[RR 7.a3 Bg7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Rb1 a6 10.b4 b5 11.Be3 cxb4 12.axb4 h6 13.h3 Be6 14.d4 Bc4 15.Re1 Rc8 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.g4 d5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Bxe4 Qxd2 Kramnik,V (2812)-Giri,A (2782) Paris 2016 CBM 173 [Besenthal,Klaus Guenther] 0-1 (35)]
7...h5N
[RR 7...Bg7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Ne1 Bg4 10.f3 Bd7 11.Nc2 a6 12.a4 Ne8 13.Rb1 Rb8 14.Be3 Nc7 15.b4 b6 16.b5 axb5 17.axb5 Nd4 18.Bd2 h5 19.Nxd4 exd4 20.Ne2 Qc8 21.Bf4 Be5 22.Bh6 Narayanan,S (2661)-Nguyen,T (2649) Jermuk 2023 ½-½ (59)]
[RR 7...Bg7 8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 h5 11.h4 Nd4 12.Qd1 Bh6 13.Be3 Ng4 14.Bxd4 cxd4 15.Nd2 0-0 16.Nf3 Qe7 17.Nh2 Nf6 18.Bh3 a5 19.b4 axb4 20.axb4 Qc7 21.Qb3 Rfb8 22.Nf3 Tabatabaei,M (2673)-Santos Latasa,J (2614) Samarkand 2025 1-0 (59)]

[RR 7...Bg7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.a3 a6 10.Rb1 Rb8 11.b4 cxb4 12.axb4 b5 13.cxb5 axb5 14.h3 h6 15.Be3 Be6 16.d4 Bc4 17.Re1 exd4 18.Nxd4 Ne5 19.f4 Nd3 20.Nc6 Qe8 21.Nxb8 Nxe1 22.Qxe1 Matlakov,M (2662)-Caruana,F (2763) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (56)]

8.Nc3 The position is equal. **8...Bg4! 9.Bg5 Be7N** 0.41/22

[9...Nd4= 0.00/20 was preferrable. 10.Nd5 Be7 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Ne3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 h4 12) 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 – 4.O-O-4.0-0 e5 5.e4 Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024]

10.Qd2 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd5 Discovered Attack **12.Bxe7** 0.08/20

[But not 12.exd5 Bxg5 13.Qd1 Nd4∓]

[12.Be3!± 0.70/20 Nf6 13.h4]

12...Ndxe7= 13.Bd1 -0.35/19

[13.h4!= 0.20/18]

13...h4 14.g4! Qd7 0.44/18

[14...f6= 0.00/20]

15.h3 -0.45/19

[15.f4± 0.44/18]

15...Kf8 0.92/23

[15...0-0-0∓ -0.45/19]

16.Ba4 0.53/21

[16.f4± 0.92/23]

16...Qe6 1.27/20

[16...f6± 0.53/21]

17.Bxc6± bxc6 18.f4 exf4 19.Qxf4 0.74/16

[Better is 19.Rxf4 1.29/22 And now Ra1-f1 would win. Ng8 20.Rd1 *(20.Raf1 f6+-)*]

19...Kg7 20.g5 0.08/23

[White should try 20.e5± 0.74/21 dxe5 21.Qe3]

20...Rh5= 21.Qf6+ Kg8 22.Kh2 Rd8 23.Qxe6 fxe6 24.Rf6 e5 25.Rg1↑ Black must now prevent Nc3-d1. White is pushing. **25...Kg7 26.Rgf1 Kg8 27.Nd1!** White is more active. **27...Rxg5 28.Ne3!** Threatens to win with Ne3-g4. **28...Rh5?** 2.73/24 A mistake that costs the game.

[28...Rg3± 0.97/21 29.Ng4 Rxd3]

29.Ng4+- Rh7 30.Re6 Rg7 31.Rff6 Nc8 32.Rxg6 Rxg6 33.Rxg6+ Endgame. KRN-KRN **33...Kf7 34.Rh6 Kg7 35.Rxh4 Rf8 36.Ne3** aiming for Ne3-f5+. **36...Rf2+** 2.66/21

[⌓36...Ne7 1.91/19]

37.Kg1 Rxb2 38.Nf5+ Kg8 39.Rg4+ Kf8 3.38/21

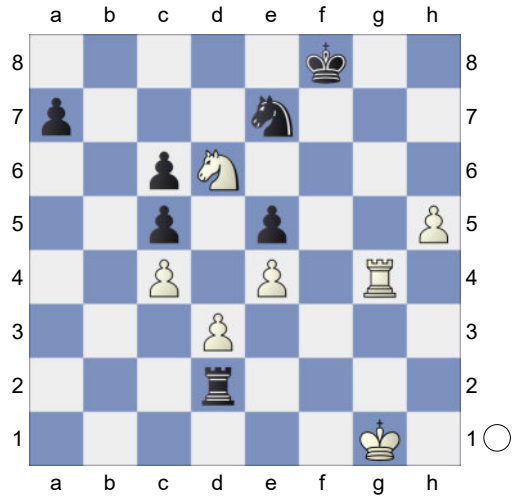
[39...Kh8 2.14/18 might work better. 40.Rg7 d5]

40.h4 Ne7 41.Nxd6 h4-h5 would now be deadly. **41...Rxa2 42.h5** 1.44/20

[42.Rg3+- 1.87/21]

42...Rd2 2.45/21

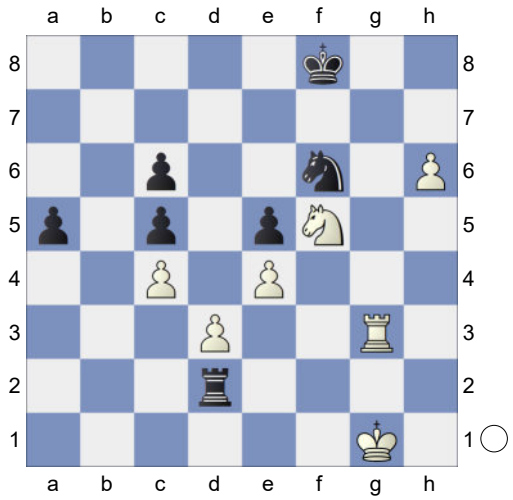
[42...a5± 1.44/20]



43.Rg3! Strongly threatening h5-h6. **43...Ng8 44.Nf5 a5 45.h6 Nf6** 4.41/22

[45...Nxh6 2.31/20 was called for. 46.Nxh6 Ke7 47.Rg7+ Kf6]

(Diagram)



46.Rg6! Rd1+ 47.Kf2 Kf7 48.Rg7+ Kf8 49.Ke2 Rh1 50.Ra7 a4 51.Rxa4 Ng4 52.Ra8+ White is clearly winning. **52...Kf7 53.Ra7+ Kf6 54.h7** Ke2-f3 is the strong threat. **54...Rh3 55.Kf1 Rh2 56.Kg1 Rh5 57.Kg2 Nh2 58.Rg7 Nf1 59.Rg8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.32 **1-0**

124 **B12**
□ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2592**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
7th Sharjah Masters 2024 (1.2) 14.05.24
[Kitty Kat]*

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3** Strongly threatening e5-e6! **6...Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3** White is slightly better. **8...Qa6 9.c4 Bb4**

[9...Nh6 10.0-0 Nf5 11.b3 *(11.a4 Nd7 12.b3 Be7 13.Ba3 Bxa3 14.Rxa3 Qa5 15.b4 Qd8 16.g3 0-0 17.Rb1 f6 18.Re1 fxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Qf6 21.Nf3 Nd6 22.Rxh5 Ne4 23.Re5 Rf7 24.b5 Raf8 25.Qe2 Qg6* Maensivu,J (2431)-Stratil,P (2430) 89/184 Wijk aan Zee 2004 (10) 1-0*)* 11...Be7 12.a4 Bxh4 13.Ba3 Be7 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.a5 Nd7 16.Rfc1 Rd8 17.b4 dxc4 18.Nxc4 Nf5 19.Ng5 Nb8 20.Qf3 Qb5 21.Ne3 g6 22.Ne4 0-0 23.Nf6+ Kg7 24.Nxh5+ 2 b4 and 2 a3 (2650)-Levitina,I (2679) Vienna Ottakring 100 Years 2023 (8) 1-0]

10.0-0 Ne7 11.b3N

[11.Rd1 c5 12.Qb1 Bxd2 13.Bxd2 Qxc4 14.Rc1 Qe2 15.Rxc5 Nbc6 16.Qc2 Qe4 17.Qxe4 dxe4 18.Ng5 Rd8 19.Nxe4 Rxd4 20.Nd6+ Kd7 21.Be3 Rxh4 22.Nxf7 Rf8 23.Rd1+ Nd5 24.Ng5 Nce7 25.b3 Rf5 Radzhabov,R (2344) -Girya,O (2443) Cheliabinsk 2021 1/2-1/2 26.f4 Rxg5 27.fxg5 Re4 28.Bc1 Rxe5 29.Rc2 g6 30.Rf2 Nf5 Rzaev,G (2344)-Stein, A (2443) Events - 1912/14 1914 1/ 2-1/ 2]

11...c5 12.Bb2

[RR 12.Qc2 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Bxd2 14.Bxd2 dxc4 15.Bg5 Nbc6 16.Nxc6 Nxc6 17.bxc4 0-0 18.Qe2 Nd4 19.Qxh5 Qxc4 20.Kh1 Nf5 21.Rfc1 Qd4 22.Qe2 Nxh4 23.Bxh4 Qxh4+ 24.Kg1 Rac8 25.Rab1 b6 26.g3 Qd4 Laddha,S (2303)-Mahdavi,R (2436) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½ (86)]

12...cxd4! 13.Nxd4 Nbc6 14.Nxc6 Nxc6N

[RR 14...Qxc6 15.Rac1 Rd8 16.cxd5 Qxd5 17.Qxd5 Nxd5 18.Ne4 0-0 19.g3 Rd7 20.Rc2 Rfd8 21.Rfc1 Be7 22.a3 Kh7 23.Kf1 Kg6 24.Ke2 a6 25.Rc8 Kf5 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Nd2 g5 28.hxg5 Bxg5 29.Rh1 Song,Y (2311)-Xiao,Y (2326) Xinghua 2022 ½-½ (55)]

15.Rfd1 0-0

[15...Rd8 simplifies 16.Qc2 Bxd2 17.Rxd2 dxc4 18.Rxd8+ Nxd8 19.Qxc4 Qxc4 20.bxc4 Nc6]

16.Qf3 Qa5 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Nf1 d4 19.Qxh5

[19.Bxd4 simplifies Rad8 20.Bb2 Rxd1 21.Qxd1 Bc3 22.Bxc3 Qxc3 23.e6]

19...Bc3 20.Bxc3 dxc3 21.Ne3 Rad8 Wards off Rd1-d5 **22.Qg5 Rfe8**

[22...Nxe5? too greedy. 23.Nf5 g6 24.Nh6+ Kg7 25.Ng4+-]

[22...Qxe5 23.Qxe5 Nxe5 24.Rac1±]

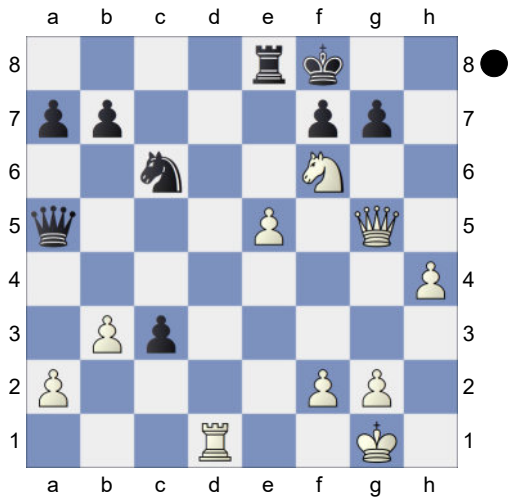
23.Ng4 -0.43/24

[23.Rxd8= 0.02/24 feels stronger. Qxd8 24.Rc1]

23...Rxd1+ 0.00/45

[23...Kf8!∓ -0.43/24 might be stronger. 24.Rd6 Rxd6 *(24...Nxe5? 25.Nxe5 Qc7 26.Rxd8+-)* 25.exd6 Qxg5 26.hxg5 Rd8]

24.Rxd1= And now Ng4-f6+ would win. The position is equal. **24...Kf8 25.Nf6**



Deflection **25...Rd8**

[25...gxf6? perishes. 26.Qh6+ Ke7 27.Qxf6+ Kf8 28.Rd7+-]

26.Nd7+ Ke8 27.Qxg7! Rxd7 28.Qh8+ Ke7 29.Qf6+ Ke8 30.Qh8+ Ke7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

½-½

125 **A07**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**

■ **Stevic,Hrvoje** **2549**

Bundesliga 2324 (15.3) 28.04.2024

[Kitty Kat,TA]*

A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems **1.Nf3** David Cummings **1...d5 2.g3 Bg4 3.Bg2 c6 4.h3 Bh5 5.c4**

David Cummings: '5 0-0 is more common, but the text is a move order subtlety that Parham faced as Black recently, against Anish Giri at Tata Steel (see the February 2024 Update). Instead:'

[5.0-0 David Cummings Nd7 6.d4 e6 7.c4 and now the following games in the PGN Archives give an overview of current theory:

A) 7...Ngf6 8.cxd5 exd5 and now:

A1) 9.Ne5 is best met by Ne4 *(9...Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Nd2 Nxd2 12.Bxd2 Bc5 13.Rc1 Qe7 14.Kh2 0-0 15.g4 Bg6 16.f4* gave White an edge in Nepomniachtchi-Duda*)* 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Nc3 Be7 12.Bf4 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Bg6 14.Qb3 Qb6 with balanced chances in Mikhalevski-Shirov;

A2) 9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Qe3+ Be7 11.Nh4 is reviewed in Vachier-Lagrave-Bluebaum;

B) 7...Be7 and here:

B1) 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Nc3 *(9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Qe3 Nf8* was fine for Black in Chirila-Moradiabadi*)* 9...Bxf3 10.exf3!? is Ju Wenjun-

Goryachkina;
B2) 8.Nc3 dxc4 9.b3 cxb3 10.Qxb3 offers White good compensation for the pawn, see Eljanov-So]

5...e6 6.d4N
[6.0-0
A) 6...Nf6
A1) 7.d4 Nbd7 8.cxd5 *(8.Nc3 Bd6 9.Qb3 Rb8 10.Nd2 0-0 11.e4 dxe4 12.Ndxe4 Bc7 13.Be3 Bb6 14.Rfe1 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Nf6 16.Nc5 Qe7 17.Qc3 Rfd8 18.b4 Bc7 19.a4 a6 20.Rab1 Bd6 21.b5 axb5 22.axb5 Bg6* 1-0 Warlick,J (2655)-Puccini,J (2554) 12/(156) Cande 2011 (6)*)* 8...exd5 David Cummings: 'transposes to the mainline covered in the note to White's 5th move above.' 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Nd7 11.Nc3 David Cummings: 'when White is ready to expand on the kingside with f2-f4 and g2-g4, although after' Nxe5 *(11...f6* (David Cummings) Black should still get a playable position.*)* 12.g4 Bg6 13.f4 Bc5+ 14.e3 Nc4 15.f5 Qe7 16.Kh1 0-0-0 17.e4 d4 18.Na4 Ne3 19.Bxe3 dxe3 20.Qf3 Bd4 21.Nc3 f6 ½-½ Livaic,L (2550)-Orozbaev,E (2376) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (2.27);
A2) 7.d3 Be7 8.Qb3 Qb6 9.Be3 Qxb3 10.axb3 a6 11.g4 Bg6 12.Ne5 Nbd7 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Nc3 0-0 15.Rac1 Rfd8 Meier,G (2630)-Karjakin,S (2783) chess.com (blitz) 133/(6) 2017;
B) 6...Nd7 7.Qb3 *(7.cxd5 exd5 8.d3 Bd6 9.Nc3 Ne7 10.Qb3 Nc5 11.Qc2 0-0 12.e3 a5 13.Ne2 Bg6 14.Rd1 h6 15.Nf4 Bh7 16.b3 Ne6 17.Bb2 Nxf4 18.exf4 Re8 19.Qc3 Nf5 20.a3 Bf8 21.Re1 Qb6* 0-1 Kampal,T (2465)-Levitina,I (2679) (m/1) 78/295 Hamilton 2000 (5) *)* 7...Qb6 8.d3 dxc4 9.Qxc4 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Qe4 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Nf6 13.Nd2 Be7 14.Nc4 Qd8 15.Bd2 0-0 16.b4 Nd5 17.Rab1 Bg5 18.Bxg5 Qxg5 19.d4 Rfd8 20.Rfd1 Qe7 ½-½ Sahraoui,S (2558)-Jones,S (2555) 42/259 Nikea 1986 (9.4)]

6...Nf6 David Cummings: 'Black varies from the after-mentioned Giri game which saw:'
[RR 6...Nd7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nc3 Ngf6 9.Ne5 Bd6 10.f4 Bg6 11.0-0 Be4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Qb3 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Nb6 16.Qb4 Qd5 17.b3 0-0-0 18.Be3 Qe6 19.Kh2 f6 20.Qxe4 fxe5 21.fxe5 Giri,A (2749)-Maghsoodloo,P (2740) Wijk aan Zee 2024 ½-½ (63)]

7.Ne5N An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. David Cummings: 'This early knight jumps means that White is ready to recapture with the knight should Black try ...d5xc4. There are some differences in the position now, compared to lines in the earlier notes where White prefaced the Nf3-e5 jump with c4xd5, ...e6xd5. Alternatively:'
[7.Nc3 (David Cummings) Vrolijk,L (2568)-Bogner,S (2536) Germany 2024 1-0 (55) allows Black to grab a pawn with: Bxf3 8.Bxf3 dxc4 although after 9.e3 White gets typical compensation for this kind of structure.]
[RR 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne5

Bb4 10.0-0 Bg6 11.Qb3 Qb6 12.Na4 Qxd4 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.a3 b5 15.axb4 bxa4 16.Qxa4 Qf6 17.b5 Nb6 18.Qb4 Qe7 19.Qc3 0-0 20.Be3 Nc4 21.Bd4 1-0 (21) Vrolijk,L (2520)-Botta,M (2262) Spilimbergo 2025]

[RR 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Ne5 Nfd7 10.Nd3 dxc4 11.Nf4 Bg6 12.e4 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Qe2 b5 15.h4 h6 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.f4 Nd3 18.e5 b4 19.Ne4 g5 20.hxg5 hxg5 21.Be3 Qd7 Sanal,V (2555)-Aslanov, U (2324) Baku 2025 1-0]

7...Nbd7 8.Nc3 The position is equal. David Cummings: 'By allowing the knight trade on the e5-square, White is ready to sacrifice a pawn if necessary. If:'

[8.cxd5?! David Cummings Nxe5 *(8...exd5 9.Nc3* goes back to Giri-Maghsoodloo *Bd6* David Cummings *10.f4 Bg6 11.0-0 Be4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Qb3* gave White pressure in Giri-Maghsoodloo, which can be found in the Archives.*)* 9.dxe5 Nxd5 Black is fine.]

8...Nxe5 David Cummings: 'Played before White can get f2-f4 in.' **9.dxe5 Nd7 10.cxd5! cxd5** David Cummings: 'This is a bit safer, in this case, than the alternative recapture:' **11.0-0** David Cummings: 'Reaching a position that has only been played in a handful of games. Note that:'

[11.f4 (David Cummings) immediately, allows Bc5 keeping White's king in the middle.]

11...Bc5N David Cummings: 'Black has also taken the pawn here with:'

[Vorgänger: 11...Nxe5 David Cummings: 'and now:'

A) 12.g4!? Bg6□ 13.f4=;

B) 12.Qb3 (David Cummings) asks questions of Black. Now

B1) 12...Rc8 is the engine recommendation 13.Bf4 Bd6 *(13...Nc6 14.Nxd5! exd5 15.Rfd1* gives White a powerful attack *)* 14.Nb5 Bb8 and now 15.Nxa7 regains the pawn, but Black is close to equality.;

B2) 12...Qb6?! This typical queen trade works out well for White after 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.g4 Bg6 15.f4 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 Nc6 17.f5 with the initiative;

C) 12.f4 David Cummings: 'allowing the developing move' 12...Bc5+ David Cummings: 'was less testing for Black, Mezentsev,V (2409)-Pruess,D (2400) Berkeley 2005 0-1 (73)' 13.Kh1 -0.68/20 *(*Better is *13.Kh2=* 0.08/20 *Nc6 14.g4 Bxg4 15.hxg4)* 13...Nd7 -0.13/20 *(13...Nc6∓* -0.68/20 *)* 14.f5 0-0 15.Qe1 Hoping for g3-g4. exf5 16.Rxf5 Bg6 17.Rxd5 Threatens to win with Qe1-d1. Qe7 0.13/18 ;0-1 Mezentsev,V (2409)-Pruess,D (2400) Berkeley Masters op 2005 (7) *(*Black should try *17...Qc8∓* -0.46/20 *)*]

12.g4 Bg6 13.e4 David Cummings: 'Holding on to the e5-pawn with:'

[13.Bf4 (David Cummings) Dzagnidze, N (2525)-Stefanova,A (2528) Rogaska Slatina 2011 0-1 (43), can be met effectively by 0-0 and if 14.e4 d4 15.Na4 b6 gives balanced chances.]

13...dxe4 0.40/20 David Cummings: 'Varying from an earlier game which saw:'

[13...Nxe5 14.Bf4 Qf6 15.Qa4+ Kf8 16.exd5±]

[13...d4= 0.00/17 14.Na4 b5 15.Nxc5 Nxc5]
[13...0-0 David Cummings 14.exd5 Nxe5 15.Qe2 Nd3 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nf4 19.Rad1 Qf6 20.Rd6 Kh8 with a complex fight ahead, Rodshtein,M (2602)-Gonda,L (2511) Czech Republic 2022 1-0 (34)]

14.Nxe4± **Bxe4** **15.Bxe4** Black should prevent b2-b4. **15...Nxe5** **16.Bf4** David Cummings: 'White's raking bishops fully compensate for the pawn deficit. Black has to continue treading carefully.' **16...Ng6** **17.Bg3** White has compensation. A strong pair of Bishops. **17...e5** 0.85/18 David Cummings: '?' David Cummings: 'Black has played well so far, but this gives White a chance. This move does block the g3-bishop, but it weakens the light squares and leaves Black's king in the centre for another turn. Decent alternatives here are:'

[17...Qb6= 0.02/17 18.Qa4+ David Cummings Ke7 19.Rac1 Rhd8 when Black's king is relatively safe.]
[17...0-0 (David Cummings) allows 18.Bxb7 although Black could now either trade queens, or go for counterplay on the dark squares with: Rb8 19.Bxb8 Qxb8 20.Qb3 Nf4 etc.]

18.Qa4+± White stays focused until the end. **18...Qd7** **19.Qc4**

[19.Qxd7+ simplifies Kxd7 20.Rfd1+ Ke7 21.Rd5]

19...Rc8 1.24/18

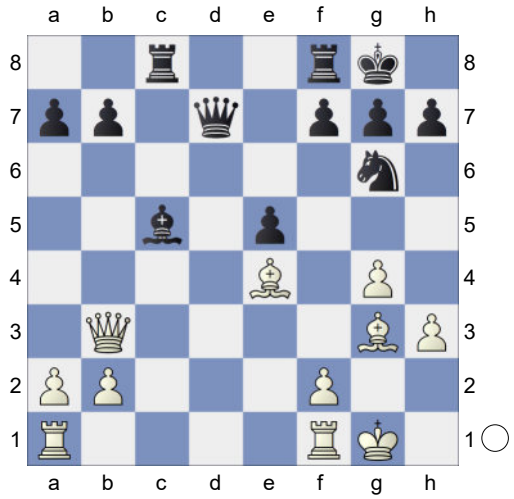
[19...Bd4± 0.59/19 20.Rad1 (David Cummings) is also problematic for Black.]

20.Qb3↑ Ra1-d1! would now be deadly. Black is under strong pressure. White is more active.

[20.Bf5?! Bxf2+ 21.Rxf2 Rxc4=]

20...0-0

[20...Qc7 David Cummings 21.Qb5+ ensures Black's king stays in the centre. Now after Ke7 22.Bf5 Qc6 23.Qe2 White has too many threats, such as Bf5xc8, Ra1-c1, Bg3xe5 etc.]



David Cummings: 'Black finally castles, but this surrenders the exchange.' **21.Bf5!** Deflection

[21.Bxb7 Rb8 22.Qc4 Bxf2+ *(22...Rxb7 23.Qxc5 Rxb2 24.Rad1∓)* 23.Rxf2 Qxb7-+ *(23...Rxb7? 24.Rc1∓)*]

21...Qe7 **22.Bxc8** **Rxc8** **23.Rac1** David Cummings: 'White is an exchange for pawn up but is also more active.' **23...Rd8** Prevents Qb3-d5 **24.Qc4** **b6** **25.Rfd1** Rd1xd8+ is the strong threat. **25...a5** 1.64/19

[25...Bd4± 1.06/18]

26.Rd5 **h6** **27.Rcd1** 1.28/19

[27.Rxd8++- 1.76/19 Qxd8 28.Qe4]

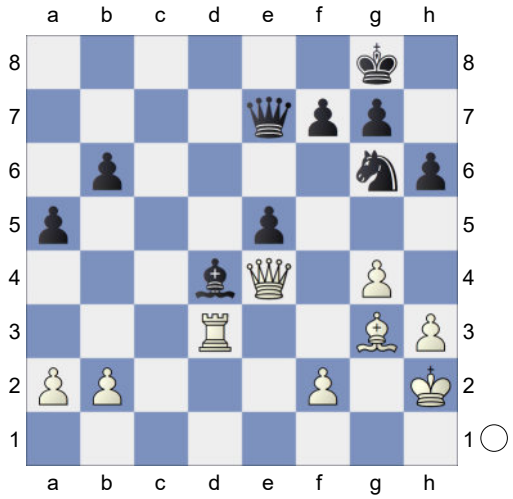
27...Bd4 **28.Kh2** **Rxd5** 2.02/19

[28...Rf8± 1.34/19 David Cummings: 'keeping the rook, was more tenacious. ']

29.Qxd5+- **Qf6** **30.Rd3** **Qe7** 2.16/19

[⌓30...Nf8 1.70/20 31.Rd2 Qe6 32.Qxe6 Nxe6]

31.Qa8+ Kh7 32.Qe4 1.43/21 David Cummings: 'White doesn't bother defending the b2-pawn.'
[32.b3+- 1.82/20]
32...Kg8 2.38/19
[32...Bxb2± 1.43/21 33.h4 Kg8]



33.h4 1.34/18 David Cummings: 'Black is pinned back, so White goes about gaining space, in order to press on both sides of the board.' **33...Qc5** 2.26/22
[33...Bxb2± 1.34/18 was worth a try. 34.Rd2 *(34.h5 Nf8±)* 34...Bc3 *(34...Ba1* David Cummings *35.Rc2* and the rook enters via the c8-square. *)*]
[33...Nxh4 David Cummings 34.Rxd4 wins for White]
34.Rd2 Nf8 35.Rc2 Qe7 36.b3 Qd7 37.f3 Qb5 2.49/21
[⌓37...Bc5 1.99/20 38.Qe2 *(38.Qxe5 Qd1±)* 38...f6]
38.Kg2 a4 39.bxa4 Qb1 40.Bf2 Prevents Qb1-g1+
[And not 40.Bxe5 Bxe5 41.Re2 Qxe4 42.Rxe4 Bd6∓]
40...Bxf2 41.Rxf2 Endgame. KQR-KQN David Cummings: 'White soon wraps up the win.'
[Much less strong is 41.Kxf2 Qd1 42.h5 Qd6]
41...Qd1 42.Rc2 Qd8 43.h5
[43.Qxe5 Ng6 44.Qe4 Nxh4+ 45.Kf2 Ng6+-]
43...Qd6 44.Re2 Qd1 45.Qc2
[45.Qxe5 (David Cummings) also works]
45...Qd6 46.Qd2 Qc5 47.Qb2 Nd7 4.73/23
[47...Ne6 2.99/20 was necessary. 48.Qxe5 *(48.Rxe5 Qc7+-)* 48...Qc4]
48.Rc2 White is clearly winning.
48...Qd6 49.Rc8+ Nf8 50.Re8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.30
1-0

126 **D02**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2732**
■ **Bosiocic,Marin** **2537**
TCh-AUT 2023-24 (9.4) 22.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 Browne, W: 'Inf 33/490' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4N**
[3.c4 c5 4.cxd5 *(4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Ndb5 d4 7.Qa4 Bd7 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.e4 Qb6 11.Bd2 Bxb5 12.Qb3 Nd7* 5 Chapter Part-Game Chapter Part 7 (2) Game *)* 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Qa4+ b5 7.Nxb5 Bd7 8.N1c3 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Bxb5 10.Qd1 Bc6 11.Nb4 Qa5 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Nc6 Qb5 14.Nxb8 Rxb8 15.e3 Qd7 16.Bc3 Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1 f6 1-0 Browne,W-Sosonko,G Denpasar 33/490 Surakarta 1982 18.f3 e5 19.Bc4 Bc5 20.Ke2 Ke7 21.Rd2 Rhd8 22.Rhd1 Rxd2+ 23.Rxd2 g5 24.Bd5 Bc8

25.a3 Bd7 26.Bc4 Rb6 27.Ba5 Bb5 28.Bxb5 Rxb5 29.b4 Bd6 30.e4 Ke6 31.Kd3 h5 32.h3 Rb8 1-0 Browne,W (2450)-Kriventsov,S (2415) USA-ch Seattle 2002 (6)]

[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]

[3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 ½-½ 10.♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th Hamburgo 1999 (6.2)]

3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 cxd4 6.exd4 a6 Dodges Bf1-b5 **7.c3 Bf5 8.Nh4!** The position is equal. is more profitable than 8.Be2 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 8.Le2. **8...Be4**

[RR 8...Bg4 9.Nhf3 e6 10.Bd3 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 Rfe8 14.Qb3 Nd7 15.Re3 e5 16.dxe5 Ndxe5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Rae1 Re7 19.Qc2 g6 20.Nb3 Rae8 21.Nd4 Bd7 22.h3 f5 23.g3 Murzin,V (2627)-Vidit,S (2737) Samarkand 2023 ½-½ (37)]

[RR 8...Bg4 9.Qb3 Na5 10.Qc2 Rc8 11.h3 Bd7 12.Nhf3 g6 13.Bd3 Bg7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rfe1 e6 16.a4 Nc4 17.Ne5 Nh5 18.Bh2 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxe5 Nf4 21.Nf3 Nxd3 22.Qxd3 Qb6 23.Qd2 Eljanov,P (2656)-Maghsoodloo,P (2674) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (67)]

9.Bg5N

[Vorgänger: 9.Nhf3 Bg6 10.Nh4 Bh5 11.Nhf3 e6 12.Bd3 Bd6 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Qb1 Bg6 15.0-0 1-0 Tristan,L (2544)-Nguyen,T (2645) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (8)]

[RR 9.f3 Bg6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Bd3 e6 12.Qe2 Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.g3 b5 15.a3 Na5 16.f4 Nc4 17.Nf3 Ng4 18.Ne5 Ngxe5 19.fxe5 Qe7 20.0-0 Qg5 21.Rf4 Ra7 22.Raf1 Rh6 23.a4 Qh5 Thorhallsson,S (2234)-Rosen,E (2377) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½ (49)]

[RR 9.Nhf3 Bg6 10.Nh4 Bh5 11.Nhf3 e6 12.Bd3 Bd6 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Qb1 Bg6 15.0-0 0-0-0 16.Re1 Kb8 17.Bh4 Rde8 18.Bg3 Bxg3 19.hxg3 e5 20.dxe5 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 Rxe5 22.Rxe5 Qxe5 23.Nf3 Qh5 Tristan,L (2544)-Nguyen,T (2645) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (59)]

9...e6 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.g3 h6 0.58/19

[11...Be7= 0.02/18]

12.Bxf6± Qxf6 13.Qb3 0.22/18

[13.Be2± 0.59/18]

13...0-0-0!= 14.Be2 Bd6 15.Qc2 g5 16.Ng2 Qg6 17.0-0-0 Ne7 18.Kb1 0.10/17

[18.Rhe1± 0.47/17 might be stronger.]

18...Kb8 19.Rhe1

[19.Qb3 looks sharper. Ka7 20.Ne3 h5 21.h4]

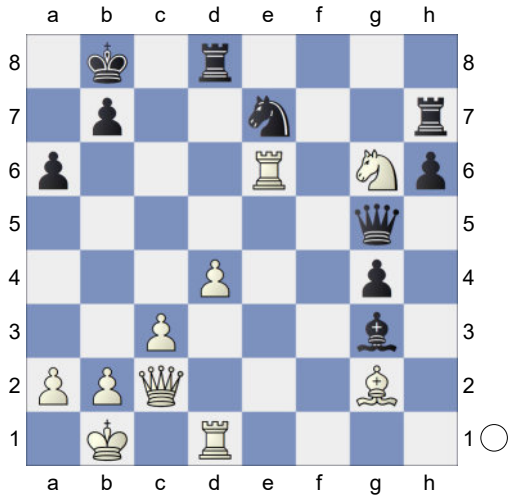
19...f5 0.98/19

[19...Bc7= 0.21/18]

20.f3± exf3 21.Bxf3 Strongly threatening Qc2-b3. **21...g4 22.Nh4 Qg5 23.Bg2** Threatens to win with Qc2-b3! **23...f4 24.Rxe6**

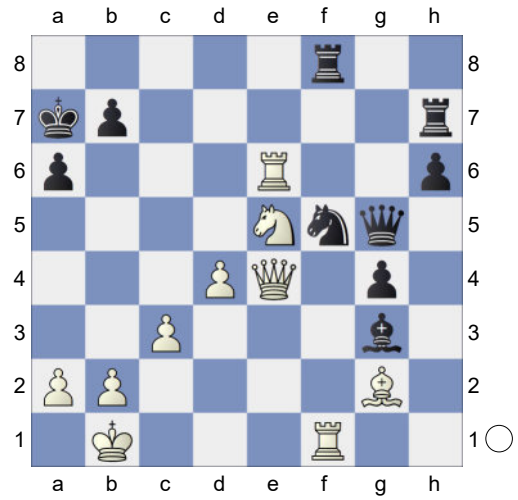
[24.Qb3 keeps more tension. f3 25.Bf1 Ka7 26.Rxe6 h5]

24...fxg3 2.07/20
[24...f3± 1.06/18]
25.hxg3 Bxg3 26.Ng6→ 1.01/21
Black is in trouble. White is more active.
[⌓26.Bxb7 1.58/20 Bxh4 27.Be4 *(27.Bxa6 Qf5+-)*]
26...Rh7? 3.04/19
[26...Nxg6± 1.01/21 27.Rxg6 Qe7 28.Rxg4 Bd6]



27.Ne5 1.25/20
[27.Bxb7!+- 3.04/19 Qf5 28.Nxe7 Qxc2+ 29.Kxc2 Kxb7 30.Rg1]
27...Nf5? 4.62/21 Black is weak on the light squares
[27...Qf5± 1.25/20 is tougher.]
28.Rf1+- White is clearly winning.
[28.Rg6 Ne3 29.Qd3 *(29.Rxg5 Nxc2 30.Rxg4 Ne3±)* 29...Qf4+-]
28...Rf8 29.Qe4
[29.Rg6 Qe3 30.Nxg4 *(30.Rxf5? Qe1+ 31.Qc1 Qxc1+ 32.Kxc1 Rxf5-+)* 30...Qe8+-]
29...Ka7 8.51/22
[⌓29...Qd2 4.91/18 30.Nc4 *(30.Rxf5? Qd1#)* 30...Qg5]

(Diagram)



Repels Re6-b6 **30.Nc6+! bxc6 31.Qxc6 Bd6 32.Rxd6** Remove Defender **32...Nxd6 33.Rxf8 Nb7 34.Bf1 Qa5 35.b4 Qa3 36.Rf6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.45
1-0

127 **D02**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2732**
■ **Perunovic,Milos** **2533**
TCh-AUT 2023-24 (7.4) 20.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4
MH: 'D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 Inf 94/(374)' **1.d4** MH **1...d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 c5**
[3...g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 Ne4 8.c3 Nc6 9.e3 Bg4 10.h3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bf5 12.Nfd2 Nf6 13.Nc3 Nb4 14.Nf3 Nd3 15.Ba3 Rc8 16.Ne2 Be4 17.Nh2 Bh6 18.Qd2 0-1 Anand,V (2795)-Comp Rebel10 game-2 8 game match 1998]
4.Bg2 cxd4 5.0-0N
[5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6

8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 Qf6 19.Qxb7 a5 □-□ 10.♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th 1999 (6.2)]

5...e6 6.Nxd4 e5 7.Nb3

[7.Nf3 MH Nc6 8.c4 d4 9.e3 Bc5 *(9...Be7 10.exd4 exd4 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Ne5 Qb6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qxb6 axb6 15.Nd2 Nh5 16.Rfe1 Nxf4 17.gxf4 Bb4 18.Rad1 Rd8 19.Bd5 Kf8 20.a3 Bxd2 21.Rxd2 f6 22.Nf3 b5 23.Rxd4 Bg4 24.Kg2* 0-1 Folk Gilsanz-Tseng Email 2014*)* 10.exd4 exd4 11.Re1+ Be6 12.Ng5 0-0 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Nd2 e5 15.Nb3 Bd6 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Rf1 Kh8 19.Nd2 Qe7 20.a3 a5 21.Qg4 a4 Kanep,M (2491)-Cheparinov,I (2634) 94/(374) Göteborg 2005]

7...Be6 8.Bg5 MH: 'Threatens to win with Bxf6.' **8...Nbd7 9.f4** MH: 'N'

[9.e4 MH dxe4 10.Nc3 Qc7 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 h6 13.Bd2 Rd8 14.Qf3 b6 18. Early Catalans 2.Nf3 e6 3-Early Catalans 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3]

9...exf4 10.gxf4 -0.44/18 MH: 'Strongly threatening f5. The position is equal.'

[10.Bxf4= -0.01/17 Qb6+ 11.Kh1]

10...g6 0.25/18

[Black should try 10...h6∓ -0.44/18 MH: '=' 11.Bh4 Nb6]

11.Nc3= MH: '⩲' **11...Be7 12.Nd4N** MH: 'New and interesting. Theoretisch interessant. 'New and interesting. Theoretisch interessant.

[Vorgänger: 12.Kh1 -0.01/18 12.Nb3-d4 0.40 MH: '12.Nd4 0.43' 0-0 0.65/18 *(Black should play 12...h6=* -0.01/18 MH: 'remains equal.' *13.Bh4 0-0)* 13.Nd4!⩲ f4-f5 is the strong threat. MH: ' ±!' MH: 'Hoping for f5.' Bg4 0.94/19 *(13...Ng4±* 0.45/19 (MH) feels stronger.*)* 14.h3 0.15/20 *(*White should try *14.f5±* 0.94/19 MH *)* 14...Bh5 MH: '=' 15.Qd2 0.01/18 *(15.Qe1!±* 0.42/18 MH: '⩲' *)* 15...Rc8 16.Nxd5 -0.22/20 *(⌓16.Rad1* 0.30/18 *)* 16...Nxd5= 17.Bxd5 Nf6 0.78/19 *(17...Nb6=* 0.01/20 MH: '=!' *18.Bxb7 Bxg5 19.fxg5 Rc5)* 18.Bg2 MH: '1-0 Pichot,A (2638)-Delorme,A (2483) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Early blitz 2023 (1)'1-0 Pichot,A (2638)-Delorme,A (2483) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Early blitz 2023 (1)]

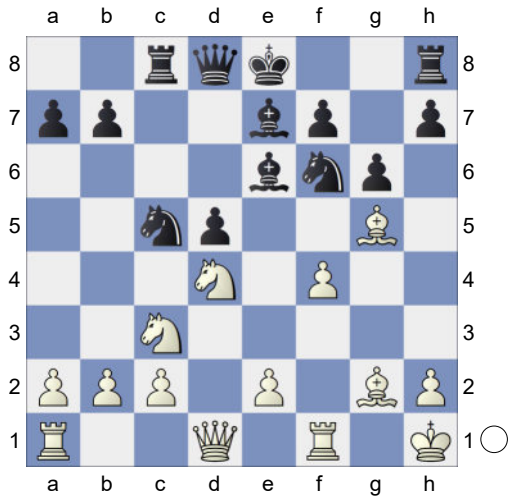
[RR 12.Qd4 Qb6 13.Rad1 Rc8 14.Kh1 0-0 15.Qxb6 Nxb6 16.f5 gxf5 17.Nd4 Bd8 18.Nxf5 Ng4 19.Ne7+ Bxe7 20.Bxe7 Rfe8 21.Bg5 f6 22.Bc1 Kg7 23.Rd3 Ne5 24.Rg3+ Ng6 25.Be3 Rc4 26.Rd1 Na4 Meskovs,N (2550)-Budisavljevic, L (2508) Riga 2021 ½-½ (88)]

[RR 12.Kh1 Nb6 13.Nd4 Qd7 14.Qd3 Bg4 15.h3 Bh5 16.Rae1 0-0-0 17.f5 Ne4 18.Bf4 Bd6 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Qc3+ Qc7 21.Qxc7+ Bxc7 22.Bxc7 Kxc7 23.Nb5+ Kb8 24.Bxe4 Nc4 25.fxg6 Bxg6 26.Bxg6 hxg6 Plotkin,M (2349)-Sambuev,B (2429) Toronto 2025 ½-½ (101)]

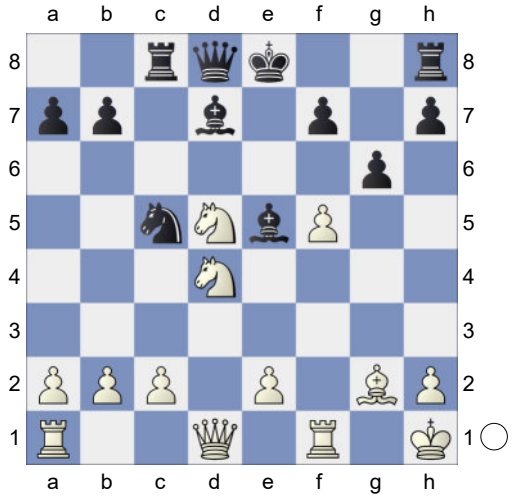
[RR 12.Kh1 0-0 13.Nd4 Nb6 14.f5 Bd7 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.Qd3 Ng4 17.Bf4 Bc5 18.Rad1 Qh4 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Bxd5 Bxd4 21.Qxd4 Rad8 22.Bg3 Qh5 23.Bf3 Bc6 24.Qxd8 Rxd8 25.Rxd8+ Kg7 26.Bxc6 bxc6 Sargissian,G (2672)-Halkias,S (2571) Riadh 2017 0-1 (52)]

12...Rc8 13.Kh1!↑ Black is under

pressure. **13...Nc5?** 2.06/18
[MH: 'Black should play' 13...h6± 0.54/17 14.Bxf6 Nxf6]



A mistake that costs the game. **14.f5+- Bd7 15.Bxf6**
[15.Bxd5? too greedy. Nxd5 16.Bxe7 Nxe7-+]
15...Bxf6 16.Nxd5 A dynamic duo of knights. MH: 'Excellent horsemanship.'
[Stronger than 16.Bxd5 0-0=]
16...Be5 MH: '



' **17.Qd2** Threatens to win with Qd2-e3. MH: '!' MH: 'Qe3 would now be deadly.' **17...0-0** MH: '

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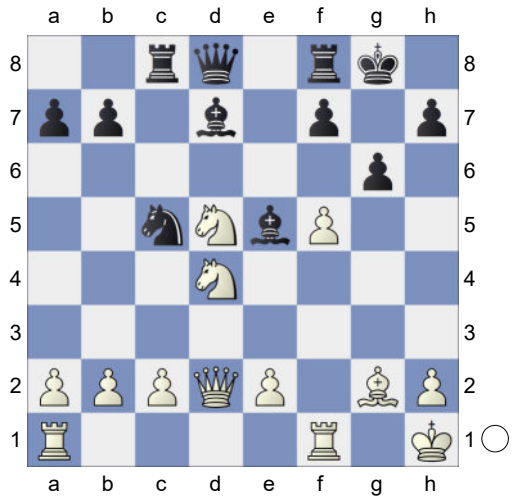
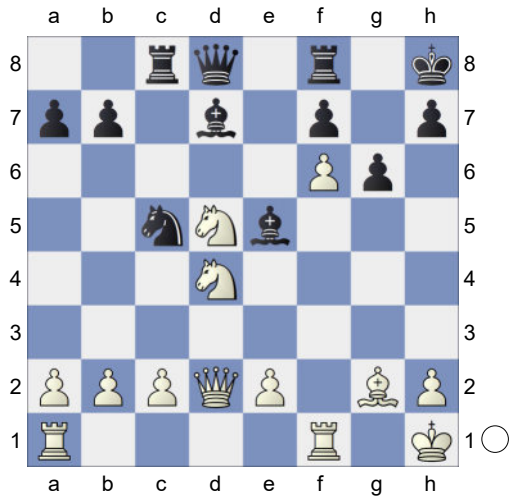


' **18.f6** Qd2-h6! would now be deadly. MH: '!' MH: 'aiming for Qh6!' **18...Kh8?** 7.97/18
[18...Bxd4 2.48/19 19.Qxd4 Kh8 *(19...Ne6* MH *)*]



19.Qh6! Rg8 Against Qh6-g7+ MH: 'Prevents Qg7+.' **20.Nf3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.33 MH: 'Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.40. Loses game: --- Black=1 Mistake: --- Black=2 Inaccurate: --- Black=1 OK: White=6 Black=7 Best:

White=3 ---'
1-0

128 **E11**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2743**
Prague Masters 6th (9) 07.03.2024
[Kitty Ka]*

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7
[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Rd1 Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Kh8 20.f3 1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap rapid 2009 (6) 1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap Zürich rapid 2009 (6)1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap rapid 2009 (6)]
6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0N
[7.Qc2 Ne4 8.0-0 c6 9.Nc3 f5 10.Bf4 Nd7 11.Ne5 Qe8 12.f3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd7 15.Rab1 b5 16.c5 Qg6 17.e4 fxe4 18.fxe4 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 Rf8 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Qe2 Be8 ½-½ Hampton,S (2426)-Kolb,W (2283) 103/229 London 2008 (3) ½-½ Hampton,S (2426)-Kolb,W (2283) 103/229 London 2008 (3) 22.h4 Qh5 23.Bf3 Qh6 24.Bf4 Qg6 25.Kh2 h5 26.Bg5 Bf7 27.Qe3 Qh7 28.Qf4 Bg6 29.exd5 exd5 30.Qc7 Be4 31.Be2 Qf5 32.Qf4 Qg6 33.Kg1 Bd3 34.Bf3 Bc4 35.a3 Qb1+ 36.Kf2 Qc2+ ½-½ Grigorjev,I (2426)-Filgueira,H (2283) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late blitz 2023 (3) ½-½ Grigorjev,I (2426)-Filgueira,H (2283) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (3) ½-½ Grigorjev,I (2426)-Filgueira,H (2283) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late blitz 2023 (3)]
7...c6 8.b3 b6 9.Bc1 Nbd7 10.Bb2 a5 11.Qc2
[RR 11.Nbd2 Ba6 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.Re1 Qc7 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Rfd8 16.Qc2 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Bf6 18.Ne5 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Nc5 20.Qh4 Nd3 21.Be4 h6 22.Bxd3 Rxd3 23.Rcd1 Rcd8 24.Qg4 c5 25.Rxd3 Rxd3 Marta,D (1885)-Nissinen,N (2109) Nova Gorica 2025 0-1]
11...Ba6 12.Nbd2 c5 13.Rac1N
[RR 13.e4 dxc4 14.bxc4 cxd4 15.e5 d3 16.Qxd3 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxd3 18.Nxd3 Rad8 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rfb1 Rxd3 21.Rxb6 Bc8 22.Nf1 Bd7 23.Bc6 Bc5 24.Ra6 Rd6 25.Bb5 Rxa6 26.Bxa6 Bc6 27.Rd1 a4 Woodward,A (2525)-Caruana,F (2805) Charlotte 2024 0-1 (53)]
13...Rc8 14.Qb1 dxc4 15.Nxc4 b5 16.Nce5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qb6 Against Ne5-c6 **18.Rc2 Rc7** 1.00/21
[18...Rfd8!= 0.20/19 keeps the balance.]
19.dxc5!± Bxc5 20.Nd3 Bd6 21.Rxc7! Qxc7 22.Rc1 Qe7 23.Ne5 Bb7 24.Bxb7 0.57/22
[24.Nc6± 1.14/20 Bxc6 25.Rxc6 *(25.Bxc6 Rb8±)*]
24...Bxe5 0.93/26
[24...Qxb7± 0.57/22 25.Nc6 Ra8]
25.Bc6 Bxb2 26.Qxb2 b4 27.Qe5 Qd8 28.Rc4 h6 29.Kg2 Qb6

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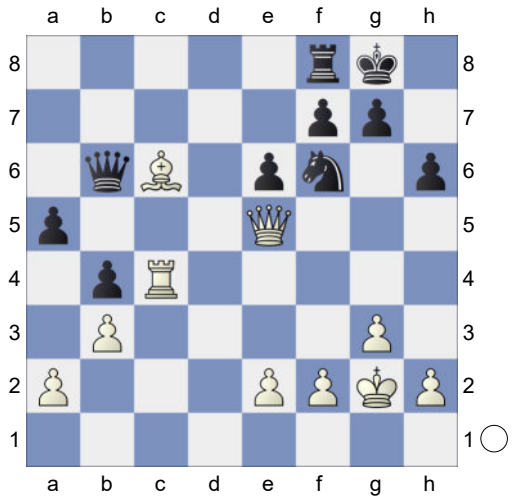
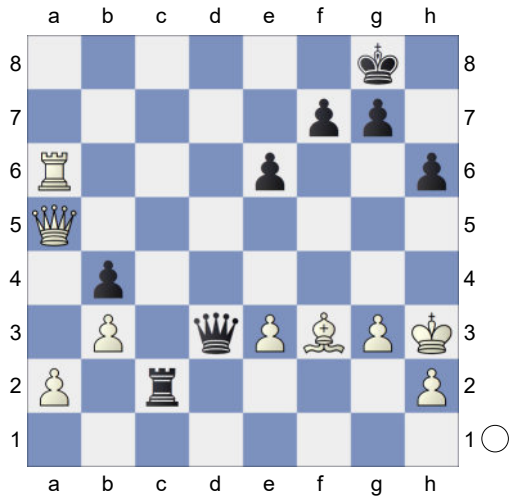


30.Bf3! Qd8 1.46/23
[Black should play ⌓30...Nd7 0.87/24 31.Qc7 Rd8]
31.Rd4 0.81/22 White has more active pieces.
[⌓31.h4 1.46/23]
31...Qb6 32.Rc4 Against Rf8-c8
32...Qd8 1.52/24
[Black should play 32...Nd7 0.97/23 33.Qc7 Rd8]
33.Rc6 Re8 1.86/23
[33...Nd5± 1.23/23 34.Bxd5 exd5]
34.Ra6 Nd5 35.e3 1.43/22
[35.h4+- 1.84/21]
35...Re7 36.Qd4 1.29/21
[36.e4+- 1.68/20 Nc3 37.a4 *(37.Rxa5 Rc7±; 37.Qxa5 Qxa5 38.Rxa5 g6±)*]
36...Rd7 37.Qc5 Rc7? 2.57/23
[37...Kh7± 0.93/19 might work better.]
38.Qxa5+- Black must now prevent Ra6-a8. **38...Nxe3+ 39.fxe3 Rc2+ 40.Kh3 Qd3**

(Diagram)



And now ...Qd3-f1+ would win. **41.Ra7?** 0.00/24
[41.Ra8+!+- 4.08/31 Kh7 42.Rh8+ Decoy, Clearance *(42.Qxb4? Qf1+ 43.Kg4 Rxh2-+)* 42...Kxh8 43.Qa8+ *(43.Qxb4? Qf1+ 44.Kg4 f5+ 45.Kf4 Rf2-+)* 43...Rc8 44.Qxc8+ Kh7 45.Qb7 Qf1+ 46.Bg2]
41...Qf1+=
[41...Qxe3? 42.Qd8+ Kh7 43.Rxf7+-]
42.Kg4 Rf2 0.37/25
[42...Qd3= 0.00/24 43.Qe5 *(43.Qxb4? Qf5+ 44.Kh4 Rxh2#)* 43...Rf2]
43.Qd8+± Kh7 44.Rxf7 h5+! Deflection
[44...Kg6 45.Rf6+ Kh7 46.Be4+ *(46.Rxe6 Rxf3 47.Qd5 Rf8±; 46.Rxe6 Rxf3 47.Qd5 Rf8=)*]
45.Kxh5 White threatens Rf7xg7+! and mate.
[45.Kh4 simplifies Rxf3 46.Rxf3 Qxf3 47.Qg5]
45...Rxf3 Endgame. KQR-KQR Endgame. KQR-KQR **46.Rf4**
[46.Rxf3 simplifies Qxf3+ 47.Kh4 Qxe3 48.Qg5]
46...e5⇄ Black puts up resistance
47.Rxf3

[47.Rxb4? gets mated. Qh3+ *(47...Rxe3? is the wrong capture. 48.Kg5+-)* 48.Rh4 Qf5+ 49.Qg5 g6#]
[47.Rh4 Rxg3 48.Qd7 Qf6 *(48...Rxe3 49.Kg5+ Kg8 50.Qe8+ Qf8 51.Rh8+* Deflection *Kxh8 52.Qxf8+ Kh7 53.Qf5+ g6 54.Qd7+ Kg8 55.Kxg6; 48...Qd1+? 49.Qg4-+; 48...Rxe3 49.Kg5+ Kg8 50.Qe8+ Qf8 51.Rh8+* Deflection *Kxh8 52.Qxf8+ Kh7 53.Qf5+ g6 54.Qd7+ Kg8 55.Kxg6; 48...Qd1+? 49.Qg4-+)*]
47...Qxf3+= KQ-KQ **48.Kg5! Qxe3+ 49.Kf5** Qd8-h4+ is the strong threat. **49...Qf3+ 50.Kxe5 Qe2+ 51.Kf5** aiming for Qd8-h4+. **51...Qf2+ 52.Ke6** Hoping for Qd8-h4+. **52...Qe2+ 53.Kf5 Qf2+ 54.Ke6** Qd8-h4+ would now be deadly. **54...Qe2+ 55.Kd7 Qxh2 56.Qh4+** 0.00/49
[56.Qb8± 0.42/23]
56...Qxh4 The position is equal. **57.gxh4** K3P-KPP **57...Kg6** Strongly threatening ...Kg6-h5. **58.Ke6**
[58.Kc6!? Kh5□ 59.Kc5 Kxh4 60.Kxb4=]
58...Kh5 59.Kf7 Kxh4 Threatens to win with ...g7-g5. **60.Kxg7**
[60.Kg6!?]
60...Kg5 61.Kf7 White wants to mate with Kf7-e7. **61...Kf5! 62.Ke7 Ke5 63.Kd7 Kd5!** Black defended with fortune.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise) Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) / Black=0.17 (very precise)
½-½

129 **B90**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2744**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
6th Prague Masters 2024 (8.5) 06.03.24
[Kitty Kat]*

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
Smirin: 'Smirin,Ilia: 'Smirin,I: 'Inf 78/245''' Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'This was a truly crucial game in the tournament. Knowing Parham I expected a big fight. The game was very intense, with many beautiful ideas - and horrible mistakes! Dies war eine wirklich entscheidende Partie in diesem Turnier. Parham kennend, habe ich einen großen Kampf erwartet. Die Partie war sehr intensiv, mit vielen schönen Ideen - und schrecklichen Fehlern!' **1.e4** 2 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek **1...c5** 28 **2.Nf3** 12 **d6** 8 **3.d4** 18 **cxd4** 8 **4.Nxd4** 8 **Nf6** 5 **5.Nc3** 15 **a6** 6 **6.h3** 38 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: 'I prepared this line before the game. I had played a couple of games with h3, but it was long time ago. Ich habe diese Variante vor der Partie vorbereitet. Ich hatte ein paar Partien mit h3 gespielt, aber das ist schon lange her.' **6...e5N** 7
[6...e6 7.g4 Nfd7 *(7...d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Bd2 b5 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.0-0 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 b4 14.Be1 Ra7 15.c3 h5 16.f4 hxg4 17.hxg4 g5 18.f5 Bd6 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Qd3 Rh6 21.Rd1 Rah7 22.Nf3* 1-0 Smirin,I (2630)-Mista,A (2537) EU-ch 9th Plovdiv 2008 (7)*; 7...Nc6 8.g5 Nd7 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Qd2 b5 11.0-0-0 Bb7 12.Kb1 b4 13.Nce2 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 e5 15.Qd3 Nc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.f3 Be7 18.h4 h6 19.gxh6 Rxh6 20.Ng3 g6 21.h5 0-0-0*

22.Qc4 ½-½ Donrault,P (2209)-Genzling,A (2033) FRA-chT2b 0304 2003 (11)*; 7...b5 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.a3 h6 10.f4 Nbd7 11.0-0 Rc8 12.g5 Rxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe4 14.g6 Ndf6 15.a4 bxa4 16.Rb1 Qc8 17.Ba3 Be7 18.Qd3 Bd5 19.Rfe1 Bc4 20.Qe3 d5 21.Bxe7 Kxe7 22.Rb8* 1-0 Smirin,I (2666)-Murey,J (2487) ISR-chT Ramat Aviv 2000 (7)*)* 8.Bg2 Be7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Nce2 0-0 11.0-0 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qc7 13.f4 b5 14.g5 Bb7 15.Qg4 Rfe8 16.Rf2 Bf8 17.Raf1 e5 18.Nf5 Re6 19.fxe5 Nxe5 20.Qg3 Rae8 21.h4 1-0 Federzoni,E (2144)-Nunes,A (1817) Caioba op 7th 2023 (3)]

7.Nb3 7 **Be7** 4 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'I was little bit surprised after this move, because usually Parham played Be6 in this position. Ich war nach diesem Zug etwas überrascht, denn normalerweise spielt Parham in dieser Stellung Le6.'

[7...Be6 (Abdusattorov,Nodirbek) 1-0 (76) Shankland,S (2718)-Maghsoodloo,P (2716) Prague 2022 CBM 209 [Shankland,Samuel L] 1-0 (76) Shankland,S (2718)-Maghsoodloo,P (2716) Prag 2022 CBM 209 [Shankland,Samuel L]]

8.Be3 2:09 **Be6** 2:51 **9.Qf3** 9:57 **Nbd7** 1:11 White is slightly better. Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'Rare line, but quite interesting. Eine seltene Variante, aber sehr interessant.'

[9...0-0 (Abdusattorov,Nodirbek) is considered as the principled approach. wird als der prinzipielle Ansatz betrachtet.]

10.g4 1:28 **h6** 32

[RR 10...Nb6 11.Bxb6 Qxb6 12.g5 Nd7 13.h4 h6 14.Bh3 hxg5 15.hxg5 0-0-0 16.g6 Rdf8 17.Qg2 Bh4 18.0-0-0 Qxf2 19.Qxf2 Bxf2 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Rxh8 Be3+ 22.Kb1 Rxh8 23.Rxd6 Kc7 24.Rd1 Rh6 25.Na5 Anand,V (2753)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020 ½-½ (53)]

11.0-0-0 3:56 **Rc8** 1:30 **12.Nd5!** 4:21 **Nf8** 17 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'Here I thought for a while. White has many options, but I didn't find the convincing one and decided to play natural moves. Hier dachte ich eine Weile nach. Weiß hat viele Möglichkeiten, aber ich fand keine überzeugende und entschied mich, natürliche Züge zu spielen.'

[12...Bxd5?! (Abdusattorov,Nodirbek) is dubious: ist zweifelhaft: 13.exd5 Qc7 14.c3± and White has big advantage. und Weiß hat großen Vorteil.]

13.Bd3N 10:33

[13.Kb1!? Abdusattorov,Nodirbek Ng6

A) 14.Rh2!? is also interesting ist auch interessant;

B) 14.Rg1!? Nh7 15.Bb6 *(15.c4 0-0)* 15...Qd7 16.Na5 0-0 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Qa3 Nf6∞;

C) 14.c3 has been played in many correspondence games. wurde in vielen Fernpartien gespielt. 14...b5 15.Rg1∞ 1/2 (39) Staroske,U (2514)-Habermehl,T (2476) GER email 2016]

[RR 13.Kb1 Ng6 14.Nxe7 Qxe7 15.g5 hxg5 16.Bxg5 Qc7 17.Bd3 Nh5 18.Bd2 Nhf4 19.Bb4 Rxh3 20.Rxh3 Nxh3 21.Bxd6 Qb6 22.Rd2 f6 23.Qe3 Qxe3 24.fxe3 Rc6 25.Bb4 Ng5 26.Nc5 Bc8 27.a4 Nf8 Poetsch,H (2484)-Engel,L (2389) Karlsruhe 2018 1-0 (35)]

[RR 13.Bb6 Qd7 14.Nxe7 Qxe7 15.Ba5 Qd7 16.Bb4 Qa4 17.Bxd6

Qxa2 18.Nd2 Qa1+ 19.Nb1 Ba2 20.Kd2 Rd8 21.Qa3 Rxd6+ 22.Bd3 Rb6 23.Kc3 a5 24.Nd2 Rc6+ 25.Nc4 Qxd1 26.Rxd1 Bxc4 27.Bxc4 b5 Madej,M (2116)-Ben Ari,Y (2453) Krakow 2025 0-1 (56)]

[RR 13.Kb1 Ng6 14.Rg1 Nh7 15.c4 0-0 16.Bb6 Qd7 17.Ba5 Ng5 18.Qe3 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Qa4 20.f3 Nh4 21.Rg3 Nh7 22.Qb6 Bd8 23.Qb4 Qd7 24.Bxd8 Rfxd8 25.a4 Ng5 26.Be2 Qc7 27.Ka2 Qb8 Movahed,S (2463)-Vakhidov,J (2599) Dubai 2024 1-0 (61)]

13...Ng6 25:35 Threatens to win with ... Be6xd5. **14.Rhe1** -0.05/18 1:03

[14.Nxe7± 0.41/17 Qxe7 15.Kb1]

14...Nd7= 8:28 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '!' Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'I didn't like my position at this point. I have weaknesses on dark squares and his king will be very safe on the kingside. Meine Stellung gefiel mir zu diesem Zeitpunkt nicht. Ich habe Schwächen auf den schwarzen Feldern und sein König wird am Königsflügel sehr sicher sein.' **15.Kb1** 1:02 **Bg5** 4:03 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: 'Black exchanges the dark-squared bishops ang gets pleasant positional edge. Schwarz tauscht die schwarzfeldrigen Läufer und erhält angenehmen positionellen Vorteil.' **16.c4** 7:42 **0-0** 2:12 **17.Bf1** 3:55 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: 'I tried to play very solid and wait for him to make the game complicated. Ich habe versucht, sehr solide zu spielen und darauf zu warten, dass er das Spiel kompliziert macht.' **17...Nh4** 7:27 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '?!' Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'The knight is misplaced here and Black has to spend a tempo later. Der Springer ist hier falsch platziert und Schwarz muss später ein Tempo aufwenden.'

[17...b6!∓ (Abdusattorov,Nodirbek) I like this move, just improving the position and preparing Nc5. Ich mag diesen Zug, er verbessert einfach die Stellung und bereitet Sc5 vor.]

18.Bxg5 14:04 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '!' **18...hxg5** 18

[18...Nxf3 19.Bxd8 Bxd5 *(19...Rcxd8 20.Re3±)* 20.cxd5±]

19.Qd3 30

[19.Qe3!? (Abdusattorov,Nodirbek) was another option: war eine weitere Option: Bxd5 20.cxd5 Qf6∞ is a concrete way to complicate. ist ein konkreter Weg zur Komplikation.]

19...Ng6 7:06 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'Black spends an important tempo after White quickly regroups the pieces to better squares. Schwarz verschenkt ein wichtiges Tempo, nachdem Weiß die Figuren schnell auf bessere Felder umgruppiert hat.'

[19...Nc5!? (Abdusattorov,Nodirbek) is a good alternative: ist eine gute Alternative: 20.Nxc5 Rxc5 21.Nc3 *(21.b4 Rc6)* 21...Rc6 22.b3 Qf6∞]

[19...a5! (Abdusattorov,Nodirbek) I like this move. Ich mag diesen Zug. 20.Nc3 *(20.a4 Nb6!)* 20...a4 21.Nxa4 Rxc4 22.Nc3 Rc6 and White's king can become weak potentially. und der weiße König kann potentiell schwach werden.]

20.Ne3 5:56 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '!' **20...Rc6** 8 **21.Qd2** 27 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: '!' Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'I'm threatening Na5. Ich drohe mit Na5.' **21...b6** 3:33 Dodges Nb3-a5 **22.Nd5** 1:16 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '?!' Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'I can't explain why I didn't play Nf5, as this would be logical continuation of the previous

moves. Ich kann nicht erklären, warum ich nicht Nf5 gespielt habe, denn das wäre eine logische Fortsetzung der vorherigen Züge.'
[22.Nf5! (Abdusattorov,Nodirbek) After this Black's position becomes unpleasant. Danach wird die Stellung von Schwarz unangenehm. Qf6!? Perhaps the best move, sacrificing a pawn for some activity. But obviously that's not what Black wanted. Vielleicht der beste Zug, einen Bauern für etwas Aktivität zu opfern. Aber offensichtlich ist das nicht das, was Schwarz wollte. *(22...Bxf5* is just worse for Black: ist einfach schlechter für Schwarz: *23.exf5 Nf4 24.Nc1! Qf6 25.Ne2±; 22...Nh4 23.Re3±)* 23.Nxd6 Nh4 24.Re3 a5⩱]
22...a5 39 Prevents Nd5-b4. **23.a4** 1:26 **Nf4** 2:56 **24.Re3** 1:28 **g6** 5:44 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '!' Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: 'Black is preparing to play Kg7/Rh8 and slowly putting pressure on the weak pawn on h3. Schwarz bereitet sich darauf vor, Kg7/Th8 zu spielen und langsam Druck auf den schwachen Bauern auf h3 auszuüben.' **25.Nc3** 2:32 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'I also want to exploit the weakness on d6. Ich möchte auch die Schwäche auf d6 ausnutzen.'
25...Nf6 2:19
[25...Nb8!? (Abdusattorov,Nodirbek) is the engine's preference. ist die Präferenz der Engine. 26.Nb5 Na6 27.Nxd6?! Qb8∓]
26.f3 4:23 **Kh7** -0.01/21 5:21
[26...Bxc4?! 27.Bxc4 Rxc4 28.Qxd6=]
[26...Nd7∓ -0.39/20]
27.Nd5 1:21 **Kg7** 42 **28.h4** 33 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '!' Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: 'I immediately use the moment to complicate the game and change the dynamic of the position. Ich nutze den Moment sofort, um das Spiel zu verkomplizieren und die Dynamik der Stellung zu verändern.' **28...Bxd5** -0.01/22 6:27
[28...gxh4 29.Nxf4 exf4 30.Rc3±]
[28...Rc8∓ -0.43/21 29.hxg5 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek N6xd5 30.cxd5 Bd7 31.Ba6! *(31.Bb5 Bxb5 32.axb5 a4 33.Nd4 exd4 34.Qxd4+ f6)* 31...Rc7 32.Bb5 Bxb5 33.axb5 Qxg5 *(33...a4 34.Nd4! exd4 35.Qxd4+ f6 36.gxf6+ Qxf6 37.e5 dxe5 38.Rxe5 Kg8 39.d6! Rd7 40.Rd2⩲)* 34.Rc3 Rxc3 35.Qxc3 Qh4∞ with some further mess. mit weiterem Chaos.]
29.cxd5 6
[29.exd5 Rc8 30.hxg5 Nd7∓]
29...Rc8 6 **30.hxg5** 11 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: 'Now things get out of control for both sides and we started to make many mistakes. Jetzt gerieten die Dinge für beide Seiten außer Kontrolle und wir begannen, viele Fehler zu machen.'
30...Nh7 0.78/23 6 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: '?!'
[30...Nd7= 0.01/23 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: '!' Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'is much better: ist viel besser:' 31.Bb5 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek Nc5 32.Nxc5 bxc5∞]
31.Ba6± 47 **Rc7** 21 **32.Rc1** 5:02 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '!' **32...Rxc1+** 23 **33.Qxc1** 1 **Nxg5** 5 **34.Qc6** -0.01/21 1:32 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '?'
[34.Rc3± 0.62/19 Rh8 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek 35.Ka2! Rh3 *(35...Rh2 36.Qg1 Rg2 37.Qe3±)* 36.Nd2 Rh2 37.Qe1±]
34...Ng2= 1:23 Excellent horsemanship. Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: ' ∞!' **35.Rc3** 1:03

Ne1 1:15 **36.Nd2** 2:59 **Rh8** 11 next ...Rh8-h2 is good for Black. Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '='
[36...Qf6 simplifies 37.Qxb6 Nexf3 38.Nxf3 Nxf3 39.Ka2 Nd2]
37.Re3 7:24 **Rh2** 3:26 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: 'Once again Parham shows his uncompromising character. Einmal mehr zeigt Parham seine Kompromisslosigkeit.' **38.Nf1** 3:04 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '!' Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: 'But now White can force the game into a favourable endgame. Aber jetzt kann Weiß die Partie in ein günstiges Endspiel zwingen.'
[38.Rxe1 simplifies Rxd2 39.Rf1 Rg2 40.Ka2]
38...Nc2! 3:52
[38...Nexf3! (Abdusattorov,Nodirbek) is better according to the engine. But it's almost impossible to correctly evaluate it and go for it in a practical game. ist laut Engine besser. Aber es ist fast unmöglich, dies in einer praktischen Partie richtig zu bewerten sich dafür zu entscheiden. 39.Nxh2 Nxh2 40.Be2 Qf6! 41.Qxb6 Qf2! 42.Qb3 Qf4! 43.Qd3 Nxg4 44.Bxg4 Qxg4⩲ and Black has enough counterplay to hold the position. und Schwarz hat genug Gegenspiel, um die Stellung zu halten.]
39.Rc3 3:01
[39.Nxh2 simplifies Nxe3 40.Qc1 Ng2 41.Qh1]
39...Nb4 11 **40.Nxh2** 6 **Nxc6** 30 **41.dxc6** 30:38 aiming for c6-c7. **41...Ne6** 30:07 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'We passed the time control and an interesting endgame has arisen. Intuitively I thought White is close to winning, but the more I looked at the board the more I understood that Black has enough counterplay and it's not so easy. Wir haben die Zeitkontrolle überschritten und es ist ein interessantes Endspiel entstanden. Intuitiv dachte ich, dass Weiß kurz vor dem Sieg steht, aber je mehr ich mir das Brett ansah, desto mehr verstand ich, dass Schwarz genug Gegenspiel hat und es nicht so einfach ist.' **42.Bc4** 0 **Nc7** 0.44/22 0
[42...Nc5∓ -0.34/21 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: 'is an active and very concrete way to hold the position: ist eine aktive und sehr konkrete Art, die Position zu halten:' 43.g5 *(43.Nf1 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek Nxa4 44.Rc2 Nc5 45.Ne3 b5!* - very important move - - sehr wichtiger Zug - *46.Bxb5 Qb6=)* 43...Nxa4 *(43...Qxg5? 44.c7+-)*]
43.Nf1⩲ 0 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'My plan is very easy. I need to exchange the knights, and then when Black blocks the pawn with his queen on c7, I start to run forward with my king to a6, play the rook to b3 and eventually the black pawns starts to fall. Mein Plan ist sehr einfach. Ich muss die Springer abtauschen, und dann, wenn Schwarz den Bauern mit seiner Dame auf c7 blockiert, fange ich an, mit meinem König nach a6 vorzustürmen, spiele den Turm nach b3 und schließlich beginnen die schwarzen Bauern zu fallen.' **43...Qe8** 0 **44.Bd5** -0.01/19 0 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '?'
[44.Bb3⩲ 0.39/22 b5 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek 45.Ne3 Qb8 46.g5!?⩲ *(46.Nd5 b4 47.Rc1 Nxd5 48.exd5 Qc7 49.g5⩲)*]
[44.Bb5 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek d5!∞]
44...b5= 0 **45.Ne3** -0.83/20 0 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '?!'

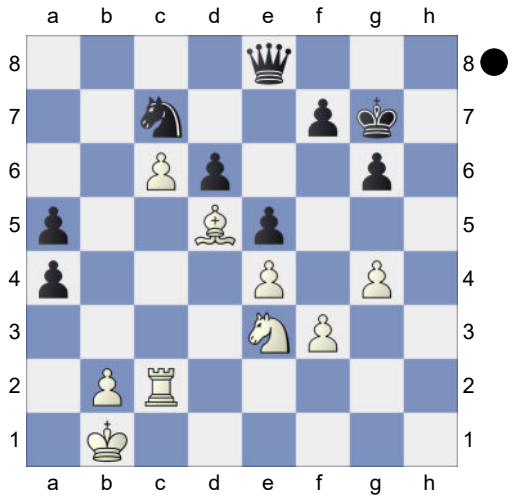
[45.axb5= 0.01/21 keeps the balance. Nxb5 46.Rb3 Nd4 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek 47.Rc3= *(47.Rb6!? Qd8! 48.Rb7 Qh4 49.c7 Qe1+ 50.Ka2 Nc2! 51.Kb3 Nd4+=)*]

45...bxa4∓ 0 **46.Rc2** -1.67/20 0

[46.Ka1∓ -0.87/19]

[46.Ka2! Abdusattorov,Nodirbek Kh6! *(46...Nb5 47.Rc4!; 46...Qb8 47.Bc4!)* 47.Nc4 Nb5 48.Rc1⩲]

[46.Ba2?! Abdusattorov,Nodirbek a3! is the trick! ist der Trick! 47.bxa3 Nb5 48.Rc1 Na7! 49.Bd5 Qb8+ 50.Ka2 Qb5-+]



Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '?!' Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'I totally lost the sense of danger and was still fighting for the win. In reality White's position became dangerous and he should be accurate to hold equality. Ich habe das Gefühl für die Gefahr völlig verloren und kämpfte immer noch um den Sieg. In Wirklichkeit wurde Weiß' Stellung gefährlich und er sollte genau agieren, um das Gleichgewicht zu halten.'

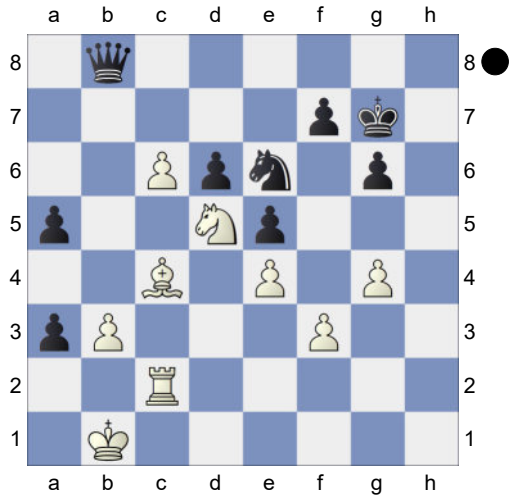
46...Qb8? -0.01/22 0 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: '?!'

[46...Qh8!-+ -1.67/20 White must now prevent ...a4-a3! Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: '!' Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'is much stronger: ist viel stärker:' 47.Ka2 *(47.Bc4* Abdusattorov, Nodirbek *Qh1+ 48.Ka2 Qxf3 49.Nd5 Qxe4-+)* 47...Qb8 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: '!' Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'The difference is that White's king is not supporting the rook on c2 and Black has a check on b3 at the end of the variation Der Unterschied ist, dass der weiße König den Turm auf c2 nicht unterstützt und Schwarz ein Schach auf b3 hat am Ende der Variante' 48.Bc4 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek Qb6 49.Nd5 Qxc6 50.Bd3 Qb7!-+]

47.Bc4!= 0 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '!'

47...a3 0 **48.Nd5** 0 **Ne6** 0 **49.b3** -3.59/21 0

[49.g5!= -0.18/19 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: '⩲!']



Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '??' Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'Weakening my king and the whole 2nd rank. Schwächt meinen König und die gesamte 2. Reihe. '

49...Nd4? -0.01/19 0 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: 'At this point Parham was looking very confident and was sure that Black is winning, but somehow the rook

covers the 2nd rank and Black doesn't have a decisive blow. Zu diesem Zeitpunkt sah Parham sehr zuversichtlich aus und war sich sicher, dass Schwarz gewinnt, aber irgendwie deckt der Turm die 2. Reihe und Schwarz hat keinen entscheidenden Schlag.'

[49...Qa7!-+ -3.59/21 Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: 'Black threatens Nd4 and White's position is collapsing. Schwarz droht Sd4 und die Stellung von Weiß bricht zusammen.' 50.c7 Nxc7 51.Nxc7 Qxc7]

50.c7 0 **Qh8** 0 **51.Rd2!** 0 **Qh1+** 3:25

[51...Nxf3 52.Rf2 Qh4 53.Re2∓ *(53.c8Q? Qxf2-+; 53.Rxf3 Qh2)*]

52.Ka2 0 Active counter play! **52...Qc1!** 4 **53.Rh2** 0 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'And Black has nothing better than making a draw by repeating. Und Schwarz hat nichts Besseres, als Remis durch Zugwiederholung zu machen.'

[53.c8R Qxd2+ 54.Kxa3 Qc1+ *(54...Nxf3? 55.Ka4-+)* 55.Ka2 Nc2 *(55...Nxf3? 56.Ba6-+; 55...Nxf3? 56.Ba6-+)*]

[53.Rg2!? a4□ *(53...Nxf3? 54.c8Q+-)* 54.g5=]

53...a4 1:48

[53...Nxf3? 54.Rg2 *(54.c8Q Nxh2; 54.Rf2 a4+-)* 54...a4 *(54...Nd2? 55.Rxd2* Deflection *Qxd2+ 56.Kxa3+-)* 55.c8Q+- *(55.c8R? Ne1-+)*]

[53...Qg1!= (Abdusattorov,Nodirbek) I think it was time to make a draw. Ich denke, es war an der Zeit, Remis zu machen.]

54.g5 0 Nd5-f6 is the strong threat. Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '!' Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: 'Very important move, fixing Black's pawns and creating a mating net around the king. Sehr wichtiger Zug, der die schwarzen Bauern fixiert und ein Mattnetz um den König herum schafft.'

54...Nxf3 2:03

[54...axb3+? 55.Bxb3 Kf8 56.c8R+ *(56.Rh8+ Kg7+-)* 56...Qxc8 57.Rh8+ *(57.Kxa3? Qc5+ 58.Ka2 Qa5+* Deflection *59.Kb1 Nxb3-+)* 57...Kg7 58.Rxc8+-]

55.Rf2 0 Really sharp!

[55.c8R Nxh2 *(55...axb3+? 56.Bxb3 Qxc8 57.Rc2-+; 55...axb3+? 56.Kxb3 Nxh2 57.Nc7-+)*]

55...axb3+! 3:13

[55...Nxg5? 56.c8Q *(56.c8B? Nxe4 57.Rg2 Nc5-+)* 56...axb3+ 57.Kxb3 Qb1+ 58.Kxa3 Qa1+ 59.Kb3 *(59.Ba2 Qe1+-)* 59...Qb1+ 60.Ka4+-]

56.Bxb3 0 **Nd2** 5

[56...Nxg5? 57.Rc2 Qg1 58.c8Q+- *(58.c8N? Nxe4 59.Kxa3 f5-+)*]

57.Rxd2 0 Deflection **57...Qxd2+** 5

58.Kxa3 0 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'Now Black has to be accurate to make a draw. Jetzt muss Schwarz genau spielen, um ein Remis zu erreichen.' **58...Qa5+?** 2.33/27 48 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'The decisive mistake. Probably my opponent thought that the position should be draw in any case. But after this check Black's queen is misplaced and dominated by my pieces. Der entscheidende Fehler. Wahrscheinlich dachte mein Gegner, dass die Stellung auf jeden Fall remis sein müsste. Aber nach diesem Schach ist Schwarz' Dame fehlplatziert und wird von meinen Figuren dominiert.'

[58...Qxg5? 59.c8Q+- *(59.c8R f5=)*]

[58...Qc1+= 0.01/28 and Black is okay. 59.Kb4 *(59.Ka2* Abdusattorov, Nodirbek *Qc5 60.Kb2 Qd4+=* is an easy draw. ist ein leichtes Los.*)*

59...Qc5+ *(59...Qxg5? 60.c8Q+-)* 60.Ka4 Kh8]

59.Ba4+- 0 White has strong compensation. **59...Qa6** 2:26

[Don't go for 59...Qc5+? 60.Kb3+-]

60.Kb4 13 **Qb7+** 1:17 **61.Bb5?** 0.01/22 40

[White should play 61.Kc3+- 2.64/25 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: '!' Qc8 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek 62.Bc6!+- was a clean win. war ein sauberer Sieg.]

61...Kh7? 4.59/26 2:13

[61...Kf8!= 0.01/22 and Black has nothing to worry. Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: '!' Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'is apparently holding by some luck. But still I have a very good feeling that I would win the game later. ist anscheinend durch etwas Glück zu halten. Aber trotzdem habe ich ein sehr gutes Gefühl, dass ich die Partie später gewinnen würde.' 62.Kc4 Abdusattorov,Nodirbek Qc8 63.Kc3 f5! 64.gxf6 g5=]

62.Kc4 59 Strongly threatening Bb5-d7. White is clearly winning. Abdusattorov, Nodirbek: '+-' Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'Now it's over. This is one of the most beautiful constructions I have ever had in my career! Jetzt ist es vorbei. Dies ist eine der schönsten Konstruktionen, die ich je in meiner Karriere hatte!' **62...Kg7** 5 **63.Bd7** 30 Prevents Qb7-c8. **63...Qa6+** 5 **64.Kb3** 1:31 **Qb7+** 1:58 **65.Kc2** 24 **Qa6** 33 **66.c8Q** 40 Inhibits Qa6-c4+.

[66.c8R Qa2+ *(66...Qe2+ 67.Kb3=)* 67.Kc3 Qa1+ 68.Kb4 Qb2+ 69.Ka5 Qd2+ 70.Kb6 Qxg5=]

66...Qe2+ 5 **67.Kb3** 7 **Qxe4** 15

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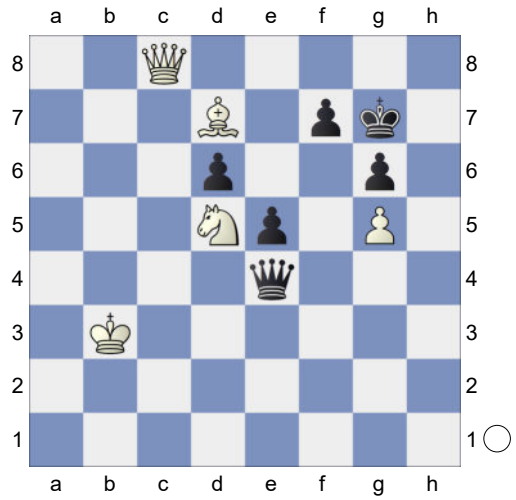

68.Qg8+!! 34

Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise) Abdusattorov,Nodirbek: 'This was truly a spectacular game that I played in Prague. With this victory I won the tournament with one round to spare. It was one of my best tournament performances in my career so far! Das war wirklich eine spektakuläre Partie, die ich in Prag gespielt habe. Mit diesem Sieg gewann ich das Turnier eine Runde vor Schluss. Das war eine meiner besten Turnierleistungen in meiner bisherigen Karriere!'

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130 **A14**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2747**
6th Prague Masters 2024 (7.4) 05.03.24
[Kitty Kat]*

A14: English Opening: 1...e6 with b3 by White

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 Be7 5.c4N

[5.d3

A) 5...0-0 6.Nbd2 *(6.Nc3 Nc6*

7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 e5 9.h3 Be6 10.Qe2 Nd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Be3 Qc4 13.Qxc4 Bxc4 14.Rfd1 Bb4 Chapter 9: The King's Indian-The Plan With 6.Nc3*)* 6...Nc6 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 e5 9.Qe2 Bc5 10.c3 a5 11.Nc4 Qe7 12.Ne3 Bxe3 13.Qxe3 a4 14.Nh4 Be6 15.Qe2 Rfd8 16.Nf5 ½-½ Campos,J (2514)-Haapala,S (2564) Los Angeles 2011 (4.1);

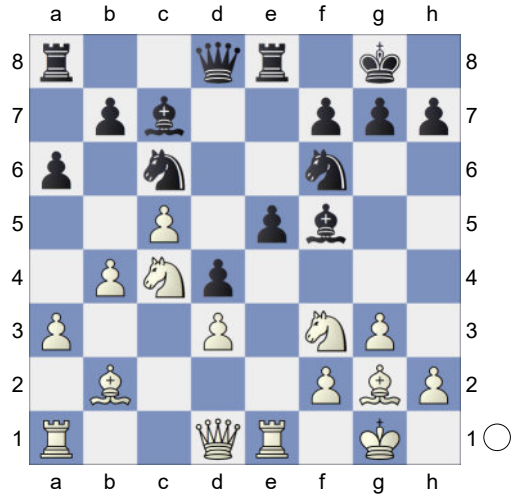
B) 5...b6 6.Nbd2 Bb7

B1) 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Nc6 *(8...0-0 9.Qe2 c5 10.e5 Nfd7 11.Ne4 Qc7 12.Bf4 Rd8 13.Nf6+ gxf6 14.exf6 Bd6 15.Nd4 cxd4 16.Bxb7 Bxf4 17.Bxa8 Be5 18.Qg4+ Kf8 19.Qg7+ Ke8 20.Qh8+ Nf8 21.Be4 Nbd7 22.Bxh7 Bxf6 23.Qg8* 0-1 Eduoard,R-Ruin,G FRA-Cup corr 1975*)* 9.a3 a5 10.e5 Nd7 11.Re1 Nc5 12.Qe2 0-0 13.h4 h6 14.Nf1 a4 15.N1h2 Qc8 16.Ng4 Rd8 17.Nxh6+ gxh6 18.Bxh6 f5 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Ng5 Qd7 21.Qg4 Bg7 1-0 Nakamura,H (2785)-Bacrot,E (2708) Paris GCT Rapid 2017 (4);

B2) 7.Re1 Nbd7 8.c3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.b3 a5 11.a4 e5 12.Bb2 c5 13.e4 d4 14.Nc4 Bf8 15.h3 Ba6 16.Ncd2 Rc8 17.c4 g6 18.Rf1 Bh6 19.Rae1 Rf8 0-1 Harika,D (2539)-Tan,Z (2502) World-ch (Women) k.o. 2017 (5.9)]

5...0-0 6.b3 c5 7.e3 Nc6 8.Bb2 d4 9.exd4 cxd4 10.Re1 Re8 11.d3 Bb4 12.Nbd2 e5 13.a3 Bd6 The position is equal. **14.b4 Bf5 15.c5 Bc7 16.Nc4** Strongly threatening b4-b5. **16...a6** 0.90/17

[16...Rc8!= 0.29/18 keeps the balance.]



17.Qc2N -0.26/17

[17.a4!± 0.90/17]

[RR 17.Qb3 h6 18.Nfd2 Be6 19.Rac1 Bd5 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 Kh7 23.Rce1 f5 24.R4e2 Qd7 25.a4 f4 26.Nd2 Rf8 27.f3 fxg3 28.hxg3 Ne7 29.Kg2 Nd5 30.Nc4 Qf7 31.Rf2 Ne3+ Toth,S (2236)-Elez,S (2103) Senta 2009 0-1 (66)]

17...Qd7 18.Rad1 Bg4 19.Rd2 Qf5 20.Nh4 Qh5 21.h3 Be6 22.Rde2 -0.47/21

[22.Bf3= -0.01/18 Qg5 23.Rde2]

22...Bd5∓ 23.Nd2 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Nd5 25.Ndf3 -0.77/20

[25.Ne4∓ -0.41/17 is superior.]

25...Rad8 -0.41/19

[25...f6∓ -0.77/20]

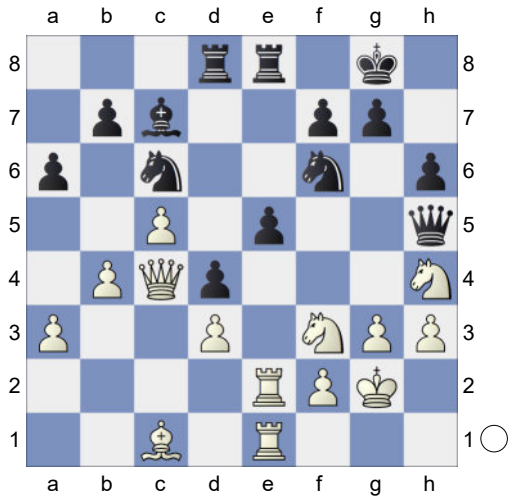
26.Qc4 Nf6? 1.65/20

[26...Rf8!∓ -0.35/19]

27.Bc1+- h6? 5.01/18

[27...e4± 1.52/17 is a better chance.]

(Diagram)



This move loses the game for Black.
28.Re4! White is clearly winning.
28...Nxe4
[28...g5 29.g4]
29.Rxe4 g5 30.g4 Qxh4 31.Nxh4 gxh4 32.Bxh6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.46
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131 **E36**
□ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2630**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
Prague Masters 6th (6) 04.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

E36: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...d5 5 a3 A Disastrous Ending: Alexander Beliavsky plays a model game to a point...then it all falls apart. Hokmome, Naruemon: 'E36: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...d5 5 a3 Current Reputation: Playable for both sides' **1.d4** Hokmome,Naruemon **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 dxc4**
[6...Nc6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.e3 Re8 11.Rc1 Bd7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Be2 Nd8 14.Ne5 Bf5 15.0-0 c6 16.b4 E 36/01 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008 E 36/01 Chess Informant ECO E4 Survey 2008]
7.Qxc4 b6 8.Nf3 Ba6N
[8...0-0 9.g3 Bb7 10.Bg2 Bd5 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.0-0 c5 13.Bg5 Rc8 14.Qa4 Bc6 15.Qc4 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Rfd1 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 cxd4 19.Qxd4 Ne5 20.Kg2 Rc4 21.Qd2 g5 22.h3 Rfc8 23.Rac1 1-0 Jovanovic,S-Cauchy Fernandez,A USSR 45/316 1988 Kg7 24.Be4 R8c5 25.Bd3 Nxd3 26.exd3 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Rd5 28.Rc7 a5 29.Qc3 Qxc3 30.Rxc3 Rb5 31.b3 Kf6 32.Kf3 h5 33.d4 Rf5+ 34.Ke2 Ke7 35.a4 Kd7 36.Rf3 Rxf3 37.Kxf3 f5 38.h4 1-0 Ivanov,S-Beliavsky,A Yugoslav Team Championship 1999 1-0 Ivanov,S-Beliavsky,A Yugoslav Team Championship Vrnjacka Banja YUG 1999]
9.Qa4+ Qd7 The position is equal.
10.Qc2
[10.Qxd7+ simplifies Nbxd7 11.Rg1 h5 12.b4]
10...0-0 11.Bg5 c5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.dxc5 Rc8
[RR 13...bxc5 14.Rd1 Qb7 15.h4 Nd7 16.e3 Rfd8 17.Bxa6 Qxa6 18.Qe2 Qb6 19.0-0 Rab8 20.Rb1 Qb3 21.Rfc1 Rdc8 22.Rc2 Qd5 23.Rd1 Qb7 24.Qc4 Rd8 25.Qg4+ Kh8 26.Rcd2 Rg8 27.Qf4 Rbd8 28.h5 Atakhan,A (2414)-Schekachikhin,M (2381) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (32)]
14.Rd1
[14.Qe4 Hokmome,Naruemon Qb5 15.Qg4+ Kf8 16.Qd4 Kg7 17.e3 Qxc5 18.Qg4+ Kf8 19.Bxa6 Qa5+ 20.b4 Qxa6 21.Qh4 Kg7 22.Qg4+

Kf8 Vitiugov,N (2747)-Morozevich,A (2722) 120/(186) Russia 2014]

14...Qb7 0.84/19 Hokmome,Naruemon: 'N'

[14...Qe7= 0.23/20 15.e3 Hokmome,Naruemon Rxc5 16.Qe4 Bb7 17.Qh4 Nd7 18.b4 Rc3 19.Qd4 Rc7 20.Be2 Rac8 21.0-0 Nf8 Nimzo-Indian Defense,C-Classical Variation,w 182 Linz 2013]

[14...Qc6 Hokmome,Naruemon 15.Qc3 Nd7 16.h4 bxc5 17.h5 Rab8 18.h6 Rb7 19.Rxd7 Rxd7 20.Qxf6 Kf8 21.Ne5 Qd5 22.Qg7+ Ke7 23.Qxf7+ Kd8 24.Qxd7+ Qxd7 25.Nxd7 Kxd7 26.Kd2 Rb8 27.Kc2 Rf8 28.f3 Ke7 29.e4 1-0 Biolek,R (2394)-10. ♖d1 b5 11. ♗e2 (2260) Garmisch Partenkirchen rapid 1994 (1)]

[14...Rxc5 Hokmome,Naruemon 15.Qe4 Qc7 16.Qxa8 Bb7 17.Qxa7 Ra5 18.Qxa5 bxa5 19.e3 Qc2 20.Be2 Nc6 21.Rd2 Qb1+ 22.Bd1 Ba6 23.Rc2 Ne5 24.Nxe5 fxe5 25.Kd2 e4 26.Re1 Bd3 27.Rc8+ Kg7 28.Rb8 Bb5 29.Bc2 8 Chapter 11-Game 8 Chapter 11 Game]

15.h4N Hoping for Rh1-h3.

[RR 15.e3 Bxf1 16.Kxf1 Nd7 17.h4 Nxc5 18.Rh3 Ne4 19.Qe2 f5 20.Nd4 Qd5 21.f3 Nf6 22.Rg3+ Kh8 23.Nb5 Qc5 24.Nd6 Rc7 25.b4 Qe5 26.Kf2 Rd7 27.Nc4 Qc7 28.Qb2 e5 29.Rxd7 Nxd7 Baches Garcia,G (2322)-Yaniv,O (2131) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (33)]

15...Nd7 1.21/22

[⌓15...Nc6 0.71/19]

16.Qd2! White is more active. **16...Nxc5**

17.Qh6 And now Rh1-h3! would win.

17...Ne4? 3.04/22

[17...Qe7!± 0.56/21]

18.Rh3+- aiming for Nf3-d2. **18...Rc5**

[18...Rc2? 19.Nd2 Rxd2 *(19...Rxb2? 20.Nxe4* Remove Defender *Qxe4 21.Rg3++-)* 20.Rxd2+-]

19.Nd4 1.95/20

[⌓19.Nh2 3.28/23 Threatens to win with f2-f3. Qc7 20.f3]

19...Qc7 20.f3 Ng3 21.b4

[21.Qxf6 Nh5 22.Qh6 Qe5±]

21...Rh5 22.Qxf6 Black must now prevent Nd4xe6! **22...Qc3+?** 3.63/21 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[22...Rd5± 1.57/22]

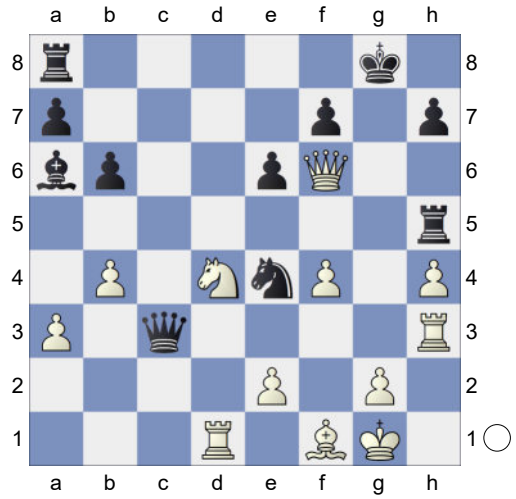
23.Kf2 Nf5 24.f4 Nd6 25.Kg1→ 2.45/21 White is out for blood.

[25.Rxc3 Ne4+ 26.Kg1 Nxf6±]

[25.Rg3+? Qxg3+ 26.Kxg3 Ne4+ 27.Kh3 Nxf6-+]

[⌓25.Re3 4.69/22]

25...Ne4



Strongly threatening ...Qc3xh3. **26.Qe7!**

[Much less strong is 26.Rxc3?! Nxf6± 27.Rdc1 Rxh4+-]

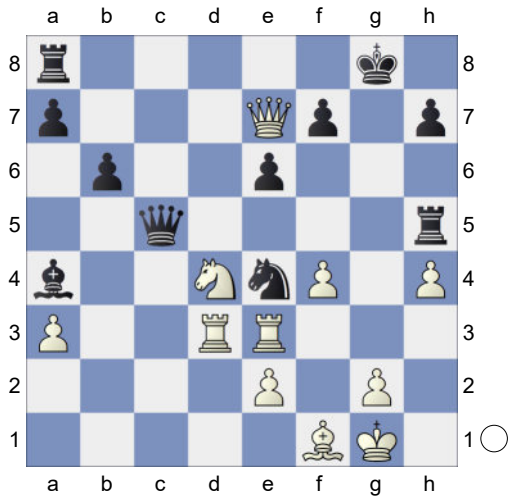
26...Qc8 27.b5 Bxb5 2.67/21

[27...Qc5 1.70/19 was worth a try. 28.Qxc5 bxc5 29.bxa6 Rd5 Pin]

28.Re3 Ba4 3.46/22

[⌓28...Rd5 2.23/20]

29.Rdd3 Qc5

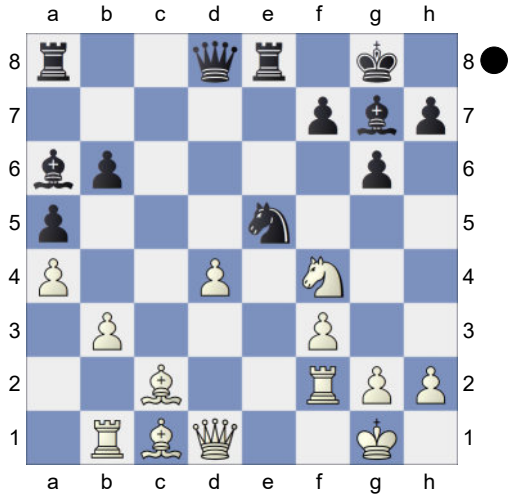


30.Rg3+! Deflection **30...Kh8**
[30...Nxg3? loses. 31.Rxg3++-]
[30...Rg5 31.Rxg5+]
31.Qxf7 Rg5 Dodges Qf7-g7+ **32.Rxg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.55
1-0

132 **A21**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
■ **Rapport,Richard** **2717**
6th Prague Masters 2024 (5.5) 02.03.24
[Hokmome,Naruemon]*

A41: 1 d4 d6: Tartakower System and Modern Defence **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.e3 g6 4.d4 Nd7**
[4...Bg7 5.dxe5 Bxe5 6.Qd2 Bg7 7.b3 Nf6 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.Be2 Nc5 11.0-0 Re8 12.Rad1 Nfe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Qc1 Bxb2 15.Qxb2 Qf6 A 21/17 2000]
5.Bd3 Bg7 6.Nge2 a5N
[6...Ngf6 7.Bd2 c6 8.d5 Nc5 9.Bc2 cxd5 10.cxd5 a5 11.f3 0-0 12.e4 Nh5 13.Qc1 f5 14.Bg5 Qe8 15.Be3 b6 16.0-0 f4 17.Bxc5 bxc5 18.Ba4 Qd8 19.Bc6 Ra7 20.Nb5 Raf7 21.Nec3 0-1 Kuzubov,Y-13.a4 ♗b4 14. ♕a4 133/(46) Chicago 2017 g5 22.Kf2 g4 23.Ke2 Ng3+ 24.hxg3 fxg3 25.Qe1 gxf3+ 26.Rxf3 Bg4 27.Qxg3 Bxf3+ 28.gxf3 Rxf3 29.Qg4 R3f6 30.Kd3 R8f7 31.Rh1 Rg6 32.Qh4 Bf6 33.Qh3 Bg5 34.Rg1 h6 35.Na3 Qf8 36.Kc2 0-1 Carreto Nieto, G (2460)-13.a4 ♗b4 14. ♕a4 (2620) Bremen 1913]
[RR 6...Ngf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bd2 Re8 9.Qc2 exd4 10.exd4 c5 11.Rad1 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Ne5 13.Be2 Bg4 14.Bxg4 Nfxg4 15.h3 Nxc4 16.hxg4 Bxd4 17.Nb5 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 Be5 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Rxc8 Qxc8 21.f4 Lindsay,F (2250)-Garcia,G (2430) Saint John 1988 0-1]
[RR 6...Ngf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.f4 exd4 9.exd4 d5 10.b3 c5 11.Bb2 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nc5 13.Nce2 Ng4 14.Rf3 Re8 15.Qd2 Nxd3 16.Rxd3 dxc4 17.bxc4 Qb6 18.Rc1 Bf5 19.c5 Qf6 20.h3 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Tsyhanchuk,S (2322)-Izoria,Z (2602) Chess.com INT 2020 0-1 (39)]
[RR 6...Ne7 7.0-0 0-0 8.b3 f5 9.Bc2 e4 10.f3 exf3 11.Rxf3 Nf6 12.d5 Ng4 13.h3 Ne5 14.Rf1 Kh8 15.Bb2 Ng8 16.Qd2 a6 17.e4 Bh6 18.Nf4 Qe7 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Nce2 g5 21.Bxf5 Yeganegi,B (2347)-Gorovets,A (2465) Moscow 2025 1-0 (60)]
[RR 6...Nh6 7.0-0 f5 8.Bc2 0-0 9.Rb1 Nf7 10.b4 Nf6 11.Bb2 Kh8 12.Bb3 g5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.c5 Nfg4 15.h3 Nf6 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.f4 gxf4 18.exf4 Ng6 19.Nd5 b5 20.Nxf6 Bxf6 21.Bd5 Rodgaard,J (2360)-Bern,I (2360) Aarhus 1989 1-0]
7.0-0 Ngf6 8.b3 White has an edge.

8...0-0 9.f3 Re8 10.Rb1 b6 11.Bc2 c6 12.Rf2 -0.30/21
[⌓12.d5 0.25/18]
12...Ba6= 13.a4 -0.67/20
[13.e4= -0.17/19]
13...d5 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.dxe5 Nxe5
[16...Rxe5 17.Nf4=]
17.Nf4 -1.35/22
[White should try 17.Bb2∓ -0.46/20]
17...d4!∓ 18.exd4 -3.82/22
[18.Be4∓ -1.23/23 Rc8 19.Rc2]

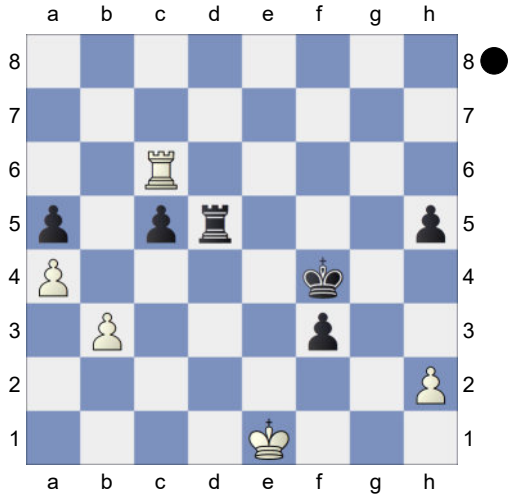


18...Nxf3+!-+ 19.gxf3 Bxd4 Pin
20.Qd2 Rc8! 21.Be4 -2.26/24 **Rc5**
[21...Bxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Qh4+ 23.Kg1-+]
22.Ba3 -2.45/22
[⌓22.Bb2 -1.92/24 Qg5+ Deflection *(22...Bxf2+ 23.Qxf2 f5 24.Bd5+ Rxd5 25.Nxd5∓)* 23.Kh1 Bxf2 24.Qxf2 Qxf4 25.Rd1]
22...Qg5+ Deflection
[22...Bxf2+ 23.Qxf2 Rg5+ 24.Ng2±]
23.Kh1 Bxf2 24.Qxf2 Qxf4 25.Bxc5 bxc5 26.Re1 Re5 27.Bc6 Qd4 28.Qg3 Be2 29.f4 Re3 30.Qf2 Re6 Discovered Attack
[30...Rxb3? 31.Qxd4 *(31.Qxe2 Qxf4 32.Rf1 Re3±; 31.Rxe2 Qd6=)* 31...cxd4 32.Rxe2+-]
31.Kg2 Qd2 32.Kg1 Rxc6 33.Qxe2 Endgame. KQR-KQR **33...Qd4+**
[33...Qxf4? 34.Qe8+ Kg7 35.Qxc6+-]
34.Qe3 Rd6 -1.17/22
[34...Qb4-+ -2.06/21 35.Rf1 Re6]
35.Kg2 -2.45/23
[35.Qxd4∓ -1.17/22 Rxd4 *(35...cxd4 36.Kf2∓)* 36.Re8+ Kg7 37.Rc8]
35...Qd5+ 36.Qf3 Qxf3+ 37.Kxf3 KR-KR **37...Rb6** -1.18/24
[37...Rd3+-+ -2.31/24 38.Re3 Rxe3+ 39.Kxe3 f5]
38.Re3∓ f5 39.Rc3 Kg7 -0.59/23
[39...Kf7∓ -0.95/24 40.Rxc5 Rxb3+ 41.Ke2 Rb4 42.Rxa5 Rxf4 43.Ra7+ Kg8]
40.Kf2 Rc6 41.Ke2 Kf6 42.Kd3 g5 -0.22/21
[42...h6∓ -0.80/20 With the idea ...g5. 43.Kc4 g5]
43.fxg5+= Kxg5 44.Ke3 Re6+ 45.Kf3 Re5 46.Rd3 f4 47.Kf2 Kg4 48.Rd7 Rh5 49.Kg2 f3+ 50.Kg1 Kf4 51.Re7 -1.63/27
[51.Ra7∓ -0.50/27]
51...Rh6? -0.01/24 **52.Rc7 Rh5 53.Re7! h6** -0.61/27
[53...Rg5+!-+ -1.99/28 54.Kf1 h6 *(54...h5 55.Rf7+ Ke4 56.Re7+ Re5)*]
54.Re6!∓ Rg5+ 55.Kf1 h5 56.Rf6+ Ke4 57.Rc6? -2.35/28
[57.Rh6∓ -0.52/26]
57...Rd5? -0.66/25
[Better is 57...h4!-+ -2.35/28 Strongly threatening ...Rg2. 58.Re6+ Re5]
58.Ke1 -1.96/27
[58.Re6+!∓ -0.66/25 Re5 59.Ra6]
58...Ke3 -0.63/28
[58...h4!-+ -1.96/27 ...Rg5 is the strong threat. 59.Rc7 h3 *(59...Ke3*

60.Re7+ Kf4 61.Rf7+ Kg4 62.Rg7+ Rg5 63.Re7-+)]

59.Re6+ Kf4 60.Rc6 -1.85/25

[Only move: 60.Rf6+!∓ -0.51/25 Rf5 61.Ra6]



60...Re5+ -0.84/27

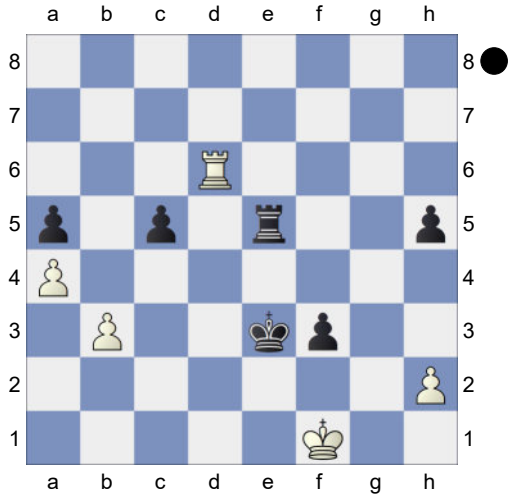
[60...h4!-+ -1.85/25 And now ...Re5+ would win. 61.Rf6+ Ke4 62.Re6+ Re5]

61.Kf1∓ Ke3? -0.51/25

[61...h4-+ -2.70/29 Hoping for ...Re2. 62.Rf6+ Rf5 *(62...Ke3 63.Rf7=)*]

62.Rd6? -2.72/25

[62.Rf6∓ -0.51/25]



62...h4!-+ 63.Rd1? -3.94/28

[63.Rd8 -1.65/26]

63...Re4 64.Rd5 c4? -0.01/19

[64...Rd4-+ -3.74/27 65.Re5+ Kf4]

65.bxc4= Rxc4 (→ ...Rc1+) **66.Re5+ Kf4 67.Rxa5 Rc1+** -0.97/5

[67...h3= -0.01/32 68.Ra6 Rc1+ 69.Kf2 Rc2+ 70.Kf1 Rxh2 71.Rf6+ Ke3 72.Re6+ Kd4 73.Rd6+ Kc5]

68.Kf2∓ Rc2+ The position is equal.

69.Kg1 Rc1+ 70.Kf2 Rh1 71.Ra8 Rxh2+ 72.Kf1 Ra2

[72...h3!? 73.Rf8+□ Ke4 74.Re8+ Kd4 75.Rd8+ Kc4 76.Rc8+ Kb4=]

73.Rf8+! Kg4 aiming for ...h3! **74.Rg8+ Kf4 75.Rf8+! Kg3!?**

[75...Ke3!? 76.Re8+□ Kf4]

76.Rg8+□ Kh3= 77.Rf8 Kg4 78.Rg8+□= Kh5!? 79.Rh8+□ Kg5

[79...Kg4]

80.Rg8+ Kf5 81.Rf8+ Ke4

[81...Ke5 simplifies 82.Rxf3 Rxa4 83.Kg2 Ra2+]

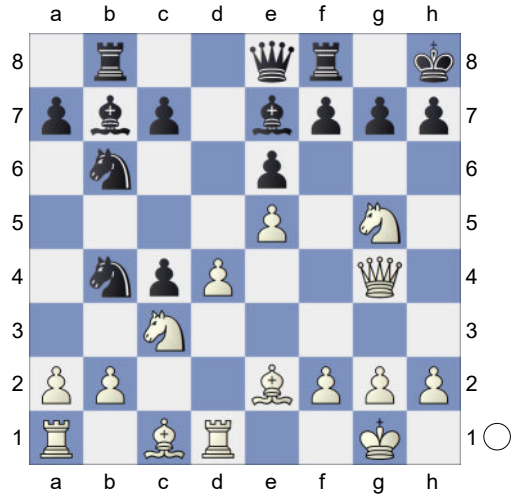
82.Re8+! Kd4 83.Rd8+! Kc5 84.Rc8+ Kd6 White must now prevent ...h3!

85.Rd8+ Ke7 86.Rh8! Rxa4 87.Kf2 Rf4 88.Rh6 Kf7 89.Ra6 Kg7 90.Rb6 h3 91.Rb1 h2 92.Rh1 Rh4 Threatens to win with ...Rh3. **93.Kxf3 Rh6 94.Kg3 Rg6+ 95.Kxh2 Rh6+ 96.Kg2 Rxh1 97.Kxh1** Whites escaped into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.28 (precise) . Loses game: White=3 --- Missed win: --- Black=4 Mistake: White=10 Black=8 Inaccurate: White=6 Black=1 OK: White=27 Black=27 Best: White=18 Black=3 Strong: White=8 Black=3 Brilliant: --- Black=1

½-½

133 **D37**
□ **Navara,David** **2667**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
6th Prague Masters 2024 (4.3) 01.03.24
[Mon Hokmome]*

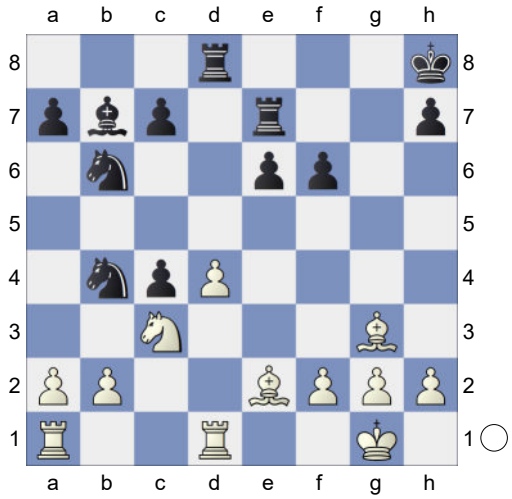
D24: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 **1.d4** Kitty Kat **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e4 b5** 0.41/19
[5...Bb4= 0.09/21]
6.e5± Nd5 7.Nxb5 Nb6 8.Be2 White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Qd2 Bb7 11.Rd1 Rb8**
[11...Qd7 Kitty Kat 12.Nc3 Nb4 13.Qf4 *(13.b3 cxb3 14.axb3 0-0 15.Qb2 a5 16.Bd2 Rfb8 17.Qb1 h6 18.Ne4 Qd5 19.Nc3 Qd8 20.Rc1 Nd7 21.Na4 c5 22.dxc5 Nxe5 23.Bf4 Nxf3+ 24.Bxf3 Bxf3 25.Bxb8 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Qd5+ 27.f3 Rxb8* 0-1 Simpson,R (2432)-9....h6 (2638) Online Olym Top DivC 2020 rapid (6.3) *)* 13...f5 14.Qg3 0-0 15.h4 Ding,L (2805)-Caruana,F (2818) Saint Louis (rapid) 142/(136) 2019]
12.Qf4 Kitty Kat: 'Qg3 is the strong threat.' **12...0-0! 13.Nc3 Nb4! 14.Qg4** Kitty Kat: 'N'
[14.Qg3 Kitty Kat Kh8 7 6) Vienna - Main Line 5.e4 b5-Vienna − 5.e4 b5 6. e5 Nd5 15.Be3 Qd7 16.Nd2 Ba6 17.Rab1 Na4 18.Bxc4 Bxc4 19.Nxc4 Qc6 20.Nxa4 Qxc4 21.Rdc1 Qa6 22.Nc3 Nxa2 23.Nxa2 Qxa2 24.Ra1 Qxb2 25.Rxa7 Bd8 26.Qf3 Rb5 27.Qc6 Rd5 28.h3 Kg8 29.Rb7 Qa3 Endgame Play-Mishra,A]
14...Kh8 15.Ng5→ 0.02/19 White mounts an attack.
[15.Rb1± 0.33/20]
15...Qe8N 1.29/22
[15...h6= 0.02/19 remains equal. Kitty Kat: ' ±' 16.Nh3 *(16.Nf3* Kitty Kat *Qd7)* 16...Qc8 *(16...N4d5 17.Ne4 f5 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Nxf6 Rxf6 20.Nf4 Qe8 21.h4 Nd5 22.h5 Nxf4 23.Bxf4 Bd6 24.Bxd6 cxd6 25.Bxc4 Rf5 26.d5 Rg5 27.Qxe6 Qxe6 28.dxe6 Rxg2+ 29.Kf1 Rh2 30.Ke2 Rf8 31.Rf1* Stockholm,C (2080)-Martinkova,E (2228) Buenos Aires 2022 CBM 087 Extra [John Watson] ½-½ (38) *)*]



16.Qh5 0.53/24
[16.Qh3!± 1.29/22 Kitty Kat: ' ±' Bxg5 17.Bxg5]
16...Bxg5 17.Bxg5 f5 18.exf6 gxf6 1.06/20
[18...Qxh5!± 0.56/24 19.Bxh5 *(19.fxg7+ Kxg7 20.Bxh5 Nd3=)* 19...gxf6]
19.Qxe8± Rbxe8 20.Bf4 Re7N
[RR 20...Rc8 21.Rac1 Rg8 22.g3 N4d5 23.Bd2 Nxc3 24.bxc3 Bd5 25.Rb1 c5 26.Be3 Na4 27.Rdc1 Kg7 28.Bd1 cxd4 29.Bxd4 Nb6 30.a4 Nd7 31.Bxa7 Ne5 32.Ra1 Nf3+ 33.Bxf3 Bxf3 34.a5 Rgd8 35.Be3 Andreikin,D (2729)-Maghsoodloo,P (2701) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (92)]

[RR 20...Rc8 21.Rac1 Rg8 22.g3 N4d5 23.Bd2 Nxc3 24.bxc3 Bd5 25.Rb1 c5 26.Be3 Na4 27.Rdc1 Kg7 28.Bd1 cxd4 29.Bxd4 Nb6 30.a4 Nd7 31.Bxa7 Ne5 32.Ra1 Nf3+ 33.Bxf3 Bxf3 34.a5 Rgd8 35.Be3 Andreikin,D (2729)-Maghsoodloo,P (2701) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (92)]

21.Bg3 Rd8



22.Rac1! Prevents Nb4-c2. Kitty Kat: 'Prevents Nc2.' **22...Kg7** 1.19/21

[22...Red7!± 0.67/21]

23.Nb5 Rdd7

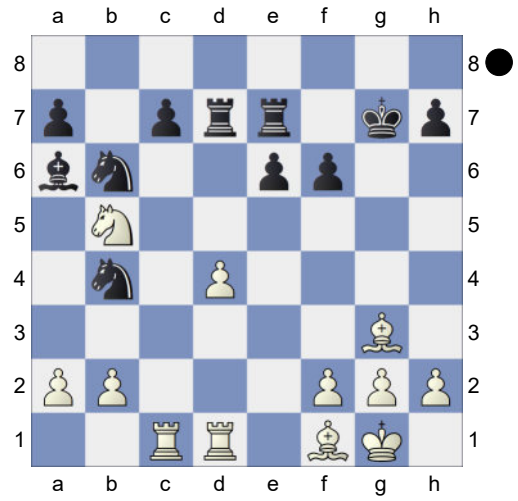
[23...Nxa2 Kitty Kat 24.Ra1 c6 25.Nd6+- *(25.Nxa7 Nb4∓; 25.Rxa2 cxb5 26.Rxa7 Na4∓)*]

24.Bxc4

[Don't play 24.Nxa7?! Nxa2 25.Ra1 Nb4=]

24...Ba6 25.Bf1 Kitty Kat: '

(Diagram)



Black must now prevent a3.' **25...Nxa2** White must now prevent ...Ba6xb5. **26.Rxc7** &Bianco is more active. **26...Bxb5 27.Rxd7 Bxd7 28.Ra1 Bc6 29.Rxa2 Bd5 30.Ra1 Nc4** Kitty Kat: '!' **31.b4 Rb7** Prevents Bg3-b8. Kitty Kat: 'Repels Bb8' **32.Bd3 Nd2 33.f3** 0.90/23 Prevents Bd5-e4.

[⌓33.Bd6 1.35/22 Kitty Kat: '±']

33...Nb3 1.27/23

[Black should play 33...Bc4 0.90/23 Kitty Kat: '=!']

34.Ra6 0.55/23

[34.Ra4± 1.27/23 Kitty Kat: '±']

34...Nxd4± Kitty Kat: '=' **35.Bd6 e5** 1.10/25

[35...Nc6!± 0.39/20 Kitty Kat: '=' Kitty Kat: 'was preferrable.']

36.Bc5± 0.45/22 A strong pair of Bishops. Kitty Kat: ' ±' ' ±' **36...Nb3** **37.Bd6** -0.01/20

[37.Kf2± 0.94/23]

[37.Be3 Kitty Kat]

[37.Rxa7? (Kitty Kat) loses. Kitty Kat: 'too greedy.' Nxc5 38.Rxb7+ Nxb7-+]

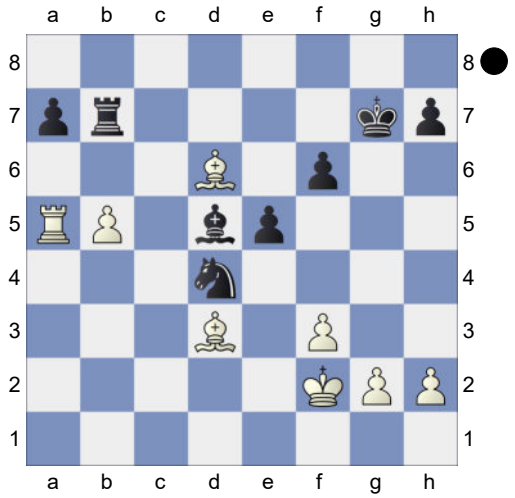
[37.Bxa7 Kitty Kat Nc1±]

37...Nd4= 38.Kf2 0.32/22

[Better is 38.Ra3± 0.95/20]

38...Nc6!± Kitty Kat: '=!' Kitty Kat: 'The

position is equal.' **39.b5 Nd4 40.Ra5** Kitty Kat: '



Strongly threatening b6!' **40...Nb3** 0.54/21
[40...Bf7= 0.22/22 is more appropriate.]
41.Ra4 Nd4 42.f4 Ra4-b4 is the strong threat. **42...Nxb5 43.fxe5 Nxd6 44.exd6** Endgame Threatens to win with Bd3-f5. KRB-KRB Kitty Kat: 'Endgame. And now Bf5 would win. KRB-KRB' **44...Kf7 45.Bxh7** Kitty Kat: 'Hoping for Rd4.' **45...Ke6 46.Bg8+ Kxd6 47.Rd4 Rb5** The position is equal. **48.h4** aiming for h4-h5. Kitty Kat: 'h5 would now be deadly.' **48...Ke5 49.Rxd5+ Rxd5 50.Bxd5 Kxd5=** KPP-KPP **51.Ke3**
[51.h5!? Kitty Kat Ke6□ 52.g4=]
51...Ke5
[51...f5!? Kitty Kat]
52.Kd3 f5 And now ...f5-f4 would win. Kitty Kat: 'aiming for ...f4.' **53.g3**
[53.h5 Kf6 54.h6 Kg6-+]
53...a5 54.Kc4 f4 55.gxf4+ Kxf4 56.Kb5 Kg4 57.Kxa5 Kxh4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise) Kitty Kat: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)' **½-½**

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□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2738**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
6th Prague Masters 2024 (3.5) 29.02.24
[Mon Hokmome,TA]*

A05: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 Nf6 **1.Nf3** David Cummings,MH **1...Nf6 2.g3 b5** David Cummings,MH: 'The extended fianchetto is a fairly rare choice in high-level classical games.' **3.Bg2 Bb7 4.0-0** David Cummings,MH: 'White can also try and take advantage of Black's early queenside expansion with:'
[4.Na3 (David Cummings,MH) and now a6 5.c4 b4 6.Nc2 e6 7.d4 which is analyzed in Firat-Alekseenko in the Archives.]
4...e6 5.b3 David Cummings,MH: 'White continues with quiet development. Another approach is:'
[5.d3 c5 *(5...Be7* David Cummings, MH *6.e4 d6 7.Nd4* which is the subject of Yilmazyerli-Sanal, in the Archives. *)* 6.e4 d6 7.a4 b4 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.Nc4 0-0 10.Re1 Nbd7 11.Bf4 d5 12.Nd6 Bc6 13.Ng5 Nb6 14.Ndxf7 Rxf7 15.Bh3 Bd7 16.a5 e5 17.axb6 Bxh3 18.b7 Rb8 19.Bxe5 Rxb7 Molina,R (2933) -4.de6 Be6 5.Nf3 Nc6 (2886) BDF 2015 200 Traps In The Opening [Lutz, Christopher] 0-1 (74)]
5...c5 David Cummings,MH: 'Black fights for central squares. Instead, accepting a more cramped setup gives White more scope, for example:'
[5...Be7 David Cummings,MH 6.c4 a6 7.Nc3 b4 8.Na4 0-0 9.Bb2 d6

10.d4 Nbd7 Artemiev,V (2700)-Maghsoodloo,P (2701) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (92), and now 11.d5 exd5 12.Nh4 gives White a good version of a Queen's Indian style position.]

6.c4 bxc4 7.bxc4 Nc6N David Cummings,MH: 'Another game continued:'

[7...Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Rb1 Bc6

A) 10.Re1 David Cummings,MH d6 *(10...Ne4* is a better equalizing attempt. *)* 11.e4! Na6?! 0.98/21 *(11...e5±* 0.38/24*; 11...Nbd7 12.d4 Nb6 13.d5 exd5 14.cxd5 Bb7 15.a4 Rb8 16.a5 Nc4 17.Qa4 Ba6 18.Bf1 Qd7 19.Qa2 Rxb1 20.Nxb1 Qb7 21.Bxc4 Bxc4 22.Qxc4 Qxb1 23.e5 dxe5 24.Nxe5 Bd6 25.Nc6 Qf5 26.Bf4* 1-0 Pantsulaia,L (2563)-Batsuren,D (2409) Wch Blitz Almaty 2022 (6)*)* 12.d4± cxd4 13.Nxd4 Bd7 14.Ndb5 e5 15.Be3 Nc5 16.Qd2 Be6 17.Red1 Bxc4 18.Nxd6 Bd3? 2.85/27 *(18...Qxd6±* 0.74/24 *19.Qxd6 Bxd6)* 19.Bxc5 and White won in Pantsulaia,L (2564)-Firouzja,A (2786) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (37) Bxb1 20.Rxb1 Qc7 21.Nd5 Qxc5 22.Nxe7+ Kh8 23.Rc1 Qa3 24.Rc7 Rab8 25.Bf1 h6 26.Nc6 Rb1 27.Nxe5 Kg8 28.Kg2 Rb2 29.Qd4 Rb1 30.Bc4 Kh7 31.Nexf7 Qc1 32.e5 Qh1+ 33.Kh3 Rg1 34.Qd3+ 1-0 Pantsulaia,L (2564)-Firouzja,A (2786) Aimchess Play In op Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (7);

B) 10.d3 Na6 11.Bf4 d6 12.a3 Rb8 13.Bd2 Qd7 14.Qc2 Rb6 15.Rxb6 axb6 16.Rb1 Rb8 17.Ne1 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 d5 19.Nf3 d4 20.Na4 Qc6 21.Qb3 Nc7 22.Bf4 8.Nxd7 (2314)-Krivoruchenko,S (2420) Elista 2023 CT-2879 [John Watson] 0-1 (58) Bd6 David Cummings,MH 23.Bg5 Nd7 24.e4 dxe3 0-1 8.Nxd7 (2314)-Krivoruchenko,S (2420) (m/1) 100/177 Elista 2007 (11)]

8.Nc3 White is slightly better. **8...Rb8 9.Rb1 Ba8** David Cummings,MH: 'The first new move, aiming for simplifications and avoiding potential tactics on the long diagonal. Instead:'

[9...Be7 0.93/25 (David Cummings, MH) 9...Bb7-a8 0.46 Grunberg, M (2389)-Bellia,F (2433) Stockholm 2017 1-0 (53), and now 10.d4! puts Black under pressure, for example *(10.d3 0-0 11.Qa4 Ba8 12.Ba3 Rb6 13.Rxb6 axb6 14.Rb1 d6 15.Bc1 Na5 16.Nb5 Qd7 17.Qc2 Bc6 18.e4 Re8 19.Bf4 Ba8 20.Nc3 Nc6 21.a3 Qc7 22.Qe2 Nd7 23.Nb5 Qb8 24.h4 Bb7* 0-1 Mariotti,S (2495)-Ljubojevic,L (2615) Milan IT 1975 (4)*)* 10...Nxd4?! 1.72/24 allows *(10...cxd4±* 0.88/21 *11.Nxd4 Ba8)* 11.Bf4!+- d6 12.Nxd4 Bxg2 13.Qa4+ Nd7 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Kxg2 and White is on top.]

10.Rxb8 Qxb8 11.d4 David Cummings, MH: 'Opening the position. Meanwhile'

[11.d3 David Cummings,MH Be7 12.Bf4 d6 13.Qa4 leaves White with a slightly more active position.]

11...cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bb4 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Bxc6 dxc6 David Cummings,MH: '

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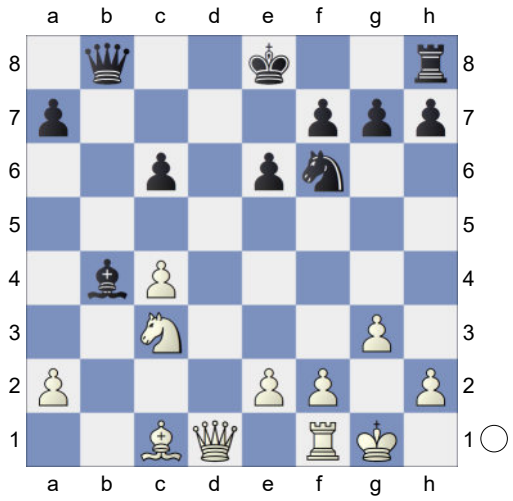

' **15.Qa4** -0.56/26 David Cummings,MH: '!?' David Cummings,MH: 'White seeks a tactical solution, although this leads to an unclear position with best play.' **15...0-0** 0.62/21

[David Cummings,MH: 'Black should try' 15...Bxc3∓ -0.56/26 16.Qxc6+ Ke7 David Cummings,MH: 'And now ... B c 3 - b 4 w o u l d w i n .' 17.Ba3+ D a v i d C u m m i n g s , M H : '!' Bb4 David Cummings,MH: 'and now a sample line runs' 18.Bxb4+ *(18.Rb1* David Cummings,MH *Bxa3 19.Rb7+ Qxb7! 20.Qxb7+ Nd7* leaves Black playing for two results*)* 18...Qxb4 19.Qc7+ Kf8 David Cummings,MH: 'H o p i n g f o r . . . g 7 - g 6 .' 20.Qc8+ *(20.Rd1* David Cummings,MH *g5 21.Rd8+! Kg7 22.Rxh8 Kxh8 23.Qxf7* when a draw is the likely outcome. *)* 20...Ne8]

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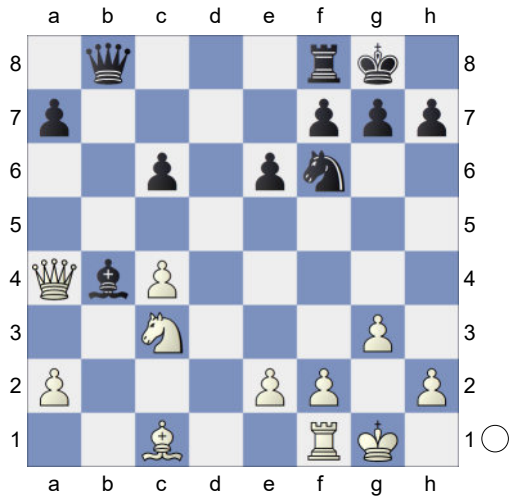
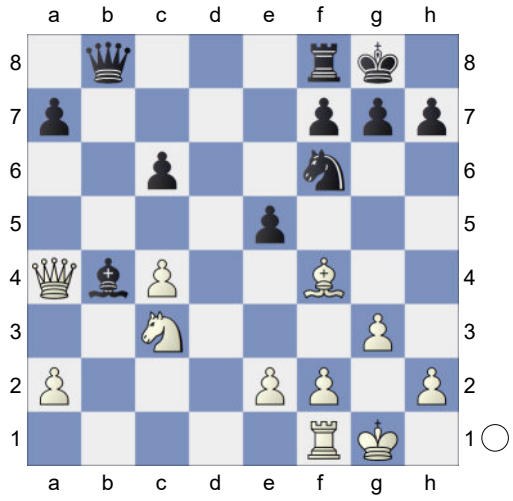


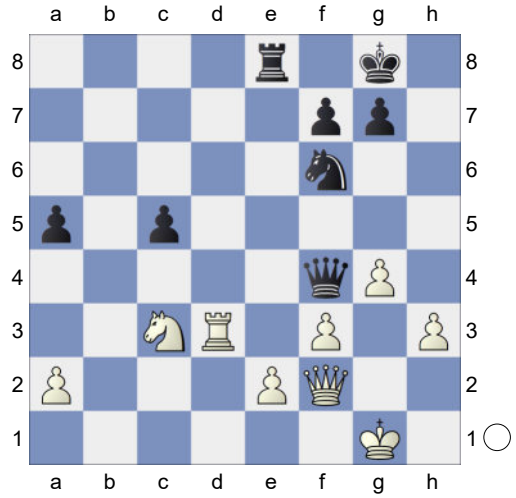
David Cummings,MH: 'The critical line is:' **16.Bf4!±** David Cummings,MH: '=' David Cummings,MH: 'White now wins a pawn.' **16...e5**

[16...Bd6 David Cummings,MH 17.Rb1 Qc7 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Qxa7 gives White the long-term asset of an outside passed pawn.]



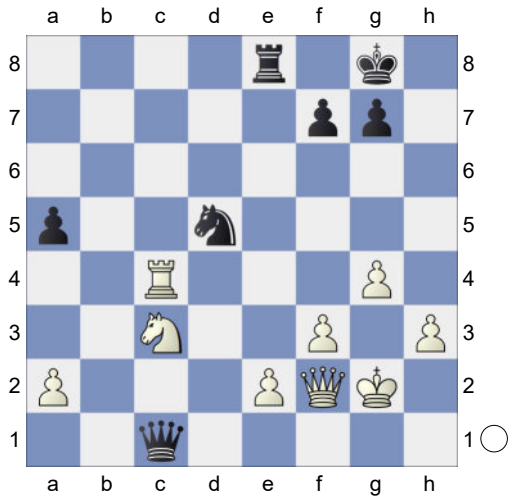
D a v i d C u m m i n g s , M H : '[#] Black surrenders the e-pawn, since:' **17.Bxe5** David Cummings,MH: 'Deflection' **17...Qxe5 18.Qxb4 h5** D a v i d C u m m i n g s , M H : 'Black's centralized queen and kingside counterplay provides compensation for the pawn.' **19.Rd1!** Against Rf8-d8

19...a5! **20.Qb2** **h4** 0.69/24 David Cummings,MH: 'Black also had:'
[⌓20...Ne4 0.33/21 21.Rd3 h4]
21.Qd2
[21.gxh4? David Cummings,MH Ng4 22.Kf1 Qxh2-+]
21...Qh5 1.15/23 David Cummings,MH: '?!' David Cummings,MH: 'Black drifts into a position where White's extra pawn starts to count.'
[21...Ne4± 0.40/22 David Cummings,MH: '=' David Cummings,MH: 'keeps the balance.' 22.Nxe4 *(22.Qe3* David Cummings,MH *Qxc3 23.Qxe4 h3)* 22...Qxe4 23.Qd3 David Cummings,MH Re8 with excellent drawing chances.]
22.f3± **Re8** **23.g4** 0.91/24
[23.Kg2 1.31/23 looks sharper. David Cummings,MH: ' ⌓ ' 'was more circumspect.' Qf5 24.Qd4 h3+ 25.Kf2]
23...Qc5+ **24.Qd4** **Qg5** **25.h3** 0.47/20 David Cummings,MH: '?!' David Cummings,MH: 'Weakening the dark squares.'
[David Cummings,MH: 'Better is' 25.Kg2 0.92/21 seems wilder. David Cummings,MH: ' ± ' c5 26.Qd2 Qe5 27.Kh3]
25...c5! David Cummings,MH: ' ± ' **26.Qf2** **Qe5** 1.23/25 David Cummings,MH: '?!'
[26...Qf4!± 0.61/25 David Cummings,MH: '±' 'saves a tempo over the game, and hits the c4-pawn.']
27.Rd3 David Cummings,MH: '±'
27...Qf4 1.51/24
[⌓27...Nd7 1.14/21 David Cummings,MH]
28.Qxh4 **Qxc4** **29.Qf2** 0.97/21 David Cummings,MH: 'White's two-pawn kingside majority should yield a clear advantage.'
[⌓29.Kf1 1.32/23]
29...Qf4 1.30/21
[⌓29...a4 0.97/21]

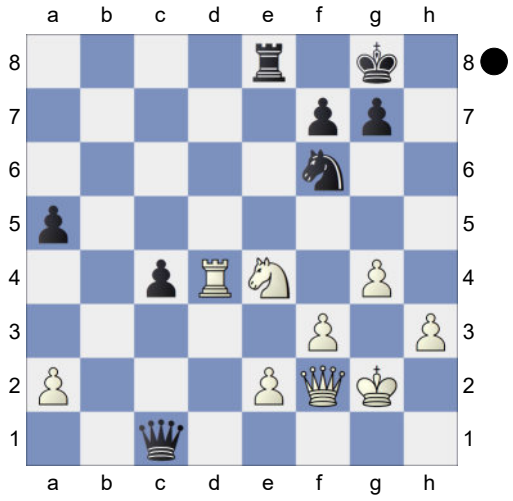


30.Kg2!
[But not 30.Qxc5 David Cummings,MH Qg3+ 31.Kf1 Qxh3+ 32.Kf2 Nh7±]
30...c4 1.72/24
[30...Qc4± 1.11/22 was necessary.]
31.Rd4? 0.01/23 David Cummings,MH: 'Giving Black a lifeline.'
[David Cummings,MH: 'White has to play' 31.Rd1+- 1.72/24 David Cummings,MH: '+-!' '!' David Cummings,MH: 'leaves Black without counterplay, so that White can start rolling the kingside pawns forward.']
31...Qc1!= David Cummings,MH: 'Suddenly Black is right back on terms.'
32.Ne4 -1.09/23 David Cummings,MH: '
[32.Rxc4= 0.01/21 David Cummings,MH: 'aiming for Qf2-d4.' David Cummings,MH: 'remains equal.' Nd5

(Diagram)



David Cummings,MH: 'Pin' 33.Re4! *(33.Nxd5* David Cummings,MH *Qxc4 34.e4 Rb8-+)* 33...Ne3+ 34.Kh2 *(34.Kg3* David Cummings,MH *Nf1+* leads to a draw by repetition*)* 34...Nf1+ 35.Kg2 Ne3+ *(35...Rxe4* David Cummings,MH *36.Nxe4 Ne3+ 37.Kh2)* 36.Kh2 David Cummings, MH: '=' Nf1+ 37.Kg2 Ne3+]



' **32...Nxe4** -0.09/24 David Cummings, MH: 'Black could even push for more with:'

[Black should play 32...c3∓ -1.09/23 Hoping for ...c3-c2. David Cummings, MH: '∓!' '!' David Cummings,MH: '...c3-c2 is the strong threat.' 33.Rc4 *(33.Rd6* David Cummings,MH *Nxe4 34.fxe4 Qb1; 33.Nxf6+?* David Cummings,MH *gxf6 34.Rc4 Qd1-+)* 33...Nd5]

33.fxe4

[Of course not 33.Rxe4 Rxe4 34.fxe4 Qb2∓]

33...Qb2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.23 (precise) David Cummings,MH: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)' **34.Rxc4N** David Cummings, MH **34...Qxa2 35.Rc7** is a level endgame.

½-½

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**

■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**

Prague Festival Masters 2024 (2.5)

[Hokmome,Naruemon]*

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

' **1.d4** 8 Kitty Kat **1...Nf6** 44 **2.Bf4** 9

[2.a3 Kitty Kat g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2863)-Anand,V (2753) Legends of Chess Prelim rapid 2020 (2.1)]

2...d5 57 Kitty Kat: 'N'

[2...c5 Kitty Kat 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a4 Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation 3]

3.e3 8 **Bf5** 2:03

[3...c5 4.c3 e6 5.Nd2 Nc6 6.Ngf3 Bd6 7.Bg3 0-0 8.Ne5 Qc7 9.f4 Ne4

10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Nc4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Ne7 13.Rc1 ½-½ (13) Gundavaa,B (2464)-Shabalov,A (2552) Poltava 2006 200 Traps In The Opening [Deutsche Schachzeitung (July 1892) pp210-12]]

4.c4 14 **e6** 51 **5.Qb3N** 4:21

[5.Nc3 c6 6.Qb3 b6 *(6...Qb6 7.c5 Qxb3 8.axb3 Nbd7 9.b4 Nh5 10.Bg3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 e5 12.Nf3 exd4 13.Nxd4 Bg6 14.b5 Bxc5 15.bxc6 bxc6 16.Nxc6 0-0 17.Nxd5 Be4 18.Rd1 Rfe8 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Rxd3 Rac8 21.Nd4* Brachtel,R (2660)-Behnke,H (2103) Elista 2021 MON C00 RK [Foisor,Sabina Francesca] 1-0 (49)*)* 7.cxd5 *(7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Ne5 Bxe5 9.Bxe5 Nbd7 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Qxd5 exd5 14.Ba6 Kd7 15.Kd2 b5 16.a4 b4 17.b3 Rab8 18.Rac1 Rb6 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Kxd3 Kd6 21.Rc5 Re8* 4...Nfd7/ 7.Ne2 cd4 8.cd4 (1274)-Zhebarshin (1226) Acqui 2023 Inf55 [John Watson] ½-½ *)*
7...Nxd5 8.Bg3 Bb4 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Be2 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bd6 12.Ne5 Bxe5 13.Bxe5 Qd5 14.0-0 Rc8 15.Bf3 Qxb3 16.axb3 Nd7 17.Bf4 Nf6 18.c4 Be4 19.Ra6 Bc2 Vus,L (1587)-Hogewind,G (1782) Slough 2023 Steinitz/ Blackburne [John Watson] ½-½]

5...Nbd7 10:11 **6.Nc3** 9:21 D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines. **6...dxc4** 4:57 **7.Bxc4** 2:20 **Nb6** 8:04 **8.Be2** 4:41 The position is equal. **8...a5N** 3:56 Kitty Kat: ' ...a5-a4 is the strong threat.'

[Predecessor: 8...c6 9.Nf3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rac1 0.11/21 *(11.a4± 0.50/21)* 11...h6 12.h3 0.10/21 *(12.a4± 0.41/20* should be considered.*)* 12...a5= 13.a3 a4 14.Qd1 Nfd5]

[RR 8...Nfd5 9.Be5 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Be4 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.0-0 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Bxe5 14.Qb5+ c6 15.Qxe5 0-0 16.Qc5 Qc7 17.Rfb1 Nd7 18.Qc4 Rac8 19.e4 c5 20.Qa4 cxd4 21.cxd4 b6 22.g3 Nf6 23.e5 Szabolcsi,J (2390)-Schlusnik,N (2265) Budapest 1998 0-1 (66)]

[RR 8...c6 9.Nf3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rac1 h6 12.h3 a5 13.a3 a4 14.Qd1 Nfd5 15.Bg3 Nxc3 16.Rxc3 Nd5 17.Rc4 Qa5 18.Ne5 Nf6 19.f3 Rfd8 20.Qc1 Nd7 21.Qc3 Qxc3 22.Rxc3 Bd6 23.Nxd7 So,W (2752)-Caruana,F (2795) Saint Louis 2023 0-1 (47)]

[RR 8...Rc8 9.Nf3 Bd6 10.Ne5 0-0 11.0-0 Nfd5 12.Bg3 f6 13.Nc4 Bxg3 14.hxg3 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Qe7 16.Rfe1 Be4 17.Nd2 Bg6 18.Rac1 c5 19.Nc4 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 Bf7 21.e4 cxd4 22.cxd4 e5 23.Bxf7+ Hong,Z (1796)-Fu,O (1627) Toronto 2025 1-0 (47)]

[RR 8...c6 9.Nf3 Bd6 10.Ne5 0-0 11.g4 Bxe5 12.dxe5 Nxg4 13.Rg1 Qh4 14.Bg3 Qh3 15.e4 Bg6 16.f3 Nh6 17.Nd1 Nf5 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Ne3 Rfd8 20.Kf2 h5 21.Bf1 1-0 (21) Baivab,M (2099)-Goura,H (1815) Bhubaneswar 2016]

9.a3 8:50 **c6** 7:47 **10.Bg5** 16:38 e3-e4! is the strong threat. **10...Be7** 1:51 **11.f3** -0.73/21 7:52

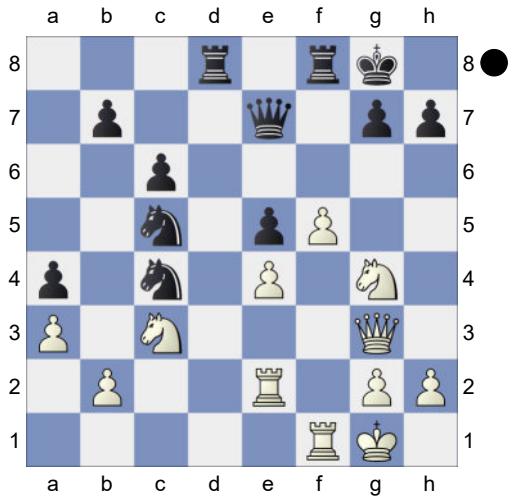
[⌓11.Nf3= 0.02/18 Kitty Kat: '=']

[11.Nf3= 0.02/21]

11...a4∓ 11:25 **12.Qd1** 1:07 **Nfd7** -0.24/19 3:04

[Kitty Kat: ' Black should play' 12...h6!∓ -0.67/21 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' 13.Bh4 Nbd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 *(14...Nxd5* Kitty Kat *15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.e4∓;*

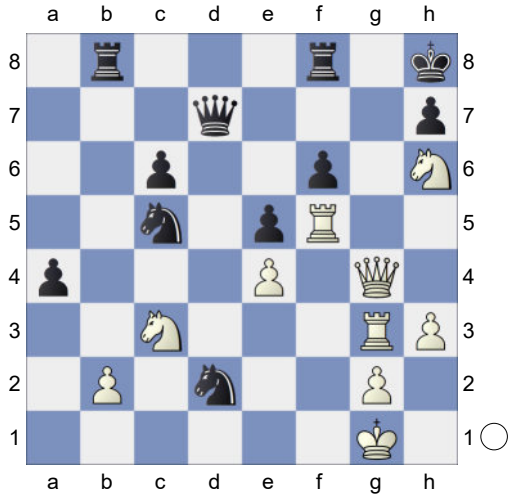
14...Qxd5 Kitty Kat *15.Bg3∓)*]
13.Bxe7= 28 **Qxe7** 3 **14.e4** 27 **Bg6** 12
[14...Qg5 (Kitty Kat) with more complications. 15.Kf2 Bg6 16.h4 Qa5]
15.Nh3 1:44 **0-0** 2:10 **16.0-0** 3:48 **f6** 7:44 **17.f4** 3:08 **e5** 1:53 **18.dxe5** -0.54/21 1:35
[18.Qd2= -0.15/21]
18...fxe5∓ 6 **19.f5** 23 **Bf7** 9 **20.Qe1** 2:03 **Nc5** 6:00 **21.Qg3** 3:56 Strongly threatening f5-f6. Kitty Kat: ' And now f5-f6 would win.' **21...Bc4** 1:46 Threatens to win with ...Bc4xe2. Kitty Kat: ' ... Bc4xe2 would now be deadly.' **22.Rae1** 17 **Rad8** 1:59 **23.Nf2** 7 **Bxe2** 5:38
[23...Rd2?! Kitty Kat 24.Bxc4+ Nxc4 25.Nxa4=]
24.Rxe2 35 **Nc4** 1:45 **25.Ng4** 2:18 Kitty Kat: '



' **25...Kh8** 6 Kitty Kat: '!' **26.Rf3** 6:13 **Rd4** -0.53/22 3:00
[26...Rd6∓ -0.93/23]
27.h3! 4:31 **b5** -0.43/22 2:12
[Black should try 27...Qg5∓ -0.76/22]
28.f6 3:59 Kitty Kat: '!' **28...gxf6** 9
29.Ref2! 17 **Nd7** 0.14/24 2:44
[29...Nxe4?! 0.01/22 29...Rd4-d6 -0.41 30.Nxe4 Rxe4 31.Rxf6=]
[29...Rd6!∓ -0.59/24]
[29...Nxe4 30.Nxe4 Rxe4 31.Rxf6=]
[29...Rd6!∓ -0.59/24]
30.Nh6= 5:53 And now Qg3-g4 would win. White has compensation. **30...Nd2** 4:57 **31.Re3** 58 Hoping for Qg3-g4. Kitty Kat: ' Strongly threatening Qg3-g4.'
31...Qe6 0.49/24 1:49
[31...Nc5= 0.09/24 32.Nf5 Qd7]
32.Qh4 0.01/26 1:57
[32.Nf5!± 0.49/24 is superior. Kitty Kat: ' is more complex.' Rg8 33.Qh4 Nc4 Kitty Kat 34.Rg3]
32...Nc5 0.66/27 2:03
[32...Nc4= 0.01/26 33.Rg3 Nd6]
33.Rf5 -0.01/26 1:39
[33.Nf5± 0.38/20 aiming for Qh4-h6. Kitty Kat: ' should be considered.' Qf7 34.Rg3 0.12/26 *(34.Nxd4* -0.02/23 *34.Kg1-h2 1.27 exd4 35.Rxd2 dxe3=;* Better is *34.Kh2±* 0.78/24 *)* 34...Ndxe4=
A) 35.Rg7 -0.51/22 35.Nf5xd4 0.14 Qxg7 36.Nxg7 Nxf2∓ *(36...Kxg7∓* Kitty Kat *)*;
B) 35.Nxd4 Nxg3 *(35...Nxf2?* 2.78/25 35... Ne4xg3 0.20 *36.Nf5!*+- Kitty Kat: '+-' *)* 36.Nxc6]
[33.Nf5± 0.66/27 Qf7 34.Qh6]
33...b4 1.43/25 2:37
[33...Qe7= -0.01/19]
[33...Rd3= -0.01/26 keeps the balance. 34.Re2 Rd4]
34.axb4± 10 **Rxb4** 2 **35.Qg4** 0.45/28 2:58 Kitty Kat: ' Hoping for Re3-g3.'
[35.Rf2± 1.39/25 Rxb2 36.Rg3]
35...Rbb8± 2:33 Kitty Kat: '!'
[35...Rxb2? 7.18/28 35...Rb4-b8 0.43 36.Rg3 Rb7 Against Qg4-g7+ 37.Rxf6 Qxg4 *(37...Qxf6 38.Qg8+!* Kitty Kat: ' Back Rank' *Rxg8 39.Rxg8#)* 38.Rxf8+ *(38.Rxg4* 2.96/25 38.Rf6xf8+ 7.28 *Rbb8+-)* 38...Kg7 39.Rg8+ Kitty Kat: ' Skewer'

(39.Rxg4+? -1.08/22 39.Rf8-g8+ 7.21 Kxf8 40.Rg8+ Ke7∓) 39...Kf6
A) 40.hxg4 Ke6+- *(40...a3+- Kitty Kat)*;
B) 40.Nxg4++-]

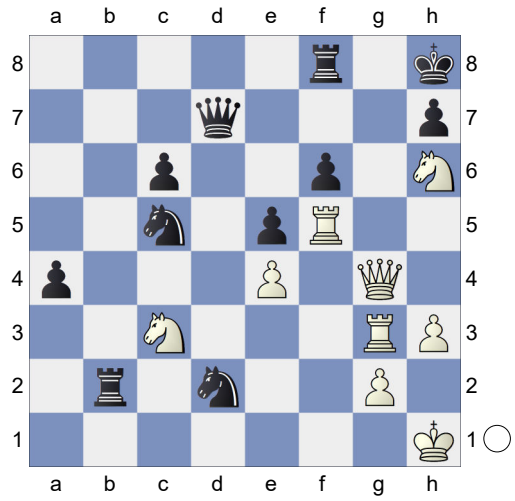
36.Rg3 11 Kitty Kat: ' White has compensation.' **36...Qd7** 1.91/26 28
[36...Rxb2? #1/6 36...Qe6-e7 0.47 37.Qg7#]
[Kitty Kat: ' Black should try' 36...Qe7!= 0.47/22 Kitty Kat: '⩲' '=']
[36...Qe7⩲ 0.59/27]



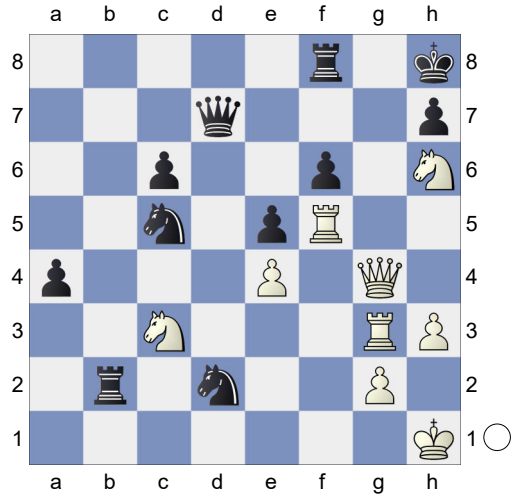
Inhibits Qg4-g7+. Kitty Kat: ' Dodges Qg4-g7+' **37.Kh1** 0.51/26 2:39
[37.Qh4!± 1.44/20 Kitty Kat: ' ±' Qe6 38.Rf2 1.50/23 *(38.Kh2+- 2.52/22 Rbe8 39.Ng8 Nf1+ 40.Rxf1 Rxg8 41.Rxf6)*]
[White should play 37.Qh4!+- 1.91/26 Qe6 38.Ng8! *(38.Qg4 Qe7∓)*]

37...Ne6? 6.40/26 30
[And not Kitty Kat: ' And not' 37...Rxb2? #2/6 37...Qd7-e7 0.54 37... Qd7-e7 0.54

(Diagram)

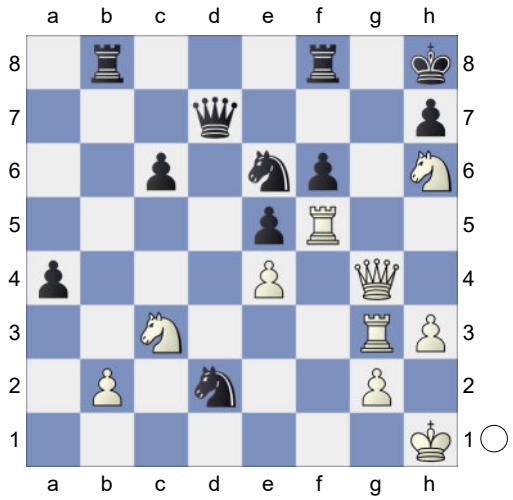


is a self mate. 38.Qg8+! Rxg8 39.Rxg8#]
[37...Nc4= 0.51/26]
[37...Rxb2?



is a self mate. 38.Qg8+!! Rxg8 39.Rxg8#]
[37...Nc4⩲ 0.51/26]
[37...Qe7⩲ 0.46/19 Kitty Kat]

(Diagram)



38.Rxf6!! 7 Back Rank. Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.47 Kitty Kat: ' Back Rank.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.36'
1-0

136 **B51**
□ **Bartel,Mateusz** **2660**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
6th Prague Masters 2024 (1.1) 28.02.24
[Mon Hokmome]*

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4** Glek,Igor Vladimirovich **1...c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.d4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 e5 6.Qd3 h6 7.Nc3 Ngf6 8.0-0 a6 9.Bxd7+** -0.01/20
[9.Bc4± 0.31/21 should be considered.]
[RR 9.Bc4 Nc5]
9...Bxd7= 10.Nd2 b5 The position is equal. **11.a4**
[RR 11.a3 Be6 12.Re1 Qa5 13.b3 Rd8 *(RR 13...Rc8; RR 13...b4 14.Nc4)* 14.Bb2 Be7 *(RR 14...d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Rxe5 Nxc3 17.Bxc3)* 15.Nf1 0-0 16.Ne3 Qc7 17.Rad1 Rc8 18.Re2 Qc5 19.a4 b4 20.Ncd5 Nxd5 *(RR 20...Bxd5 21.exd5)* 21.exd5 Bd7 22.Qxa6 f5 23.Nc4 f4 24.Ree1 *(RR 24.Nb6 Bg4 25.Nxc8 Rxc8 26.Rdd2 Bxe2 27.Qxe2)* 24...Bf5 25.Rd2 f3 Yudasin,L (2635)-Svidler,P (2630) Haifa 1996 CBM 054 [Glek,Igor Vladimirovich] 1-0 (40)]
[RR 11.Rd1 Be7 12.Nf1 Bg4 13.f3 Be6 14.Ne3 Rc8 15.a3 0-0 16.Bd2 Qb6 17.Be1 Rfd8 18.Bf2 Qc6 19.Rac1 Nh5 20.Ncd5 Bg5 21.c3 Bxe3 22.Bxe3 Bxd5 23.Qxd5 Nf6 24.Qxc6 Rxc6 25.Rd2 Kf8 Urbina Perez,J (2248)-Samadov,R (2501) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (65)]
11...Rb8 12.Rd1N
[RR 12.axb5 axb5 13.b4 Be7 14.Rd1 0-0 15.Nf1 d5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bxb4 18.Ba3 Bxa3 19.Rxa3 Qb6 20.Ne3 Qd6 21.Rda1 Rb6 ½-½ (21) Ankit,R (2281)-Neelotpal,D (2458) Mumbai 2011]
12...Qc7N
[12...Be7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Nf1 b4 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.Qxd5 0-0 17.Ne3 Be6 18.Qd3 Qc7 19.Bd2 Rfc8 20.c3 bxc3 21.Bxc3 Qb7 22.Nd5 Bg5 23.h3 Ra8 24.Ne3 Bxe3 25.Qxe3 Rxa1 26.Rxa1 Ra8 27.Rxa8+ Buchicchio,G (2816)-11... Qc7 12.Nbd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2816) Moscow 2015 CS: Giants of Power Play [Dragan Solak] ½-½ (31)]
13.Nf1 -0.08/21
[⌓13.axb5 0.29/22 axb5 14.b4]
13...b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 a5 16.Ne3 Be7 17.b3 0-0 18.Bb2 Bg5 19.Nc4 Bc8 20.c3

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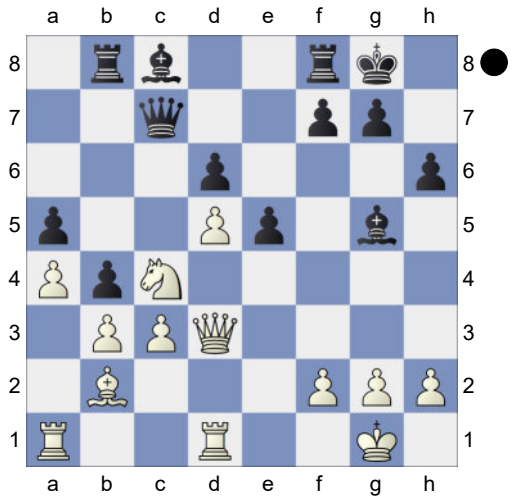
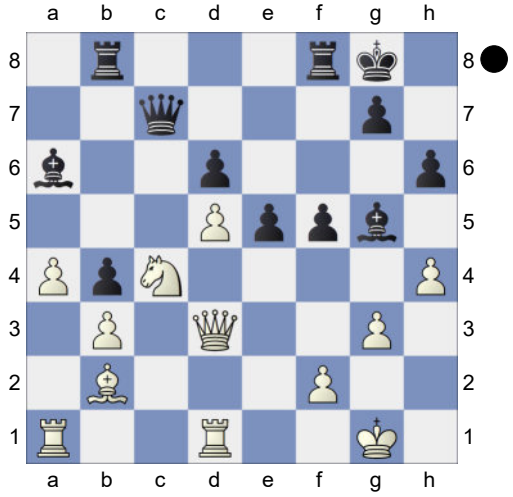
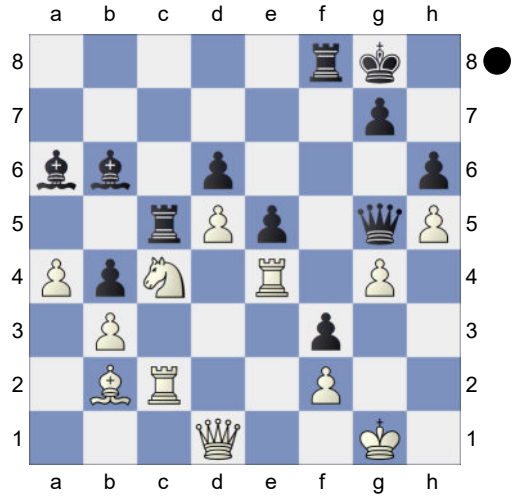


Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
20...Ba6! 21.cxb4 axb4 22.g3 f5 23.h4



Bd8 24.Rac1 Qe7 25.Re1 f4 26.Kg2 -1.65/22
[26.Qf3∓ -1.19/21 was called for. Rc8 27.gxf4]
26...Bb6-+ Hoping for ...f4xg3. **27.Rc2** -2.00/20
[27.Bd4∓ -1.57/23]
27...Qf6 28.Qf3 Rbc8 aiming for ...Qf6-g6. **29.Re4** -2.25/20
[29.Rec1∓ -1.28/20 might work better.]
29...Qg6 30.g4 Rc5 31.h5 -3.89/21
[31.Bxe5 -2.66/21 is a better defense. Bxc4 32.Rcxc4 Rxc4 33.Rxc4 dxe5 34.Rc6]
31...Qg5 Strongly threatening ...Ba6-c8.
32.Qd1? -8.95/23
[32.Rce2 -3.78/20 Bc7 33.Kf1]
32...f3+ Black is clearly winning. **33.Kg1**



Rf4! 34.Rxf4 Qxf4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.07 (flawless)
0-1

137 **B51**
□ **Bartel,Mat** **2660**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
6th Prague Masters 2024 (1.1) 27.02.24
[Kitty Kat]*

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7
1.e4 Glek,Igor Vladimirovich ChessBase II **1...c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6

6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th 2012]

3...Nd7N

[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4.d4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 e5 6.Qd3 h6 7.Nc3 Ngf6 8.0-0 a6! is more profitable than 8...Be7 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 8...Le7.

9.Bxd7+

[RR 9.Bc4 Nc5]

9...Bxd7 10.Nd2 b5 The position is equal. **11.a4**

[RR 11.a3 Be6 12.Re1 Qa5 13.b3 Rd8 *(RR 13...Rc8; RR 13...b4 14.Nc4)* 14.Bb2 Be7 *(RR 14...d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Rxe5 Nxc3 17.Bxc3)* 15.Nf1 0-0 16.Ne3 Qc7 17.Rad1 Rc8 18.Re2 Qc5 19.a4 b4 20.Ncd5 Nxd5 *(RR 20...Bxd5 21.exd5)* 21.exd5 Bd7 22.Qxa6 f5 23.Nc4 f4 24.Ree1 *(RR 24.Nb6 Bg4 25.Nxc8 Rxc8 26.Rdd2 Bxe2 27.Qxe2)* 24...Bf5 25.Rd2 f3 Yudasin,L (2635)-Svidler,P (2630) Haifa 1996 CBM 054 [Glek,Igor Vladimirovich] 1-0 (40)]

[RR 11.Rd1 Be7 12.Nf1 Bg4 13.f3 Be6 14.Ne3 Rc8 15.a3 0-0 16.Bd2 Qb6 17.Be1 Rfd8 18.Bf2 Qc6 19.Rac1 Nh5 20.Ncd5 Bg5 21.c3 Bxe3 22.Bxe3 Bxd5 23.Qxd5 Nf6 24.Qxc6 Rxc6 25.Rd2 Kf8 Urbina Perez,J (2248)-Samadov,R (2501) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (65)]

11...Rb8 12.Rd1N

[RR 12.axb5 axb5 13.b4 Be7 14.Rd1 0-0 15.Nf1 d5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bxb4 18.Ba3 Bxa3 19.Rxa3 Qb6 20.Ne3 Qd6 21.Rda1 Rb6 ½-½ (21) Ankit,R (2281)-Neelotpal,D (2458) Mumbai 2011]

12...Qc7N

[Vorgänger: 12...Be7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Nf1 b4 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.Qxd5 0-0 17.Ne3 Prevents Bd7-g4. Be6 18.Qd3 Qc7 ½-½ (31) Anand,V (2816)-Topalov,V (2816) Saint Louis 2015 CBM 168 [ChessBase II]]

13.Nf1 With the idea a4xb5. **13...b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 a5 16.Ne3 Be7 17.b3 0-0 18.Bb2** -0.99/18 White is on the road to losing.

[18.Nc4∓ -0.56/19 is superior.]

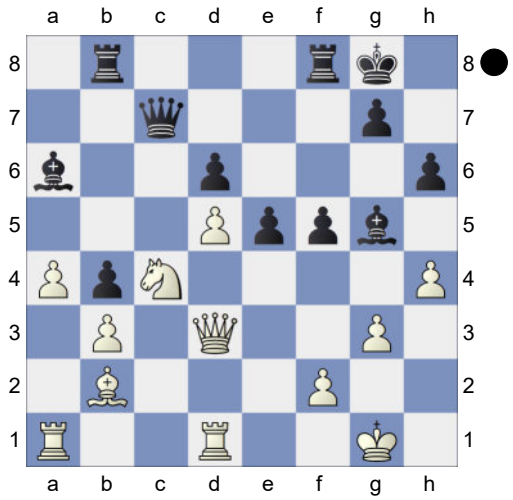
18...Bg5∓ 19.Nc4 Bc8 20.c3 Ba6 Strongly threatening ...Rf8-c8. **21.cxb4 axb4 22.g3** -1.55/17

[⌓22.a5 -0.91/22]

22...f5 23.h4 -2.08/19

[23.a5∓ -1.59/17]

(Diagram)



23...Bd8!-+ 24.Rac1 Qe7 25.Re1 f4 26.Kg2 -3.02/18
[⩲26.Qf3 -1.97/18 Rc8 27.Nxd6 Qxd6 *(27...Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Bb6 29.Ne4∓)* 28.Rxc8 Bxc8 29.Bxe5]
26...Bb6 27.Rc2 Qf6 28.Qf3 Rbc8 aiming for ...Qf6-g6. **29.Re4** -2.96/19
[29.Rec1 -2.05/17 is a better defense. Bxc4 30.Rxc4 Rxc4 31.Rxc4]
29...Qg6 30.g4 Rc5 31.h5 -4.27/17
[⩲31.Bxe5 -2.71/18 Bxc4 *(31...dxe5? 32.Nxe5 Qd6 33.Rcc4-+; 31...Rxd5?* loses. *32.h5+-)* 32.Rexc4 Rxc4 *(32...Qxc2 33.Rxc2 Rxc2 34.Bxd6=)* 33.Rxc4 dxe5 34.Rc6]
31...Qg5 Black is clearly winning.
32.Qd1 -7.29/19
[⩲32.Kf1 -4.33/18]
32...f3+ 33.Kg1 Rf4 34.Rxf4 Qxf4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
0-1

138 **E04**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2717**
Bundesliga 2023-24 (10.4) 24.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Marin,Mihail **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 a5 7.Qc1**
[RR 7.0-0
A) RR 7...b5 8.a4 Bxd2 *(RR 8...c6 9.axb5 Bxd2 10.Nfxd2)* 9.Nfxd2 Ra7 10.axb5 Qxd4 11.Na3 Bb7 12.Bxb7 Rxb7 13.Ndxc4;
B) 7...0-0 8.Nc3 *(RR 8.Qc2)* 8...Nc6 9.a3 Bxc3 10.Bxc3 Nd5 11.Bd2 b5 12.e4 Nb6 13.Be3 Bb7 14.Qc2 Ne7 15.Rad1]
[RR 7.Na3 Bxa3 8.bxa3 0-0 *(RR 8...a4)* 9.Qc2 b5 10.a4 *(RR 10.Ne5 Nd5 11.Rb1 c6 12.0-0)* 10...c6 11.Rb1 Ba6 12.a3 *(RR 12.Ne5 b4)* 12...Nbd7 13.0-0 Rb8 14.Rfd1 Qb6 15.e4 h6 *(RR 15...Rfe8 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ng5)* 16.Bc3 *(RR 16.Bf4 b4)* 16...Qc7 17.axb5 cxb5 18.d5 e5 19.Nh4 Kh7 20.Qd2]
7...Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 c6
[RR 8...b6 9.Ne5 Ra7 10.Na3 Bb7 11.Bxb7 Rxb7 12.Naxc4 0-0 13.0-0 Qe7 14.Rfd1]
9.a4 White has an edge. **9...b5 10.axb5 cxb5 11.Qg5 0-0** ...Bc8-a6 would now be deadly.
[RR 11...b4 12.Ne5 *(RR 12.Qxg7 Rg8 13.Qh6 Bb7)* 12...Ra7 13.Nxc4 Qxd4 14.Nd6+ Qxd6 15.Qxg7 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Nd7 17.Qh4 Qe5]
12.Qxb5 Ba6
[RR 12...Na6 13.Qxc4 Nb4 14.Qb3 e5 15.Nxe5 Rb8 16.0-0 Qxd4

17.Rxa5 Be6 18.Qc3 Qd8 19.Rc5]

13.Qc5N A top novelty.Eine Top Neuerung.

[Vorgänger: 13.Qxa5 Bb7! 14.Qxd8 Rxa1 *(14...Rxd8 15.Rxa8 Bxa8 16.Nbd2 Bd5 17.0-0 Nc6 18.Rc1 Na5 19.Ne5 Nd7 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.Ra1 Nb7 22.e3 Kf8 23.Ra7 Nc5 24.Rxd7 Nxd7 25.e4* 1-0 Al Hosani,O (2216)-Liu,Y (2328) Abu Dhabi op-A 30th 2024 (6)*)* 15.Qxf8+! *(*RR *15.Qb6 Rxb1+ 16.Kd2 c3+;* RR *15.Qc7 Rxb1+ 16.Kd2 Rxb2+ 17.Kc1 c3 18.Qxc3 Rxe2)* 15...Kxf8 16.0-0 aiming for Nf3-e5. *(*RR *16.Kd2 Ra2 17.Rc1)* 16...Ra2 17.Nc3 *(* RR *17.Nbd2 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 c3 19.Nc4 cxb2 20.Kg2 Ra4;* RR *17.Rc1 Rxb2 18.e3 Nbd7 19.Nbd2 Ng4)* 17...Rxb2 18.Rc1 Nbd7 19.Kf1 Nb6 20.Nd1 Rb4 21.Nd2 c3 22.Nxc3 Bxg2+ 23.Kxg2 Rxd4 24.Nf3 ½-½ Svane,R (2625)-Wang,H (2709) FIDE World Cup 2023 (4.4)]

[13.Rxa5? Bxb5 14.Rxa8 Bc6-+]

[13.Qa4 Qb6

A) RR 14.Nbd2

A1) RR 14...Qxb2 15.Rb1 Qc3 16.0-0;

A2) RR 14...Nc6 15.Nxc4 Bxc4 16.Qxc4 Rfc8 17.0-0 Ne7 18.Qa2 Rc2 19.Qa3 Ned5 *(* RR *19...Ra7 20.b4 a4 21.Rfc1 Rxe2 22.Bf1 Re4 23.Bd3 Rg4 24.h3)* 20.Rfc1 Rxe2 21.Qxa5 Qxa5 22.Rxa5 Rd8 23.Rb5 Ne4 24.Ne5;

A3) 14...Bb5 15.Qa2 *(* RR *15.Qa3 Nc6 16.Rc1 Rad8 17.e3 Qa6)* 15...Nc6 16.Nxc4 Qd8 17.Rd1 Nb4 18.Qb3 Nfd5 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Nfd2 Nb6;

B) 14.0-0 Qxb2 15.Nbd2 Bb5 16.Nxc4 Bxa4 17.Nxb2 Bb5 18.Ne5 Ra7 19.Bf3 *(19.Nbc4 Nbd7 20.Nxa5 Bxe2 21.Rfe1 Bh5 22.Nac6 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Nd7 25.f4 Re8 26.Ra7 Nc5 27.Kf2 Kf8 28.Ke3 Bg6 29.g4 Rc8 30.Ne7 Rd8 31.f5 exf5 32.gxf5 Bh5 33.Nc6 Rc8* 1-0 4.Nf3 g6 5.Nbd2 (2718)-Neumann,J (2600) EU-ch33 corr 1984 (1.2) *34.Bd5 h6 35.Kd4 Nb3+ 36.Bxb3 Rxc6 37.Ra8+ Ke7 38.Ba4 Bf3 39.Ra7+ Kf8 40.Bxc6 Bxc6 41.Kc5 Be4 42.Kd6 g5 43.e6* 1-0 4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2718)-Neumann,J (2600) EU-ch33 corr 1984 (1.2) *)* 19...Nbd7

B1) RR 20.Nxd7 Nxd7 *(* RR *20...Bxd7 21.Ra3)* 21.Rfb1 Rc8 *(*RR *21...a4 22.Nd1 Bc4 23.Ne3 Bb3 24.Rxb3;* RR *21...Rb8 22.Nd1 Rb6 23.Ra3;* RR *21...e5 22.Nd1 e4 23.Rxb5 exf3 24.exf3 Rfa8 25.Nc3 Kf8 26.Ra4 Ke7 27.Kf1)* 22.Nd1 Bc6 *(*RR *22...Bc4 23.Ne3)* 23.Rc1 Rac7 *(*RR *23...Bb7 24.Rxc8+ Bxc8 25.Nc3 Nf6 26.Kf1 Bd7 27.Ke1 Kf8 28.Kd2 Ke7 29.e4 Bc6 30.Kd3 a4 31.Ra3 Rb7 32.Bd1 Rb2 33.Ke3)* 24.Rxc6 Rxc6 25.Bxc6 Rxc6 26.Rxa5 Rc1 27.Ra8+ Nf8;

B2) 20.Nec4

B2a) RR 20...Rc7 21.Ne3 *(*RR *21.Nxa5 Bxe2 22.Bxe2 Rc2)* 21...e5 22.Rxa5 exd4 23.Nf5 Rc5 24.Nxd4 Bxe2 25.Rxc5 Bxf1;

B2b) 20...Rb8 21.Rfb1 *(* RR *21.Rxa5 Rxa5 22.Nxa5 Bxe2)* 21...g5

B2b1) RR 22.h3 h5 23.Ne3 a4 *(RR 23...e5 24.dxe5 g4 25.hxg4 hxg4 26.Bg2 Nxe5 27.Nbc4)* 24.Ra3 Kg7;
B2b2) 22.e3 g4 23.Bd1 *(RR 23.Bg2)* 23...Bc6 24.Rc1 *(RR 24.Nxa5 Be4)* 24...Be4 25.Na4 Rb4 26.Nd6 Bf3 27.Bxf3 gxf3 1-0 Kramnik,V (2740)-Topalov,V (2810) World Championship 2006 (1) 28.Nc8 *(RR 28.e4; RR 28.Nc3 Ra6 29.Nde4 Nxe4 30.Nxe4 a4)* 28...Ra8 29.Ne7+ Kg7 30.Nc6 Rb3 31.Nc5 Rb5 32.h3 Nxc5 33.Rxc5 Rb2 34.Rg5+ Kh6 35.Rgxa5 Rxa5 36.Nxa5 Ne4 37.Rf1 Nd2 38.Rc1 Ne4 39.Rf1 f6 40.Nc6 Nd2 41.Rd1 Ne4 42.Rf1 Kg6 1-0 Hantel,T (2743)-11... ♕c7 12. ♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2813) Antwerp InventiChess 2011 (1)]

[RR 13.Qa4 Qb6 14.0-0 Qxb2 15.Nbd2 Bb5 16.Nxc4 Bxa4 17.Nxb2 Bb5 18.Ne5 Ra7 19.Nbd3 Nfd7 20.Rfb1 Nxe5 21.Rxb5 Nxd3 22.exd3 Rd8 23.d5 a4 24.Ra3 Nd7 25.dxe6 fxe6 26.Rb4 Nf6 27.Bc6 Ra6 Georgiev,K (2660)-Pavasovic,D (2567) Valjevo 2007 ½-½ (86)]

[RR 13.Qa4 Qb6 14.0-0 Qxb2 15.Nbd2 Bb5 16.Nxc4 Bxa4 17.Nxb2 Bb5 18.Ne5 Ra7 19.Bf3 Nbd7 20.Nec4 Rb8 21.Rfb1 g5 22.e3 g4 23.Bd1 Bc6 24.Rc1 Be4 25.Na4 Rb4 26.Nd6 Bf3 27.Bxf3 gxf3 Kramnik,V (2743)-Topalov,V (2813) Elista 2006 CBM 115 [Marin, Mihail] 1-0 (75)]

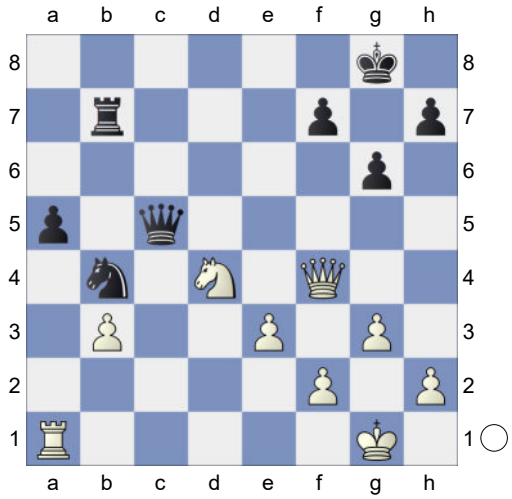
[RR 13.Qxa5 Bb7 14.Qxd8 Rxa1 15.Qxf8+ Kxf8 16.0-0 Ra2 17.Ne5 Ba6 *(RR 17...Bd5 18.Nc3 Rxb2 19.e4)* 18.Nc3 Rxb2 19.Rb1 Rxb1+ *(RR 19...Rb3 20.Rc1 Nfd7 21.f4)* 20.Nxb1 Nd5 21.Bxd5 *(RR 21.e4 c3)* 21...exd5 22.Nc3]

[RR 13.Qxa5 Bb7 14.Qxd8 Rxa1 15.Qxf8+ Kxf8 16.0-0 Ra2 17.Nc3 Rxb2 18.Rb1 Rxb1+ 19.Nxb1 ½-½ (19) Sedlak,N (2456)-Uskov,A (2440) Budapest 2025]

[RR 13.Qa4 Qb6 14.0-0 Rc8 15.Nbd2 Bb5 16.Qa3 Nc6 17.Rfc1 Nb4 18.Ne5 Ra7 19.e3 Qa6 20.Bf1 c3 21.bxc3 Bxf1 22.cxb4 Bh3 23.Qxa5 Rxc1+ 24.Rxc1 Ne8 25.Qxa6 Rxa6 26.b5 1-0 (26) Keinanen,T (2341)-Valkama,E (2252) Valkeakoski 2018]

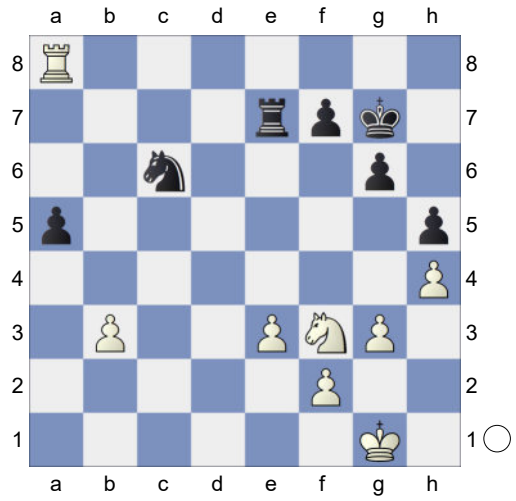
13...Nbd7 Prevents Nf3-e5 **14.Qa3 Bb7 15.Nbd2 Nb6 16.0-0 Ne4 17.Nb1 Nd5 18.Rc1 Nb4** 0.67/21
[18...Nb6= 0.08/22]
19.Rxc4± Nd6 20.Rc5 Ne4 Dodges Nb1-d2 **21.Rc1 e5 22.Qe3**
[22.Nxe5?! Qxd4 23.Ng4 Nc2=]
[22.dxe5 Nc2 *(22...Qb6 23.Qe3±)* 23.Qb3 *(23.Rxc2 Qd1+ 24.Bf1 Qxc2-+)* 23...Nxa1=]
22...exd4 23.Qxd4
[23.Nxd4 Re8±]
23...Qb8 24.Nc3 Re8 25.Nxe4 Bxe4 26.Qc5 Prevents Nb4-c2 **26...Ra6 27.Nd4** Strongly threatening Bg2xe4.
[27.Rxa5? Rc6 28.Qg5 h6-+]
27...Bxg2 28.Kxg2 g6 29.Kg1 0.80/21
[29.Rxa5 Qa8+ 30.Kg1 Rxa5∓]
[⌓29.Rc4 1.25/22]
29...Rd6± 30.Qc4
[30.Rxa5?! Rd5 31.Qxd5 Nxd5 32.Rxd5 Qxb2=]

30...Qb6 1.31/26
[⌓30...Qa8 0.95/22]
31.e3! Rb8 1.57/24
[⌓31...h5 1.12/21 32.Rc3 h4]
32.b3 Rd5 33.Qc7 Rb7 34.Qf4 1.29/21
[Better is 34.Qxb6+- 1.75/20 Rxb6 35.Kf1]
34...Rc5 35.Rxc5 Qxc5



36.Qe4 0.89/22
[⌓36.Rd1! 1.26/21]
36...Ra7 1.37/21
[⌓36...Rb8 0.89/22]
37.h4 h5 38.Rd1 Re7 Prevents Nd4-e6. **39.Qa8+**
[39.Qb1 simplifies Qc7 40.Qc1 Rd7 41.Qxc7 Rxc7 42.Kf1]
39...Kg7 40.Nf3 0.67/20 White is more active.
[40.Kg2± 1.09/22]
40...Qc6 1.46/22
[40...Nc6± 0.67/20]
41.Rd8 Threatens to win with Rd8-g8+.
[41.Qxa5? perishes. Qxf3 42.Qa1+ Qf6 43.Qxf6+ Kxf6-+]
41...Qxa8 42.Rxa8 Endgame. KRN-KRN **42...Nc6** 2.72/22
[42...Rc7± 1.53/21 43.Rxa5 Nd3]

(Diagram)

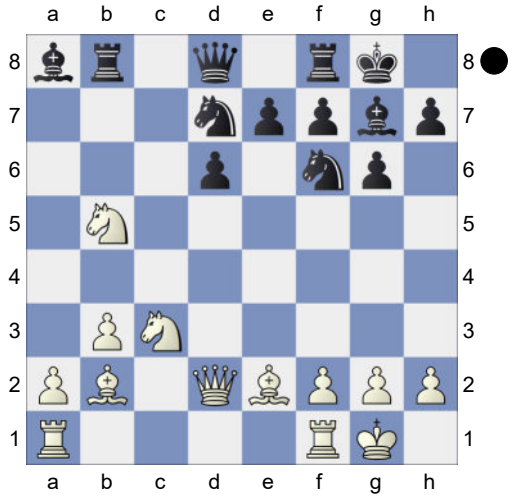


43.Ra6!+- Rc7 44.Kf1 Kf8 45.Nd2 Ke7 46.Nc4 Kd7 47.Ke2
[47.Nxa5 Ne5 48.f4 Rc1+ 49.Ke2 Ng4±]
47...Ke8 48.Kd2 Rd7+ 49.Kc3 Rc7 50.Kd2 Rd7+ 51.Ke2 Rc7 52.Nxa5 Ne5 53.f4 Ng4 54.Nc4 Kf8 55.e4 Rb7 56.Ra3 Nf6 57.Nd6 Rb4 58.e5 Nd5 59.Kd3 Ke7 60.Ra4 Rb8 61.Kd4 Ke6 62.Ra6 2.46/19
[⌓62.Nxf7 4.93/19 Ne7 63.Nh6 *(63.Ng5+ Kd7+-)*]
62...Nb4 63.Ra4 Nc2+? 4.61/20
[63...f6 2.32/18 64.Nc4 Rd8+ 65.Kc3 Nd5+ 66.Kb2 fxe5 67.Nxe5 Ne7 68.Ra6+ Skewer Rd6 69.Rxd6+ Kxd6]
64.Kd3 White is clearly winning.
64...Nb4+ 65.Kc4 Nd5 66.Ra6 Nb4 67.Ra7 f6 68.Rg7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.21 (precise)
1-0

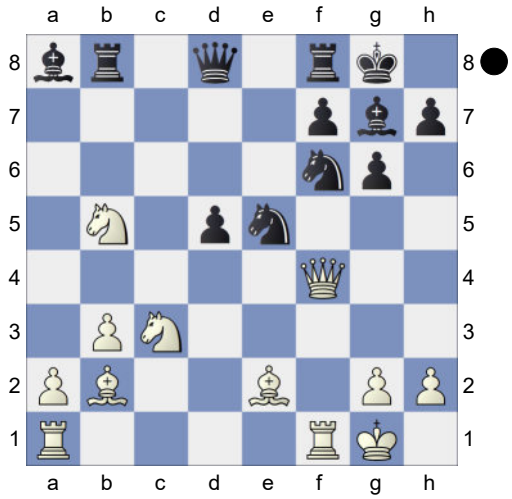
139 **B51**
□ **Baidetskyi,Valentin** **2471**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
Bundesliga 2023-24 (7.4) 03.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]
4.0-0 a6 5.Be2 Ngf6 6.d3 g6 7.c4 7.c4 is better than 7.a4. 7.c4 ist besser als 7.a4. **7...b5!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[RR 7...b6 8.Nc3 Bb7 9.Re1 Bg7 10.Bf1 0-0 11.d4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Rc8 13.a4 e6 14.f3 Re8 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 Ne5 17.b3 g5 18.Bf2 Nfd7 19.Qc2 h5 20.Rad1 h4 21.h3 Ng6 22.Be3 Firouzja,A (2744)-Caruana,F (2796) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (65)]
8.b3 -0.37/17
[8.cxb5± 0.38/18 axb5 9.d4]
[RR 8.cxb5 axb5 9.d4 Nxe4 10.Bxb5 Bb7 11.dxc5 Nexc5 12.b4 Ne6 13.Bb2 Bg7 14.Bxg7 Nxg7 15.a4 0-0 16.Nc3 Ne6 17.Re1 Nf6 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 e5 20.Qd2 Qe7 21.a5 Rac8 22.Bf1 d5 Draskovic,L (2488)-Papadiamandis,E (2315) Reykjavik 2025 1-0 (33)]
8...Bg7∓ Hoping for ...Nf6xe4! **9.Bb2 0-0 10.Qc2N**
[Vorgänger: 10.Nc3 b4 11.Na4 -0.78/18 *(11.Nd5∓* -0.40/20 feels stronger.*)* 11...Bb7 -0.42/17 *(11...e5∓* -0.78/18 *)* 12.Qc2 -0.79/17 *(12.e5∓* -0.42/17 *Nh5 13.e6 Bxb2 14.Nxb2 fxe6 15.Ng5)* 12...e5∓ 13.Nd2 Bc6 14.f4 -1.34/20 *(⌓14.g3* -0.89/17 *)* 14...Bxa4 15.bxa4 exf4 16.Rxf4 0-1 Przybylski,W (2321)-Silva Lucena,C (2290) Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Sep Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (8)]
[RR 10.Nc3 b4 11.Na4 Bb7 12.Qc2 e5 13.Nd2 Bc6 14.f4 Bxa4 15.bxa4 exf4 16.Rxf4 Ne5 17.Raf1 Nfd7 18.h3 Qg5 19.Bc1 Qe7 20.Nb3 a5 21.Bg4 Nxg4 22.Rxg4 Ne5 23.Rg3 Nc6 24.Bg5 Qd7 Przybylski,W (2321)-Silva Lucena,C (2290) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (78)]
10...Rb8 11.cxb5 axb5 12.d4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Black must now prevent Nd4-c6! **13...Bb7 14.Nxb5 Bxe4 15.Qd2**

-0.56/20
[15.Qd1= -0.19/20
is more appropriate.]
15...Ba8∓ 16.N1c3 -0.78/20
[16.Qd1∓ -0.42/18 is superior.]

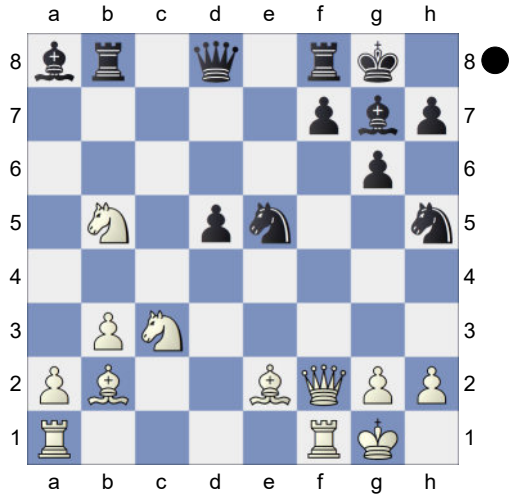


16...d5!∓ 17.f4 e5 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Qf4? -2.15/22
[19.Rad1∓ -0.55/18]

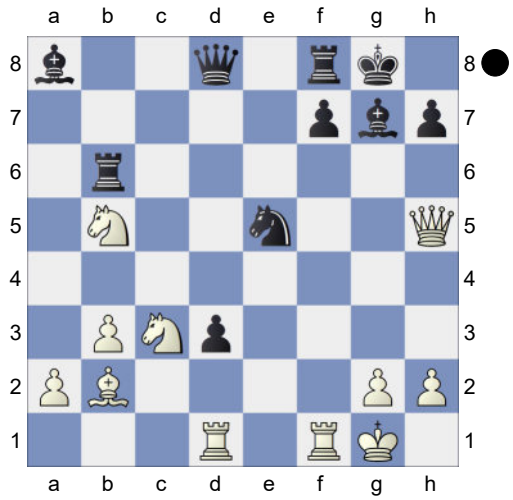


Prevents Nf6-g4. Loses the game.
19...Nh5!-+ 20.Qf2

(Diagram)



d4! 21.Rad1 d3 22.Bxh5 gxh5 23.Qf5 Rb6 24.Qxh5? -7.23/19
[24.Ne4 -3.37/17 Rxb5 25.a4 Qb6+ *(25...Rxb3? 26.Bxe5 Qb6+ 27.Kh1-+)* 26.Kh1]

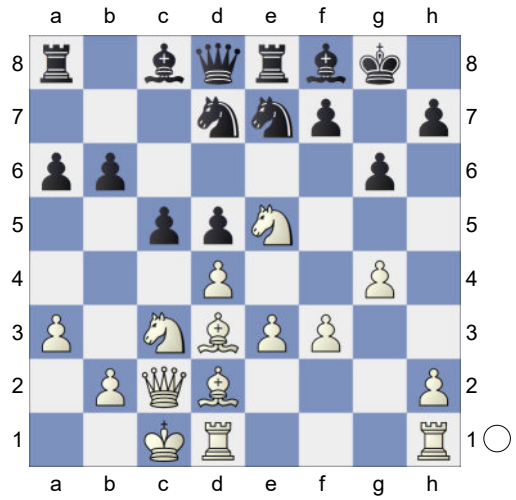


24...Bxg2! Decoy **25.Kxg2 Rg6+ 26.Kf2 Qb6+ 27.Ke1 Qe3+ 28.Ne2 Rg2** Pin
[Inferior is 28...Qxe2+ 29.Qxe2 dxe2 30.Kxe2=]
29.Nbd4 dxe2 30.Nxe2 Ng4 Discovered Attack **31.Rd2 Bxb2** -9.82/19 Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/Black=0.39
[⌓31...Rxe2+ -#7/16 32.Rxe2 Bc3+ 33.Kd1 Rd8+ 34.Qd5 Rxd5+ 35.Kc2

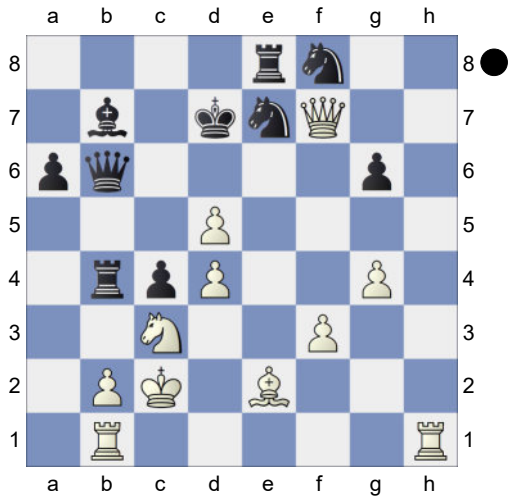
Rd2+ *(35...Qxe2+? leads to mate. 36.Kxc3 Qd2+ 37.Kc4 Ne3#)* 36.Kc1 Bxb2+ 37.Kb1 Qd3#]
0-1

140 **D38**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2725**
86th Tata Steel Masters (13.2) 28.01.24
[Kitty Kat]*

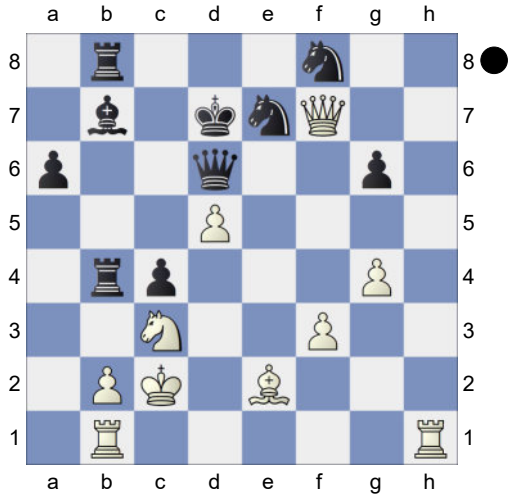
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 b6 8.Bd2 Re8 9.a3** White has an edge. **9...Bf8 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bd3** -0.06/22
[11.Bb5± 0.34/21 Bd7 12.0-0]
[RR 11.Bb5 Bd7 12.Nxd5 Nxd4 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.0-0-0 Qd5 16.Bd3 g6 17.Bc3 Qc6 18.h4 Bg7 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Bc4 Bf5 21.Qc3+ Qf6 22.Qxf6+ Kxf6 23.Rd4 Rad8 24.Rhd1 Rxd4 25.Rxd4 c5 Aronian,L (2781)-Caruana,F (2820) Paris 2021 ½-½ (43)]
11...Ne7= 12.Ne5 a6 Prevents Bd3-b5
13.g4 g6N
[RR 13...h6 14.Rg1 c5 15.0-0-0 c4 16.Be2 Nd7 17.f4 b5 18.Bf3 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Be6 20.e4 b4 21.axb4 Rb8 22.exd5 Bxd5 23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.g5 hxg5 25.Bxg5 Qd7 26.Bxd5 Qxd5 27.Bf6 c3 28.bxc3 Petrov,N (2576)-Brkic,A (2578) Batumi 2025 1-0 (32)]
14.f3 c5 15.0-0-0! Nd7N
[15...c4 16.Be2 b5 17.h4 Qb6 18.h5 a5 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.e4 b4 21.Na4 Qxd4 22.Bf4 Qf2 23.Rdf1 Qa7 24.Bd1 Chapter Ragozin-7... Re8 9.a3 b6/a6 2020]



16.Nxf7 -1.13/20 **Kxf7∓ 17.h4 b5 18.h5 c4 19.Bf1** -1.21/19
[⌓19.hxg6+ -0.78/21 hxg6 20.Bf1]
19...Bg7 20.e4
[20.hxg6+ Nxg6 *(20...hxg6 21.e4∓)* 21.f4 Nf6∓]
20...Nf8 21.hxg6+ hxg6 22.Be3 Rb8 23.Qh2 Rb7 Strongly threatening ...b5-b4. **24.Be2?** -2.57/18
[24.Bh6∓ -0.77/17]
24...b4-+ 25.axb4 Rxb4 26.Bh6 Bxh6+ 27.Qxh6 Qa5! ...Qa5-a1+ is the strong threat. **28.Kc2 Qb6 29.Qf4+ Ke6?** -0.42/21
[29...Kg8 30.Kc1∓]
[29...Bf5-+ -2.57/19 30.Rb1 g5 *(30...Qxd4 31.gxf5 Nxf5 32.Nxd5=; 30...Ne6 31.Qe5=)*]
30.Rb1 -1.30/26
[30.b3∓ -0.42/21 cxb3+ *(30...Rxb3? 31.Na4∓)* 31.Kb2]
30...Kd7∓
[30...Qxd4? 31.exd5++-]
31.exd5 Bb7
[31...Nxd5 32.Nxd5 *(32.Qf7+ Ne7±)* 32...Rxe2+ *(32...Rxb2+? 33.Rxb2 Rxe2+ 34.Kd1+-)* 33.Kd1+-]
32.Qf7
(Diagram)



Rb8! And now ...Rb4xb2+! would win.
[32...Qxd4? 33.Rhd1 Qc5 34.d6+- *(34.Ne4 Qe3+-)*]
33.d6 -2.27/19
[33.b3∓ -1.55/18 is a better defense. cxb3+ *(33...Rxb3 34.Bxc4 Rxb1 35.Rxb1+-)* 34.Kb2]
33...Qxd6-+
[33...Kxd6 34.Bxc4 *(34.Qf4+? Kd7-+)* 34...Rxc4 *(34...Qxd4? 35.Rhd1+-* Pin *)* 35.Qxc4=]
34.d5



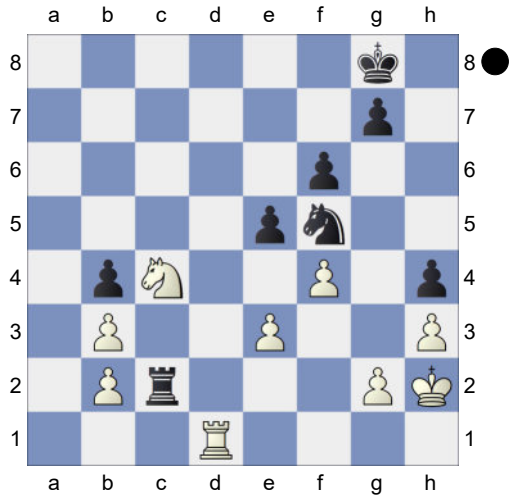
Wards off Nf8-e6 **34...Ba8** -0.93/20
[Stronger than 34...Bxd5 35.Nxd5 Qe5 *(35...Qxd5 36.Rhd1+-* Pin *)* 36.Qxe7+ *(36.Nxb4 Qxe2+ 37.Kc1 Qe3+ 38.Kd1 Rxb4=)* 36...Qxe7 37.Nxe7 Kxe7 38.Kc3=]
[34...g5!-+ -2.37/19 35.Ne4 Qg6 *(35...Qxd5? 36.Nf6+ Kd6 37.Nxd5+-)*]
35.Rh8? -4.69/22
[35.Rhd1∓ -0.93/20]
35...Bxd5
[Weaker is 35...Qb6 36.Rxf8 Rxb2+ 37.Rxb2 Qxb2+ 38.Kd1 Rxf8 39.Qxf8∓]
36.Nxd5 Qxd5 37.Rxf8 Qe5 38.Kd1 Rxf8 39.Qxf8 c3 (→ ...c3-c2+)
[Less strong is 39...Rxb2 40.Rxb2 Qxb2 41.Qf4=]
40.Ke1 Rxb2 41.Rd1+ Ke6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.24 (precise)
0-1

141 **D37**
□ **Donchenko,Alexa** **2643**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
86th Tata Steel Masters (12.1) 27.01.24
[Kitty Kat]*

1.d4 9 **Nf6** 4 **2.c4** 14 **e6** 4 **3.Nf3** 12 **d5** 4 **4.Nc3** 21 **Nbd7** 4 **5.Bf4** 43 **Bb4** 7 **6.cxd5** 44 D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4. **6...Nxd5** 5 **7.Bd2** 42 **N5f6** 5 **8.Qc2!** 2:17 White is slightly better.
[RR 8.Rc1 0-0 9.g3 b6 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.0-0 c5 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Qe7 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Bb4 Rac8 16.Qc2 a5 17.Bxc5 Rxc5 18.Qb3 Rfc8 19.Rxc5 Qxc5 20.Rd1 Bd5 21.Qd3 Qc2 22.Ne1 Qxb2 Matlakov,M (2699)-Kramnik,V (2753) Moscow 2019 0-1 (82)]
8...b6 2:11 **9.Nb5N** 14:33
[Predecessor: 9.e4!± Bb7 10.e5 Nd5 11.Bd3 c5 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3

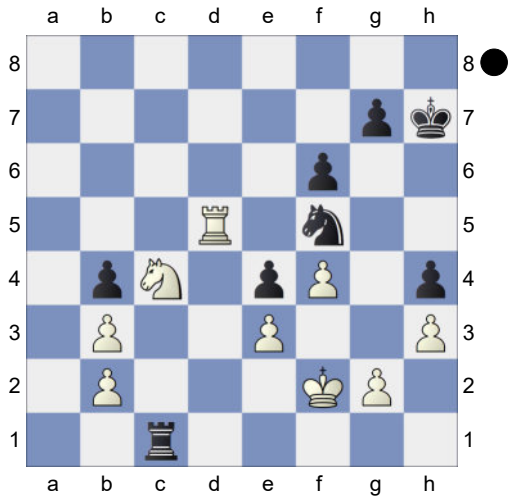
cxd4 14.Nxd4 Rc8 15.Rad1 0-1 (21) Hromadik,R (1853)-Ramos,C (1996) ICCF email 2022]
[RR 9.e4 Bb7 10.Bd3 c5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 c4 13.Bxc4 Bxe4 14.Qd1 Qc7 15.Be2 0-0 16.0-0 Nd5 17.c4 Nf4 18.Bxf4 Qxf4 19.Qd2 Qd6 20.Qe3 Bb7 21.a4 Rfd8 22.Rfd1 Rac8 23.a5 h6 Gustafsson,J (2604)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2616) Chess.com INT 2024 ½-½ (39)]
[RR 9.e4 Bb7 10.Bd3 c5 11.Nb5 Bxd2+ 12.Nxd2 0-0 13.Nd6 Qb8 14.e5 cxd4 15.exf6 Qxd6 16.Bxh7+ Kh8 17.Be4 Bxe4 18.fxg7+ Kxg7 19.Qxe4 f5 20.Qe2 e5 21.g4 Qd5 22.f3 d3 23.Qe3 f4 Asylov,M (2395)-Macias Pino,D (2501) Durres 2025 0-1 (39)]

9...Bxd2+ 6:24 **10.Nxd2** 26 **c5** 4:23 **11.dxc5** 1:46 **Nxc5** 4:57 **12.Nb3** -0.23/27 19:58
[⌓12.b4 0.17/23 Na6 13.a3]
12...0-0= 7:35 **13.Rd1** 3:55 **Bd7** 6:10 **14.e3** 5:58 **Qb8** 11:51 **15.Be2** 7:11 **Rc8** 14:54 **16.Nd6** 12:28 **Rc6** 5:36 **17.Qd2** 1:52 **Nxb3** 2:57 **18.axb3** 21 **Rc5** 1:27 And now ...Rd5 would win. **19.Bf3** 2:56 Prevents Rd5. **19...Bc6** 1:22 **20.Bxc6** 24 **Rxc6** 5 **21.0-0** 10 **Qf8** 3:15 **22.Nb5** 3:54 **h6** 3:03 **23.h3** 1:58 **a5** 4:02 **24.Qd4** 4:03 **Qc5** 9:24 **25.Qxc5** 3:32 **Rxc5** 3:40 **26.Nc3** 3:34
[26.Na3=]
26...b5 16 **27.Rd4** 1:21 **b4** 3:22
[27...e5!∓ deserves consideration. 28.Rd2 e4 0.23/26 *(28...Rac8∓ -0.41/29; 28...b4∓)*]
28.Na4 23 **Rc2** 32 **29.Nb6** 4:18 Against Rac8 **29...Re8** 2:23 **30.Nc4** 4:59 **e5** 2:05 **31.Rd2** 28 **Rxd2** 1:19 **32.Nxd2** 2 Endgame KRN-KRN **32...Rc8** 22 **33.Ra1** 2:47 **Rc2** 1:14 **34.Nc4** 5 **Ne4** 44 **35.f3** 6:36 **Ng3** 1:28 **36.Rxa5** 1:10
[36.Nxe5 Rxb2 37.Rxa5 Rxb3]
36...f6 1:00 **37.Kh2** 1:16 **Nf5** 1:26 **38.Rd5** 43
[38.f4!?]
38...h5 38 Black has compensation. **39.f4** -1.13/42 54
[39.Rd3!= -0.08/29 remains equal.]
39...h4!∓ 14
[Inferior is 39...Nh4? 0.42/35 39...h4 -1.14 40.Rd2 *(40.fxe5 -0.10/28 40.Rd2 0.41 Rxg2+ 41.Kh1 fxe5=)* 40...Rxd2 41.Nxd2±]
40.Rd1 33
[Don't go for 40.fxe5? -3.84/31 40.Rd8+ -1.18 too greedy. Rc1!
A) 41.exf6? -#6/31 41.g4 -3.53 gets mated. Ng3 42.f7+ Kxf7 43.Rd7+ *(43.Ne5+ Ke6)* 43...Kg8 44.Rd8+ Kh7;
B) 41.Rd8+ Kh7!-+]



Against Rc1 **40...e4!** 3:27
[40...exf4∓ -0.78/23 40...e4 -1.22 41.exf4 Ng3]
41.Kg1 5:52 **Kh7** 5:42 **42.Rd5** 18:56 **Rc1+** 6:22 **43.Kf2** 6

(Diagram)



Ng3 4 **44.Nd2** 6 Against Rf1+ **44...g6** -0.35/37 1:13 Prevents f5.
[44...Rc2]
45.Rd4 1:20 **Rd1** 7 **46.Rd7+** 19 **Kg8** 13 **47.Rd8+** 16 **Kf7** 6 **48.Rd7+** 5 **Ke8** 42 **49.Rd6** 22 **f5** 30 **50.Rd4** 15 **Ke7** 38 **51.Rd5!** 5 **Nh1+** 13:38 **52.Ke2** 17 **Rg1** 5 **53.Rd4** -1.07/28 1:51
[53.Re5+∓ -0.69/32 deserves consideration. Kf7 54.Rd5]
53...Ke6 0.00/32 4:07
[Much worse is 53...Rxg2+ -0.25/25 54.Ng3+ -0.95 54.Kf1 Rh2 *(54...Rg3!? 55.Nc4□ Rf3+ 56.Kg2 Ng3=)* 55.Kg1 Rxh3 56.Nc4± *(56.Kg2? -2.91/26 56.Nc4 -0.08 Rxe3 57.Nc4 Re1∓)*]
[53...Kf6∓]
[Better is 53...Kf8∓ -1.07/28]
54.Rxb4= 5:10 The position is equal.
54...Rxg2+ 6 **55.Ke1** 5 **Rg3** 13:16 **56.Rb6+** 42 **Kf7** 2:23 **57.Nc4** 5:04 **Rxh3** 1:06 **58.Ne5+** 22
[58.b4!? aiming for b5. Rg3□ 59.Ne5+ Kg7 Threatens to win with ...h3. 60.Rb7+ Kh6 Hoping for ...h3. 61.Nf7+ Kh5 62.Rb8± -2.63/23 *(62.Ne5= 0.00/24 Kh6 63.Nf7+ Kh5 64.Ne5 Kh6)*]
58...Ke7 2:15 **59.Nxg6+** 6:20 **Kd7** 1:11
60.Kf1 1:12
[60.Ne5+ Kc7 61.Nc4 *(61.Rc6+ Kb7=)* 61...Rh2]
60...Rxe3 1:22 **61.Nxh4** 15:53 **Ng3+** 15:26 **62.Kf2** 1:12 **Rd3** 6 **63.Rb5** 57 **Kc6** 1:09 **64.Re5** 35 **Rxb3** 6 **65.Nxf5** 7 **Nxf5=** 5 **66.Rxf5** 5 **Kd6** 4 **67.Re5** 16
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2742**
86th Tata Steel Masters (11.7) 26.01.24
[Hokmome, Mon, TA]*

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.d4 1:47 Duda,Jan Krzysztof **1...d5** 18 **2.Nf3** 2:53 **Nf6** 54 **3.c4** 39 **e6** 1:04 **4.Nc3** 25 **Be7** 41 **5.Bf4** 1:55 **0-0** 25 **6.a3** 6:03 **c5** 1:57 **7.dxc5** 57 **Bxc5** 41 **8.e3** 2:35 **Nc6** 39 **9.Qc2** 1:06 **Qa5** 54 **10.Rd1** 2:47
[RR 10.0-0-0]
10...h6 43
[RR 10...Rd8
A) RR 11.Nd2 d4 *(*RR *11...dxc4 12.Nxc4 Rxd1+ 13.Qxd1 Qd8 14.Qxd8+ Nxd8 15.Be2)* 12.Nb3 Qb6 13.Na4 Bb4+ 14.axb4 Qxb4+ 15.Nd2;
B) 11.Be2 Ne4 12.0-0 *(* RR *12.Nd2 Nxc3 13.Nb3 Qa4 14.Qxc3 Be7 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Nc5 Bxc5 17.Qxc5 Be6 18.0-0 Rac8)* 12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 h6 14.a4 Ne7 15.Ne5 Bd6 *(*RR *15...f6 16.Ng6 e5 17.Bg3 Be6)* 16.cxd5 Nxd5
B1) RR 17.Nxf7 Kxf7 18.Bxd6 Rxd6 19.Bh5+ Kg8

B1a) RR 20.c4 Bd7 (RR *20...Rc6;* RR *20...Nb4;* RR *20...Qc7*) 21.cxd5 Bxa4 22.Qa2 Rxd5 23.Bg4 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Qb4 25.Bxe6+ Kh8 26.Rb1 Rd8;

B1b) 20.e4 Bd7 (RR *20...Nf4 21.Rxd6 Qxh5 22.Rd8+ Kf7 23.Rfd1 e5*) 21.exd5 Qxa4 22.Qb1 Rxd5 23.Qxb7 Qc6;

B2) 17.Bf3 Nxf4 (RR *17...Qc7 18.c4 Nxf4 19.exf4*) 18.exf4 Bxe5 19.Rxd8+ Qxd8 20.fxe5 Qc7 (RR *20...Bd7 21.Bxb7 Rb8 22.Bf3 Qa5*) 21.Rb1 Rb8 22.Qd3

B2a) RR 22...b6 23.a5 Bb7 (RR *23...Qxe5 24.a6*) 24.axb6 axb6 25.Bxb7 Rxb7 26.Qd4;

B2b) 22...Bd7 23.a5 Bc6 24.Qd6 Qxd6 25.exd6 Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2832) London 2018 CBM 187 [Duda,Jan Krzysztof] ½-½ (49)]

[RR 10...Re8 11.Nd2 e5 12.Bg5 Nd4 13.Qb1 (RR *13.Qc1 Bf5 14.Bxf6 Nc2+ 15.Ke2 Nd4+ 16.Ke1 Nc2+ 17.Ke2 Nd4+ 18.Ke1 Nc2+*) 13...Bf5 14.Bd3

A) RR 14...e4 15.Bc2 (RR *15.Bf1*) 15...Nxc2+ 16.Qxc2 Qa6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Nb3 Bd6 19.Rxd5;

B) 14...Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Ne4 16.Nxd5 (RR *16.Ncxe4*)]

[RR 10...Ne4 11.cxd5 Nxc3 12.bxc3 exd5 13.Ng5 g6 14.Rxd5 Qxa3 15.Bc4]

[RR 10...Be7 11.Be2 Ne4 (RR *11...dxc4*) 12.cxd5 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 14.bxc3 exd5 15.Rxd5 Bxa3 16.Nd4]

11.Nd2 0.16/21 15:10 Threatens to win with cxd5.

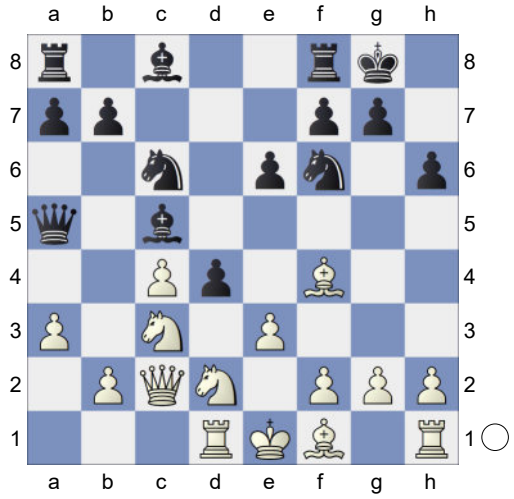
[11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bd3 (*12.b4? Ncxb4 13.Qa4 Nc2+ 14.Qxc2 Nxc3-+*) 12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 f6=]

[11.b4 Nxb4! 12.Qa4 (*12.axb4 Bxb4 13.Rc1 Ne4∓*) 12...Nc6 13.Qxa5 Nxa5 14.cxd5 Bxa3∓]

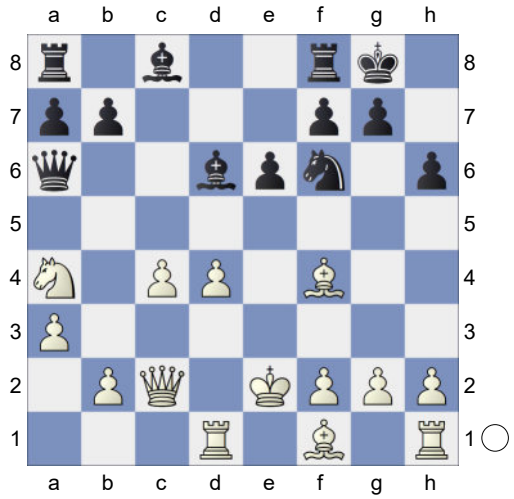
[11.Be2± 0.61/21 Ne4 (*11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nh5 13.b4 Nxb4 14.axb4 Qxb4 15.Ne5 Nxf4 16.exf4 f6 17.Rb1 Qa5 18.Rb5 Qa1+ 19.Nd1 Bb6 20.Ng6 Ba5+ 21.Ke2 Rd8 22.Bd3 Bd7 23.Rxb7 Bb6 24.Bc4 Bc8 25.Rf1 Rd6 26.Ne3* Prraneeth,V (2515) -Aradhya,G (2371) Stockholm SWE 2024 1-0 (41) Kitty Kat: 'Prraneeth,V (2515) -Aradhya,G (2371) Stockholm SWE 2024 1-0 (41)') 12.cxd5 ½-½ (12) Vidit,S (2723)-Caruana,F (2781) Chess.com INT 2022 Kitty Kat: '½-½ (12) Vidit,S (2723)-Caruana,F (2781) Chess.com INT 2022']

[RR 11.Be2 Ne4 12.cxd5 ½-½ (12) Vidit,S (2723)-Caruana,F (2781) Chess.com INT 2022]

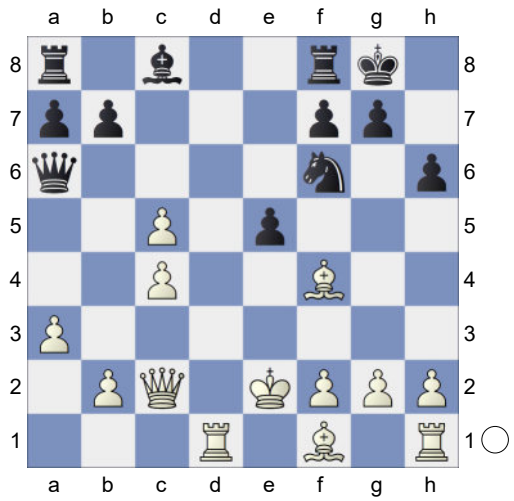
11...d4= 23



12.Nb3! 2:04 **Qb6** 10 White is slightly better. **13.Na4N** 14:36
[13.Nxc5 simplifies Qxc5 14.b4 Qe7 15.exd4 a5 16.c5 axb4 17.axb4 Nxb4 18.Qb2 Nfd5 19.Bd6 Qh4 20.g3 Qf6 21.Bg2 Rd8 22.0-0 Nxc3 23.Qxc3 Nd5 24.Qb2 b5 25.Rfe1 Bd7 26.Be5 Qg6 27.Be4 Qh5 Sargsyan,S (2654)-Divya,D (2400) Astana 2023 1-0 (62) Kitty Kat: 'Sargsyan,S (2654)-Divya,D (2400) Astana 2023 1-0 (62)']
[13.exd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Nb5 e5 16.Nxd4 exf4 17.Be2 Rd8 18.Nb5 Rxd1+ 19.Qxd1 Bd7 20.0-0 Bxb5 21.cxb5 Rd8 22.Qc2 g5 23.h3 Kg7 24.a4 Rd4 25.Bf3 Qa5 26.b3 b6 27.Qc7 Rd7 Paragua,M (2529)-Korley,K (2441) Philadelphia 2021 ½-½ (51) Kitty Kat: 'Paragua,M (2529)-Korley,K (2441) Philadelphia 2021 ½-½ (51)']
[RR 13.exd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Nb5 e5 16.Nxd4 exf4 17.Be2 Rd8 18.Nb5 Rxd1+ 19.Qxd1 Bd7 20.0-0 Bxb5 21.cxb5 Rd8 22.Qc2 g5 23.h3 Kg7 24.a4 Rd4 25.Bf3 Qa5 26.b3 b6 27.Qc7 Rd7 Paragua,M (2529)-Korley,K (2441) Philadelphia 2021 ½-½ (51)]
[RR 13.Nxc5 Qxc5 14.b4 Qe7 15.exd4 a5 16.c5 axb4 17.axb4 Nd5 18.Nxd5 exd5+ 19.Be2 Bg4 20.Be3 Nxb4 21.Qb3 Bxe2 22.Kxe2 Nc6 23.Rhe1 Qd7 24.Kf1 Na5 25.Qc2 Nc4 26.Bf4 Rfe8 27.h3 Ra6 Rohit,K (2490)-Sargissian,G (2641) Sharjah 2025 ½-½ (47)]
[RR 13.Nxc5 Qxc5 14.b4 Qe7 15.exd4 a5 16.c5 axb4 17.axb4 Nxb4 18.Qb2 Nfd5 19.Bd6 Qh4 20.g3 Qf6 21.Bg2 Rd8 22.0-0 Nxc3 23.Qxc3 Nd5 24.Qb2 b5 25.Rfe1 Bd7 26.Be5 Qg6 27.Be4 Qh5 Sargsyan,S (2654)-Divya,D (2400) Astana 2023 1-0 (62)]
13...Bb4+! 24 **14.Ke2** 6:14
[14.axb4 Qxb4+ 15.Nd2 e5±]
14...Qa6 18 **15.Nxd4** 5:21
[15.axb4 Qxa4 16.Ra1 Qxb4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4+ 18.exd4 b5∓]
15...Nxd4+ 22 **16.exd4** 6:02 **Bd6** 2:46

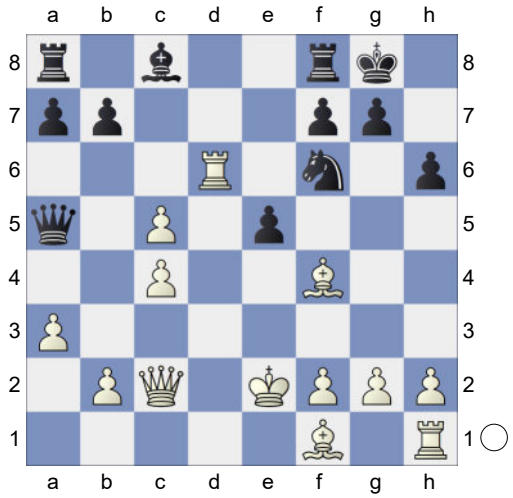


17.Nc5! 9:40 **Bxc5** 24:43 **18.dxc5** 10 **e5!⇄** 16

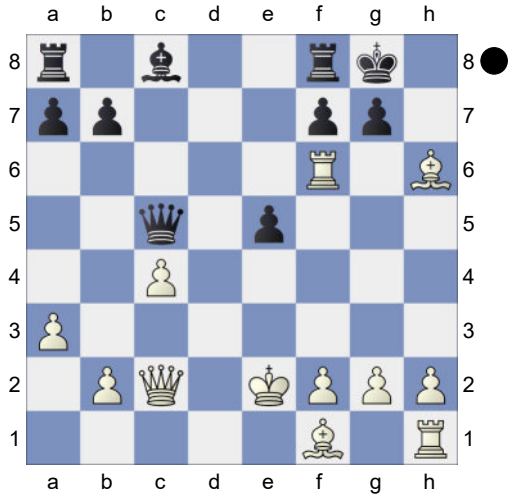


Black is not keeping still **19.Rd6!** 2:57
[19.Bxe5? loses. Re8 20.f4 *(20.Qc3? Bf5-+)* 20...Bg4+ 21.Ke1 Bxd1 22.Kxd1 Ng4-+]
19...Qa5 0.43/23 16:09
[19...b6= 0.01/20 20.Be3 *(20.Bxe5*

Re8∓; 20.Bxh6 Ne8∓) 20...Be6]

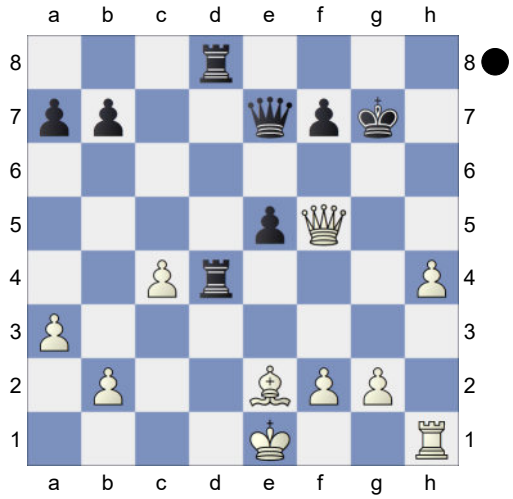


20.Bxh6! -0.45/23 8:55 **Qxc5∓** 28:12 '∓!' **21.Rxf6** 7 Black keeps a firm grip on the game.

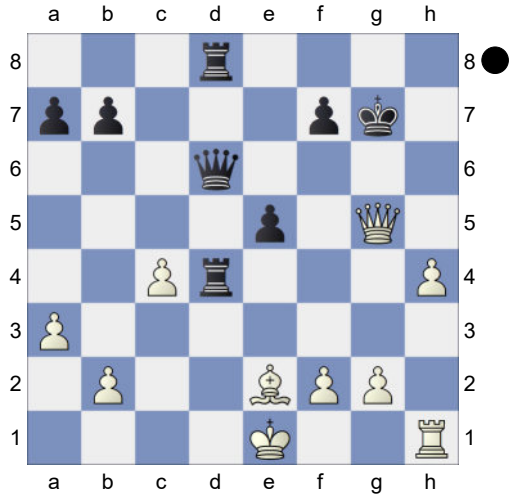


And now Be3 would win. Kitty Kat: 'Black keeps a firm grip on the game. [#] And now Be3 would win.' **21...Qe7!** 28 **22.Bxg7** 11:30 **Kxg7** 3:43 **23.Rf5** 1:47 Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **23...Rd8** 7:17 **24.h4** -1.21/22 36
[24.g3∓ -0.67/22]
24...Bxf5∓ 1:23 '-+' **25.Qxf5** 3 **Rd4** 2:49 Strongly threatening ...Ra8-d8. Kitty Kat: 'Strongly threatening ...Ra8-d8.' **26.Ke1** -2.42/22 6:19
[26.g3∓ -1.25/22]

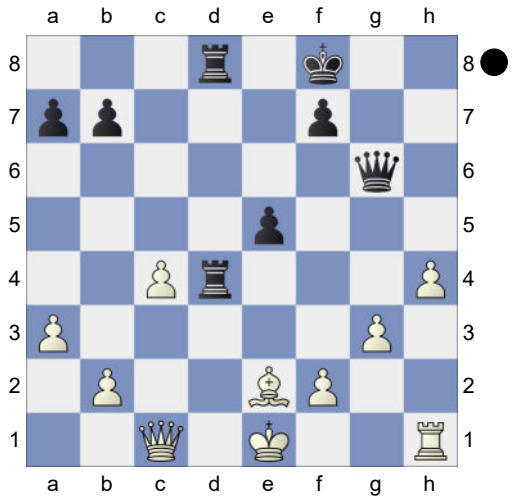
26...Rad8-+ 1:10 White must now prevent ...Qe7-d6. Black has strong compensation. Strongly threatening ... Qd6! Black has strong compensation.
[Weaker is 26...Rxh4 27.Rxh4 Qxh4 28.Qxe5+ Kg8 29.g3=]
27.Be2 2



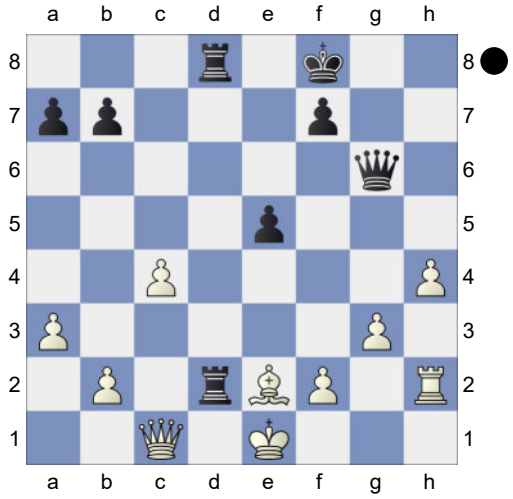
Qd6 2:55 '!'
[Inferior is 27...Rxh4 28.Rxh4 Qxh4 29.Qxe5+ Qf6 *(29...Kf8 30.Qc5+ Kg8 31.Qh5∓)* 30.Qxf6+ Kxf6 31.Bf3∓]
28.Qg5+ 1:04



Kf8! 15 **29.Qc1** 23 Against Rd4-d1+ Inhibits Rd1+. **29...Qg6** 6:34 '⟶' Black wants a kill. **30.g3** -7.78/25 51
[30.Bf3 -2.13/23]



30...Rd2 1:05 '!' **31.Rh2** 28
[31.Qxd2 Qb1+]



31...Rc2 -3.71/25 3:18
[⌓31...Rxe2+! -7.73/26 32.Kxe2 Qd3+ 33.Ke1 Rd4]
32.Qe3 15 **Rxb2** 1:13 **33.Kf1** 2 **Rdd2** 40 **34.Qc5+?** -6.14/25 1:01
[34.Bf3 -3.79/23]
34...Kg8 19 (→ ...Qg6-e4) (→ ...Qe4) **35.Qc8+** 43 **Kg7** 15 **36.h5** 17 **Qb1+** 17 **37.Kg2** 4 **Rxe2** 1:15 Weighted Error Value: White=0.94/Black=0.15 (very precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/Black=0.50. Mistake: White=3 --- Inaccurate: White=4 Black=1 OK: White=3 Black=11 Best: White=4 Black=2 Strong: --- Black=4 Brilliant: --- Black=1 Kitty Kat: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.94/Black=0.15 (very precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/Black=0.50. Mistake: White=3 --- Inaccurate: White=4 Black=1 OK: White=3 Black=11 Best: White=4 Black=2 Strong: --- Black=4 Brilliant: --- Black=1 Naruemon: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.94/Black=0.15 (very precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/Black=0.50. Mistake: White=3 --- Inaccurate: White=4 Black=1 OK: White=3 Black=11 Best: White=4 Black=2 Strong: --- Black=4 Brilliant: --- Black=1"
0-1

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□ **Ju,Wenjun** **2549**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
86th Tata Steel Masters (10.1) 24.01.24
[Kitty Kat]*

D24: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 **1.d4** 6 **Nf6** 25 **2.c4** 4 **e6** 4 **3.Nf3** 11 **d5** 6 **4.Nc3** 10 **dxc4** 4 **5.e4** 25 **b5** 7 Deflection **6.Nxb5** 0.09/21 18
[6.e5!± 0.46/23 Nd5 7.Nxb5]
6...Nxe4= 16 **7.Qa4** 9 Against Bb4+ **7...c6** 42 **8.Nc3** 18 **Nxc3** 6 **9.bxc3** 3 **Ba6** 8 **10.Bxc4** 6
[10.Ne5 with more complications. Be7 11.Ba3 0-0 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Be2]
10...Bxc4 5 **11.Qxc4** 3 **Bd6** 1:40 **12.0-0** 5 **Qc7N** 2:07
[12...0-0 13.Rb1 *(13.g3 Qa5 14.Be3 Qd5 15.Qe2 Nd7 16.Rfd1 Rfe8 17.Nd2 Qf5 18.Rab1 Nb6 19.c4 Bc7 20.Rdc1 Rac8 21.Qf3*

Qg6 22.Qxc6 Bxg3 23.Qg2 Bh4 24.Qxg6 hxg6 25.Nf3 Bf6 26.c5 Nd5 27.Rb7 a6 ½-½ 15.♘d4 d5 16. e5 ♘e4_15226 (2468)-Johnsen,S (2483) 39th Rilton Cup 2009 (7)) 13...Qc7 14.Qd3 Nd7 15.c4 c5 16.d5 exd5 17.Qxd5 Nb6 18.Qd3 Rad8 #7 6) Vienna - Main Line 5.e4 b5-Vienna − 5.e4 b5 6.Nxb5]

13.Rd1 1:45 **0-0** 5:07 **14.Qd3** 3 **Nd7** 2:24 **15.c4** 3:08 **c5** 18:34 **16.Be3N** 22:45

[RR 16.h3 Nf6 17.Bb2 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Rfd8 19.Qe3 Nd7 20.Rab1 h6 21.Qe2 Bc5 22.Bxc5 Nxc5 23.Qe3 Rac8 24.Nd4 Qe7 25.Qf3 Rd6 26.Nb5 Rb6 27.Nd4 Na4 28.Nb3 Rbc6 29.Na5 R6c7 30.Rb5 Nb6 Bournel,A (2410)-Moussard,J (2584) Vichy 2025 0-1 (75)]

16...Rfd8 5:51 **17.dxc5** 1:59 **Bxc5** 7:18 **18.Bxc5** 12:16 **Nxc5** 7 **19.Qe2** 12 **f6** 11:15 **20.Nd4** 3:39 **e5** 1:01 **21.Nf5** 1:37 **Ne6** 7:08 **22.Qg4** 21 **Kh8** 1:32 **23.h3** 1:03 **g6** 4:25 **24.Ne3** 9 **Nd4** 4:10 **25.Nd5** 11:20 **Qg7** 1:56 **26.Qe4** 0.09/24 3:09

[26.Rab1± 0.47/22]

26...Rac8 40 **27.Rac1** 15 **f5** 3:17 **28.Qd3** -0.30/19 3:42

[28.Qe1 0.07/21 is more appropriate.]

28...Ne6 0.52/20 2:09

[28...g5!= -0.30/19]

29.Qa3 5:54 **e4** 0.94/20 8:07

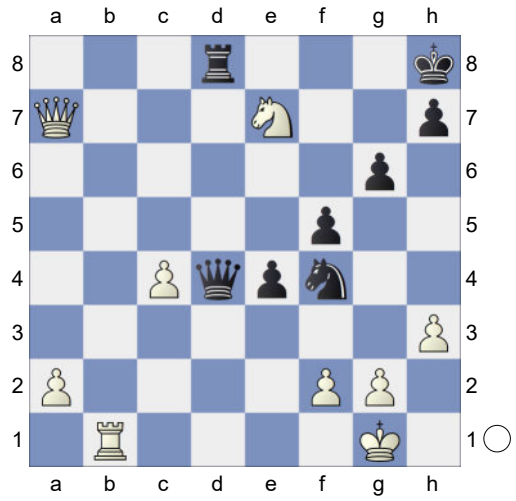
[29...Nd4= 0.18/18 remains equal.]

30.Ne7± 5:51 **Ra8** 11:01 **31.Rxd8+** 11:46 **Rxd8** 3:16 **32.Rb1** 7

[Much weaker is 32.Qxa7 Re8 33.Nc6 Qxa7 34.Nxa7 Ra8∓]

32...Nf4 4:32 **33.Qxa7** 3:19 Strongly threatening g3. **33...Qd4** 3:49

(Diagram)



34.Qxd4+ 0.89/5 6:08

[⌓34.Qc7! 1.52/24 Ne2+ 35.Kh2]

34...Rxd4 5 Endgame. KRN-KRN

35.Rb8+ 0.03/17 16

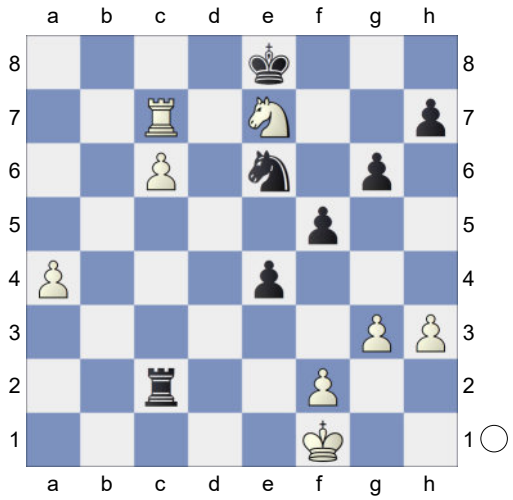
[Better is 35.c5± 0.89/27]

35...Kg7= 6 **36.Rb7** 2 **Kf8** 2:43 **37.c5** 4 c6 is the strong threat. **37...Rc4** 16 **38.c6** 27 **Ne6** 25 **39.g3** 0.61/29 7:18

[39.a4= 0.10/23 f4 40.Nd5 Rxc6 41.Rb6 *(41.Rxh7 Rd6=)* 41...Rxb6 42.Nxb6]

39...Nd8± 1:48 **40.Rc7** 1:47 aiming for h4. **40...Rc1+** 1:05 **41.Kg2!** 50:05 Threatens to win with h4. White is more active. **41...Rc2** 3:20 **42.Kf1!** 0 h4 would now be deadly. **42...Ke8** 10:13 **43.a4** 0 And now a5 would win. **43...Ne6** 1:43

(Diagram)

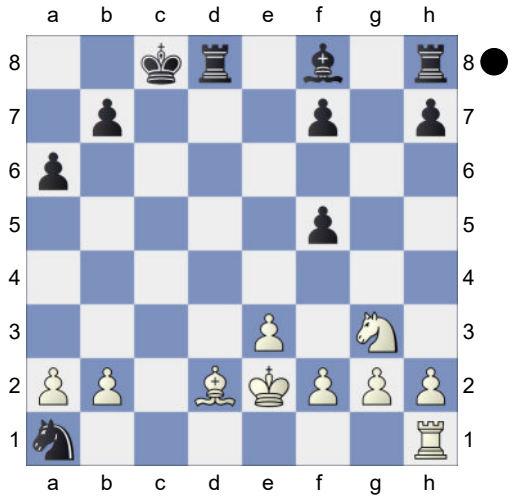


44.Rb7!± 0.67/21 0 Hoping for a5.
44...Kd8 6:15
[44...f4 45.gxf4 Nxf4 46.Kg1 Nxh3+ 47.Kg2]
45.Rd7+ 0 **Ke8** 1 **46.Ng8** 0.04/27 0 **Rxc6** 16 **47.Nf6+** 0 **Kf8** 2 **48.Nxh7+** 0 **Ke8** 2 **49.Nf6+** 0 **Kf8** 1 **50.Rd1** 0 The position is equal. **50...Ra6** 3:08 **51.Nd7+** 0 **Ke7** 6 **52.Ne5** 0 **Kf6** 51 **53.Nd7+** 0 **Ke7** 2:00 **54.Ne5** 0 **Kf6** 2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

144 **D32**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
■ **Warmerdam,Max** **2625**
86th Tata Steel Masters (9.4) 23.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

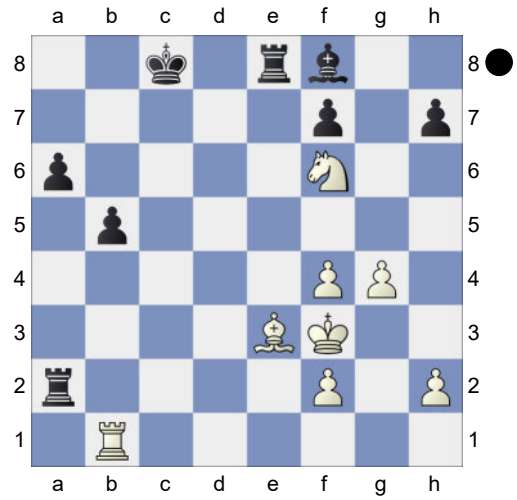
D32: Tarrasch Defence: Sidelines and lines without g3
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd1 exd5 7.Qxd5 Qc7 7...Bd6 is the modern continuation .7...Ld6 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.
[RR 7...Bd6 8.Bg5 Nge7 9.Qd2 h6 10.Bh4 Qb6 11.Rd1 Bb4 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.a3 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 0-0 15.Nf3 Be6 16.Qb4 Qc7 17.Nd4 Bd5 18.f3 Qe5 19.Kf2 Rac8 20.e4 Bc6 21.Be2 Kh8 22.g3 Grachev,A (2405)-Tabatabaei,M (2669) Moscow 2025 ½-½]
8.Nf3!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
8...Nf6 Prevents Qd5-e4+ **9.Qd3N** White is slightly better.
[Vorgänger: 9.Qb5 -0.12/21 9.Qd5-d3 0.44 Bd7 0.47/20 *(9...a6=* -0.12/21 *10.Qa4 Bb4)* 10.Qb3± Bb4 11.Bd2 0-0 12.e3 Be6 13.Qc2 Ne5 14.Nd4 Bc4 15.Ne4! 1-0 Yelisieiev,Y (2420)-Fridman,D (2579) GER-ch Rapid 49th 2023 (9)]
[9.Qb3 Be6 10.Qa4 Bc5 11.e3 0-0 12.Be2 a6 13.0-0 Rad8 14.a3 Na5 15.Rb1 Bb3 16.Qh4 Be7 Von Hennig Schara Gambit Bl-Von Hennig-Schara 5.Qxd4 with]
[RR 9.Qd1 Bf5 10.e3 Rd8 11.Qa4 Bc5 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.h3 Rfe8 16.Rd1 Rxd1+ 17.Qxd1 Bd6 18.f4 Qe7 19.g4 Bd7 20.g5 Ne4 21.Nxe4 Qxe4 22.Qxd6 Bc6 23.Bf1 Qh1+ Paduano,C (2253)-Kazarjan,G (2192) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (37)]
9...Be6 10.e3N
[RR 10.Bg5 Rd8 11.Qb1 Bb4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qc2 Qa5 14.e3 Rc8 15.Be2 Bf5 16.Qc1 Ne7 17.0-0 Nd5 18.Nd4 Bd7 19.Nb3 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Qa3 21.c4 Be6 22.Qc2 b5 23.Nd4 Qa6 24.cxb5 Qb7 Mesic,I (2255)-Willy,S (2046) Dimitrovgrad 2024 1-0 (31)]
10...a6 11.Ng5 0.07/24
[Better is 11.Bd2± 0.69/20]
11...Nb4 12.Qb1 Bc4 13.Nge4? -1.73/21

[13.a3= 0.10/20 and White has nothing to worry. Bxf1 14.Rxf1 *(14.Kxf1 Qc4+ 15.Kg1 Nd3=)*]
13...0-0-0↑ Black is on the roll. **14.Nxf6 gxf6 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.Qe4 Qxe4** Remove Defender **17.Nxe4 f5 18.Ng3 Nc2+ 19.Ke2 Nxa1 20.Bd2**



Bg7! 21.Rxa1 f4 -1.44/22
[21...Bxb2 22.Rb1 f4 23.Rxb2 fxg3 24.hxg3∓]
[21...Rd5-+ -1.84/22 22.Rc1+ Kd7]
22.Nf5 -1.85/24
[22.exf4∓ -1.44/22 was necessary. Bxb2 23.Rb1 Rhe8+ 24.Be3]
22...Bxb2 23.Rb1 Ba3 24.exf4 Rhe8+ 25.Be3 Bf8 -1.37/22
[25...Re4-+ -1.99/21 26.Rb3 Ra4]
26.g4 b5 27.Kf3 Prevents Re8-e4 **27...Rd3 28.Ng3 Ra3 29.Ne4 Rxa2 30.Nf6**

(Diagram)



Rxe3+ -0.10/21 **31.fxe3= Rxh2∓** Endgame. KRB-KRN **32.Nd5 Kb7** aiming for ...Kb7-c6. **33.Rc1 Bd6** Repels Rc1-c7+
[33...b4!? 34.Rc7+□ Kb8±]
34.e4 Rh3+ 35.Ke2 h6 36.e5 Bb8 37.Rd1 -1.16/22
[37.Ra1= -0.03/22 keeps the balance.]
37...a5 Hoping for ...b5-b4. **38.Ra1?** -2.44/21
[38.Kd2∓ -0.92/21 might work better.]
38...a4-+ 39.Rb1 Kc6 ...Rh3-b3! is the strong threat. **40.Nb4+ Kb6 41.Kd2 Rh4 42.Nd5+ Ka5 43.Rc1?** -4.63/22
[43.Ne7 -1.82/21 keeps fighting. Ka6 *(43...Rxg4 44.Nc6+ Kb6 45.Nxb8∓)* 44.Nc6]
43...Rh2+
[43...Rxg4 44.Rc8 Ba7 45.Rc7∓]
44.Kd3 -4.50/22
[⌓44.Kc3 -3.21/19]
44...a3 45.Rc8 Ba7 46.Rc7 Rh3+ 47.Ke4 Bf2 48.Rxf7 -4.92/21
[⌓48.Rc2 -3.17/19 Bg1 49.f5]
48...Bc5 And now ...a3-a2 would win. **49.Rc7 a2 50.Rc8** Rc8-a8+ would kill now. **50...Ka4**
[50...a1B 51.Ra8+]
51.e6 -2.69/20

[⌓51.Ra8+ -4.61/18 Kb3 52.Nc7]

51...Ra3? 0.00/23

[51...a1B 52.Rxc5 Rh2 53.e7 Re2+ 54.Ne3 Kb4 55.Rc8 *(55.e8R Kxc5 56.Rc8+ Kb6±; 55.Rc2 Rxe3+ 56.Kxe3 Bg7 57.e8Q Ba1 58.Qc6 Kb3 59.Kd3 Kb4 60.Qc5+ Kb3 61.Qxb5+ Ka3 62.Kc4 Bh8 63.Qb4#)* 55...Bc3 56.e8Q *(56.e8B Bd2+-)*]

[51...Rh1 52.Nc3+ Ka5 *(52...Kb3? 53.Nxa2 Bd6 54.Nc1+ Kb2 55.Nd3+ Kb1 56.f5+-)* 53.Nxa2+- *(53.Rxc5? Re1+ 54.Kd5 a1Q-+)*]

[51...Ba3-+ -2.69/20 52.e7 Bxe7 53.Ra8+ *(53.Nxe7? Ra3-+)* 53...Kb3 54.Nxe7 Kb2 55.Rxa2+ Kxa2]

52.Rxc5= a1Q Wards off Rc5-c1

[52...a1B 53.e7 Kb3 54.e8Q *(54.e8B b4+-; 54.Rxb5+ Kc2 55.e8Q Kd2 56.Rb1 Ke2 57.Qb5+ Kf2 58.Qc5+ Bd4 59.Qxa3 Bc3 60.Qxc3 Kg2 61.Qf3+ Kh2 62.Rh1#)* 54...b4 55.Qb5 Ra4 56.Qc4+ Ka3 57.Rb5]

53.e7 Qh8? 5.82/25

[53...Qf1= 0.00/23 and Black is okay. 54.Kf5 Qd3+ 55.Ke6 Qe4+ 56.Kf7 Qh7+ *(56...Qd4 57.Rxb5* Decoy *Kxb5 58.e8Q+ Kc4 59.Qc6+ Qc5 60.Qxc5+ Kxc5 61.Ne7=)* 57.Kf6 *(57.Kf8 Qh8+ 58.Kf7 Qd4=)* 57...Qh8+ 58.Kf7 Qd4= 59.Rxb5 Decoy Kxb5 60.e8Q+ Kc4 61.Qc6+ Kd3]

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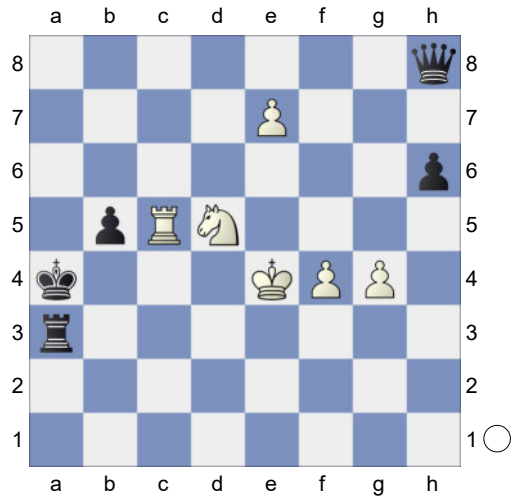


54.Rc8!!+- Decoy. White is clearly winning. **54...Qh7+**

[54...Qb2 55.e8Q]

55.f5 Rg3 56.e8Q White wants to mate with Rc8-a8+.

[56.e8B Rxg4+ 57.Ke5 Qg7+ 58.f6 Qg5+ 59.Kd6 Rd4-+]

56...Rxg4+ 57.Ke5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.41

1-0

145 **B51**

□ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2682**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**

86th Tata Steel Masters (8.7) 21.01.2024

[Hokmome, Mon, TA]*

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4** 29 **c5** 42 **2.Nf3** 11 **d6** 6 **3.Bb5+** 2:42 **Nd7** 12 **4.d4** 1:38 **cxd4** 30 **5.Nxd4** 19 **Ngf6** 36 **6.Bd3** 40

[6.Nc3 a6 7.Bd3 e5 8.Nf5 g6 9.Ng3 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 b5 12.a3 Bb7 13.Rc1 h6 14.Be3 Rc8 15.Nce2 Nc5 16.c3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Qxd5 Nxd5 20.Rfd1 Nxe3 Sossna,G (1569)-

Waffenschmidt,J (2070) Playchess.com INT 2020 0-1 (60)]

6...Nc5 6:55

[6...g6 7.c4 Qb6 8.Nc2 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.0-0 Nc5 11.Ne3 Be6 12.Rb1 Qc6 13.Ned5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Qd7 15.Be2 ½-½ (15) Karthikeyan,M (2475)-Grover,S (2469) Dharamshala 2014]

7.Nc3 2:11 **a6** 9:16 **8.0-0** 2:34

White is slightly better. **8...g6N** 5:01

[8...e6 9.Be3 Be7 10.f4 Qc7 11.Qe2 b5 12.Bd2 b4 13.Nd1 Bb7 14.e5 Nd5 15.Ne3 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 dxe5 17.fxe5 Nxd3 18.cxd3 Bc5 19.Rac1 Qb6 20.Rc4 Rd8 21.Qf4 Bxd4+ 22.Kh1 0-0 23.Bxb4 McGowan,A-Yee,S (1997) Wanganui 2007 0-1 (31)]

9.Re1 1:52

[9.Be3 with more complications. Ng4 10.Bg5 Bg7 11.Be2]

9...Bg7 1:27 **10.Bf1** 31 **0-0** 4:12 **11.a4** 9 **Bg4** 20:36 **12.f3** 4:57 **e5** 52 **13.Nde2** 19:06

[13.fxg4 -0.55/22 13.Nd4-e2 0.33 exd4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 *(14...Nfxe4? 1.35/22 14...Nf6xd5 -0.61 15.b4±; 14...Ncxe4 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6 16.Qxd4=)* 15.exd5 Re8∓]

13...Be6 2:46 **14.b4N** 9:37

[RR 14.Be3 Qb6 15.Qd2 Qc6 16.Red1 Rfd8 17.Bg5 Rac8 18.a5 Qe8 19.Nc1 Qf8 20.N1a2 h6 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Nb4 Bg5 23.Qf2 h5 24.h4 Bh6 25.Nbd5 f5 26.exf5 Bxf5 27.b4 Ne6 28.Bd3 Kh8 Nigmatov,O (2457)-Pranav,A (2555) Sharjah 2025 ½-½ (57)]

14...Ncd7 2:09 **15.Qxd6** 9:59 **Re8** 5:34 **16.Rb1** 1:31 **Rc8** 2:18 **17.Be3** 1:03 **Rc4** 8:27 **18.Qd2** 2:08 **Qc7** 2:31 **19.Rec1** 48 **Rd8** 4:29 **20.Qe1** 26 **Bf8** 0.65/22 1:21

[⌓20...Rc6 0.34/20]

21.Nd1!± 58 **Rc8** 10:06

[21...Rxc2? 22.Rxc2 Qxc2 23.Nec3+-]

22.c3 2:52 **Rc6** 3:17 **23.a5** 0.38/20 11:38

[23.Ng3± 0.73/21]

23...b6 2:07 **24.axb6** 53 **Nxb6** 6 **25.Nb2** 1:00 **Ne8** 0.79/22 5:00

[25...Nc4= 0.32/21 26.Nxc4 Bxc4]

26.f4 4:31

[26.Ng3!?± Nc4 27.Nxc4 0.69/25 *(27.Bxc4± 1.01/26 Bxc4 28.Nxc4 Rxc4 29.Bd2)* 27...Bxc4± 28.Bxc4 Rxc4 29.Bd2!±]

26...Nc4= 2:20 **27.Nxc4** 46 **Bxc4** 7 **28.fxe5!** 39 **Qxe5** 1:59 **29.Nd4** 38 **R6c7** 21

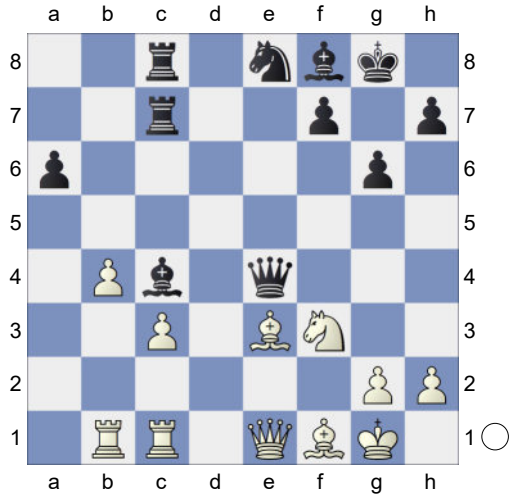
[29...Bd6? 30.g3± *(30.Qh4 R6c7±)*]

30.Nf3 35

[30.Bxc4 Rxc4 31.Nf3 Qc7=]

30...Qe6 1:21

[30...Qxe4? 2.11/22 30...Qe5-e6 0.54

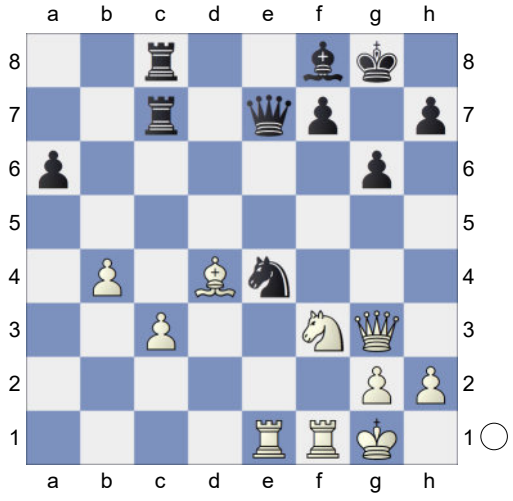


31.Nd2! Qf5 32.Nxc4 Rxc4 33.Bxc4 Rxc4+- 34.Ra1+- *(34.Rd1+-)*]

31.Qh4 0.01/23 8:41

[Vorzuziehen ist Better is 31.Bf4± 0.74/23 Bxf1 32.Bxc7 *(32.Kxf1*

-0.25/21 32.Bf4xc7 0.68 *Rc4∓)*]
31...Qf6 0.74/23 6:24
[31...Bxf1? 9.45/24 31...Bf8-e7 -0.01 32.Ng5 *(32.Rxf1?* -0.01/22 32.Nf3-g5 9.53 *Be7=; 32.Kxf1 Rxc3 33.Rxc3 Rxc3∓)* 32...h5 33.Nxe6+-]
[31...Be7!= 0.01/23 hält das Gleichgewicht. keeps the balance. 32.Qh6 *(32.Qe1 Bxf1 33.Kxf1 Nd6; 32.Bxc4 Rxc4 33.Ng5 Bxg5∓)* 32...Bxf1 *(32...Qxe4?* 1.73/23 32...Bc4xf1 -0.16 *33.Nd2+-)* 33.Rxf1 Rxc3]
32.Qg3± 54 **Bxf1** 42 **33.Bd4!** 1:08 **Qe7** 2:01 ...Bf1-b5 is the strong threat.
[Ein No Go ist Not 33...Bd6 1.34/21 33...Qf6-e7 0.82 34.e5 *(34.Qf2 Qe6 35.Rxf1±)* 34...Bb5 *(34...Bd3 35.Re1±)* 35.Re1± *(35.exf6 Bxg3 36.hxg3 Nd6±; 35.exd6* 0.74/23 35.Rc1-e1 1.27 *Qxd6 36.Qf2 Rb7±)*]
34.Rxf1→ 7 White is out for blood.
34...Nd6 8 **35.Rbe1** 1:33 aiming for Nf3-g5. &Bianco is more active. **35...Nxe4** 0.98/25 41
[35...Nb5± 0.65/21]



36.Qf4! 8:42 **f5** 0 **37.Nd2** 0.74/25 12
[⌓37.g4 1.25/25 Qd6 38.Be5 Qb6+ 39.Nd4]
37...Bg7 1 **38.Nxe4** 2:47 **Bxd4+** 6 **39.cxd4** 2 **fxe4** 8 **40.Qxe4** 13 **Qxe4** 8 **41.Rxe4** 50:02 **Rd7** 50:35 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.09 (flawless)
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146 **C42**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2769**
86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (7.1)
[Hokmome, Mon, TA]*

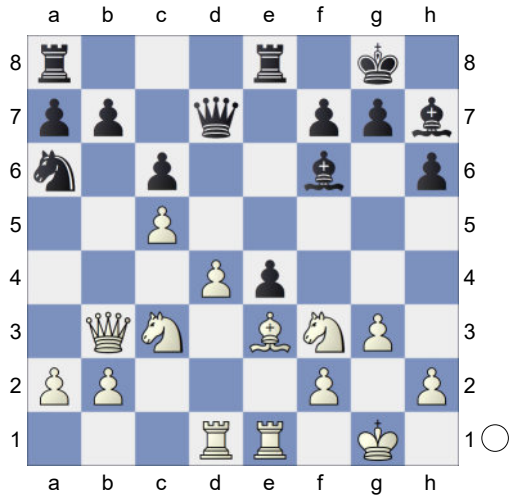
C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4** 46 Kitty Kat **1...e5** 19 **2.Nf3** 7 **Nf6** 6 **3.Nxe5** 5 **d6** 8 **4.Nf3** 10 **Nxe4** 7 **5.d4** 12 **d5** 9 **6.Bd3** 23 **Bd6** 27 **7.0-0!** 3 **0-0** 7 **8.c4** 16 **c6** 6 **9.Re1** 6 **Bf5** 17 **10.Qb3** 35 **Qd7** 0.65/20 1:01
[10...Na6= 0.27/23 might be stronger.]
11.c5 0.28/21 46
[Better is 11.Nc3± 0.65/20 Kitty Kat: ' ±' Nxc3 12.Bxf5 Qxf5 13.bxc3 b6 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Qb5 Qd7 16.Rb1 Rc8 17.g3 Bf8 18.Bd2 Nc6 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Rd8 21.Qxd7 Rxd7 22.Rb5 Rad8 23.a4 Be7 24.a5 bxa5 25.Rxa5 f6 26.Re6 4.d4 Nf6 5. Bc4 (2795)-Deslandes,P (2808) Wolfstein 2017 Morphy's Games of Chess [BCM lvi (Aug 1936) p. 417] ½-½ (51) Kitty Kat: '4.d4 Nf6 5. Bc4 (2795)-Deslandes,P (2808) Wolfstein 2017 Morphy's Games of Chess [BCM lvi (Aug 1936) p. 417] ½-½ (51)']
[11.Nc3± 0.65/20]
11...Bc7= 15 **12.Nc3** 0.01/22 8:34
[12.g3= 0.33/19 Kitty Kat: '±' Kitty Kat: 'was preferrable.']

[12.g3± 0.33/19 was preferrable.]
[12.Nbd2 Re8 13.Nh4 Be6 14.Qc2 Na6 15.a3 Bg4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Rxe4 Rxe4 18.Bxe4 Qxd4 19.Be3 Qf6 20.Nf3 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Rd8 22.Be2 Bf4 23.Bxf4 Qxf4 24.Rd1 Rxd1+ 25.Qxd1 g6 26.g3 Qe5 Predein,V (2578)-7.Bb3 b5 8.a4 (2596) Cap d'Agde 2023 CT-2292 [John Watson] ½-½ (58) Kitty Kat: 'Predein,V (2578)-7.Bb3 b5 8.a4 (2596) Cap d'Agde 2023 CT-2292 [John Watson] ½-½ (58)']

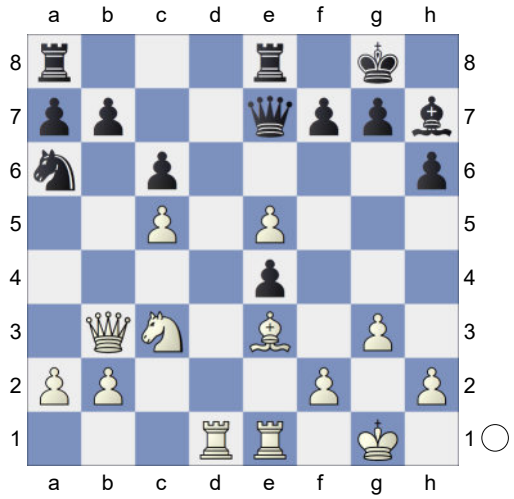
12...Re8N 1:01
[12...Nxc5!? 13.Bxf5 Nxb3 14.Bxd7 Nxa1= Kitty Kat: '∓']
[12...Nxc5!? 13.Bxf5 Nxb3 14.Bxd7 Nxa1∓]
[12...Be6 13.Qc2 f5 14.Ne2 Qe7 15.Bf4 Bxf4 16.Nxf4 Nd7 17.Bf1 Bf7 18.Nd3 Qf6 19.Nfe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Rfe8 21.f3 Ng5 22.Bd3 Ne6 23.Bxf5 Nxd4 24.Bxh7+ Kh8 25.Nxf7+ Qxf7 26.Qg6 Rf8 27.Re5 Laurent,F (2560)-6.Bg2 Be7 (2312) Merida 2022 MAINB (21) [John Watson] 1-0 (35) Kitty Kat: 'Laurent,F (2560)-6.Bg2 Be7 (2312) Merida 2022 MAINB (21) [John Watson] 1-0 (35)']

13.Be3 4:06 **h6** 10:55 **14.Nh4** 6:52 **Bh7** 2:18 **15.g3N** 4:08
[15.Qxb7? -7.38/22 15.g2-g3 0.35 too greedy. Bxh2+ Discovered Attack 16.Kxh2 Qxb7-+]
[RR 15.f3 Bd8 16.fxe4 Bxh4 17.Rf1 Bg6 18.Rad1 Na6 19.exd5 Bh5 20.Bc1 Bxd1 21.Qxd1 Nb4 22.Bf5 Qd8 23.d6 Bg5 24.a3 Na6 25.b4 Nb8 26.Qg4 Bxc1 27.Rxc1 a5 28.b5 b6 29.Be4 Qf6 Ansat,A (2474)-Gong,S (2407) Petrovac 2025 1-0 (37)]

15...Bd8 1:14 **16.Nf3** 0 **Bf6!** 1:13 **17.Rad1** 3:08 **Na6** 2:53 **18.Bxe4** 10:29 **dxe4** 3:18
[18...Bxe4!? 19.Nxe4 -0.01/25 *(19.Ne5± 0.35/26 deserves consideration. Rxe5 20.dxe5)* 19...Rxe4=]

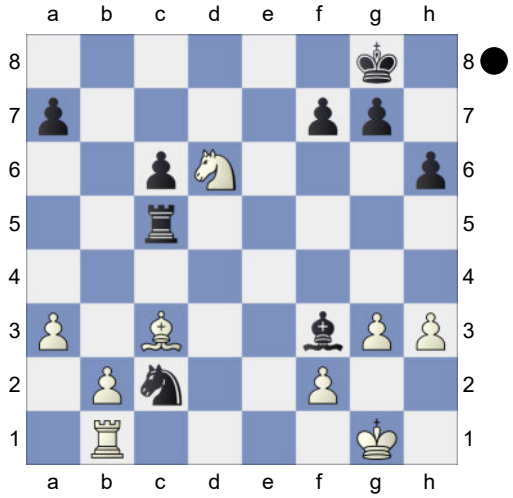


19.Ne5 0 **Bxe5** 13 **20.dxe5** 5 **Qe7** 18:07



21.e6! 45 **Bf5** 17:58 **22.Rd7** 45 **Qxe6** 13 **23.Qxe6** 21:32 **Bxe6** 7 **24.Rxb7** 7 **Bc8** 24 **25.Rb3** 23 **Be6** 3:42 **26.Rb7** 2:01 **Bc8!?** 7 **27.Rb3** 12:01 **Bg4** 3:12 Against Re1-d1 **28.Rb7** 11:02 **Reb8** 3:20 **29.Rxb8+** 8 **Rxb8** 2:23 **30.Rb1** 2:23 **Nb4** 14:00 **31.a3** 1:23 **Nc2** 0 **32.Bf4** 12:54 **Rb3** 1:43 **33.Nxe4** 2:57

Rd3 15:01 **34.Be5** 3:03 **Bf3** 32 **35.Nd6** 5:23 **Rd5** 40 **36.Bc3** 1:57 **Rxc5** 5:02 **37.h3** -0.45/24 2:12
[37.Nb7= -0.03/23 Rd5 38.Na5]



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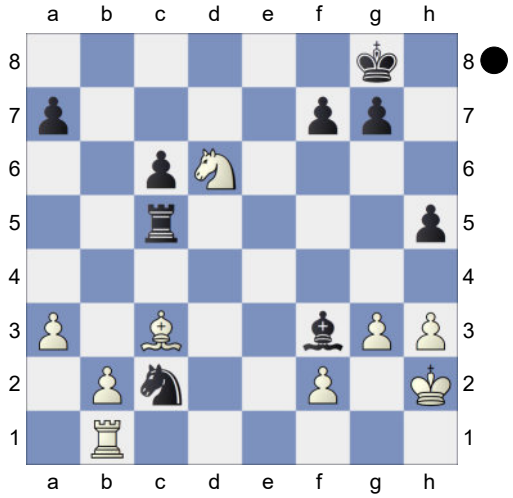

Nxa3! 1:47 Deflection **39.Re1** 1:09 aiming for Re1-e3. **39...Nb5!** 3:43 **40.Re8+** 20 **Kh7** 10:57 **41.Nxf7** 9:55 **Nxc3** 13 **42.bxc3∓** 24:47 Endgame KRB-KRN **42...Ra5** 0.33/24 6:33
[42...a5= -0.11/23 is more appropriate.]
43.c4 0.01/24 8:24
[43.h4± 0.33/24]
43...Ra2!= 14:32 **44.Rf8** 3:05 Black must now prevent Nf7-g5+.
44...Be2 2:48
[44...Rxf2+? 0.75/5 44...Bf3-e2 0.01 45.Kg1 Rg2+ 46.Kf1+-]
[44...Rxf2+? 45.Kg1 Rg2+ 46.Kf1+-]
45.h4 5:02 **Ra5** 3:00
[45...Bxc4? 1.68/23 45...a7-a5 -0.23 46.Rh8+ Kg6 47.Ne5+ Kf6 48.Nxc4+-]
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[45...a5!?]
46.Ng5+ 35 The position is equal.
46...Kg6 29 **47.Rc8** 4:15 **c5** 4:42
48.Ne6 49 Strongly threatening Ne6-f4+.
48...Bxc4 2:04 **49.Nf4+** 54 **Kh7** 2:08
50.Rc7 17 **Kh6** 2:18 **51.Rc6+** 0 **Kh7** 39
52.Nxh5 59 **Be2** 1:06 And now ...Be2-f3 would win. **53.Nf4** 0 **Bf3** 12 **54.Rc7** 24 **Ra1** 59 **55.g4** 11 **Bxg4** 8 **56.Rxc5** 1:22 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
[56.Kg3!? Bd1 57.Ne6=]
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86th Tata Steel Masters (6.4) 19.01.2024
[David Cummings,TA]*

A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: 'A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems '' **1.Nf3**

D Cummings,MH D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH' **1...d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Bg4 4.h3 Bh5 5.c4** A small move-order nuance, since White normally castles here:

[5.0-0 when the mainline runs Nd7 6.d4 e6 7.c4 and now the following games in the PGN Archives give an overview of current theory:

A) 7...Ngf6 8.cxd5 exd5

A1) 9.Ne5 is best met by Ne4 *(9...Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Nd2 Nxd2 12.Bxd2 Bc5 13.Rc1 Qe7 14.Kh2 0-0 15.g4 Bg6 16.f4* gave White an edge in Nepomniachtchi-Duda*)* 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Nc3 Be7 12.Bf4 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Bg6 14.Qb3 Qb6 with balanced chances in Mikhalevski-Shirov;

A2) 9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Qe3+ Be7 11.Nh4 is reviewed in Vachier-Lagrave-Bluebaum;

B) 7...Be7 and here:

B1) 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Nc3 *(9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Qe3 Nf8* was fine for Black in Chirila-Moradiabadi*)* 9...Bxf3 10.exf3!? is Ju Wenjun-Goryachkina;

B2) 8.Nc3 dxc4 9.b3 cxb3 10.Qxb3 offers White good compensation for the pawn, see Eljanov-So]

5...e6 6.d4 Nd7 7.cxd5 This trade makes sense as soon as Black has committed to ...Nb8-d7, so that there is no longer the option of ...c6xd5 and ... Nb8-c6. **7...exd5 8.Nc3 Ngf6**

[8...Bd6 (played in Daneshvar,B (2591)-Gukesh,D (2720) Samarkand 2023 1-0 (52)) prevents 9 Ne5 but can be met by 9.e4! giving White the initiative.]

9.Ne5 White continues to delay castling, using the saved tempo to establish a central stronghold. Note that White's 8 Nc3 discourages ...Nf6-e4 which was the idea we saw above in Mikhalevski-Shirov. **9...Bd6** This plays into White's hands. Instead:

[9...Nxe5 is more critical. Now 10.dxe5 Nd7 11.f4 0.00/19 Warmerdam,M (2595)-Van den Doel, E (2604) Hoogeveen 2021 1-0 (40), and now *(11.0-0!±* 0.40/19 D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings, MH' *)* 11...Bc5 gives Black the chance of counterplay due to White's loosened King's position.]

10.f4 White's control of the centre promises an edge. **10...Bg6 11.0-0!** Threatening 12 f5, which prompts Black to offer trades on the e4-square. Threatening 12 f5, which prompts Black to offer trades on the e4-square. D Cummings,MH: 'Threatening 12 f5, which prompts Black to offer trades on the e4-square. David Cummings,MH: '!" **11...Be4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Qb3** How should Black deal with the double attack on f7 and b7? **14...Bxe5?!** 1.59/24 Black maintains the material balance, but this is objectively dubious. Instead:

[14...0-0± 0.61/22 D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' ±" 15.Qxb7 Nb6

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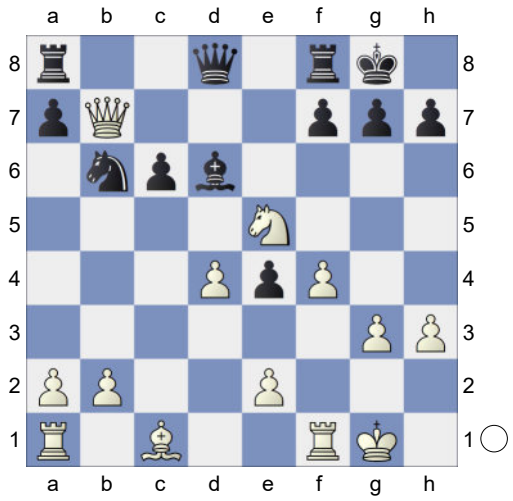

[#] D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '[#]'' 16.Qxc6 0.47/19 sheds two pawns, but after *(16.Be3!±* 0.89/19 D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH') 16...Bxe5± D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' ±'' 17.dxe5 Black must now prevent Bc1-e3! Black must now prevent Bc1-e3! D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' Black must now prevent Bc1-e3!'' Qd4+ 18.e3! D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '!'' Qd3 Black has decent compensation due to White's lack of development.]

15.dxe5N The correct recapture. The correct recapture. D Cummings,MH: 'The correct recapture. David Cummings,MH: 'N''

[15.fxe5?! 0.40/19 15.d4xe5 1.53 15.d4xe5 1.53 D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '?!' '15.d4xe5 1.53'' 0-0± D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '±'' 16.Qxb7 Nb6

A) 17.e3 D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH' Qd5 *(17...Qg5 18.Kg2 Nd5 19.Qxc6 Rac8 20.Qxd5 Rc2+ 21.Rf2 Rxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Qf5+ 23.Ke1 Rc8 24.Qb7 h5 25.Bd2 Qxh3 26.Qxe4 Qxg3+ 27.Ke2 h4 28.Rf1 h3 29.e6 f6 30.Qf3 Qg6 31.Qf5 Qg2+ 32.Rf2* 1-0 Yu,Y (2729)-Indjic,A (2641) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (6) 1-0 Yu,Y (2729)-Indjic,A (2641) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (6) D Cummings,MH: '1-0 Yu,Y (2729)-Indjic,A (2641) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Late blitz 2023 (6)' *)* 18.b3 Rfb8 19.Qe7 Re8 20.Qd6 Rad8 21.Qxd5 Nxd5 22.Bd2 c5 23.dxc5 Rxe5 24.Rad1 Rc8 25.b4 a6 26.Rc1 Nc7 27.Bc3 Rd5 28.Rfd1 Rcd8 29.Rxd5 Rxd5 30.Bd4 f6 31.a4 Kf7 1-0 Winkler,T (2660)-Teske,H (2486) EU-chT (Men) 15th Gothenburg 2005 (15) 1-0 Winkler,T (2660)-Teske,H (2486) EU-chT (Men) 15th Gothenburg 2005 (15) D Cummings,MH: '1-0 Winkler,T (2660)-Teske,H (2486) EU-chT (Men) 15th 2005 (15)' 32.Rf1 Ke6 33.Rf4 f5 34.Rh4 h6 35.Bxg7 Rd1+ 36.Kf2 Nd5 37.b5 axb5 38.axb5 Rd2+ 39.Ke1 Rd3 40.Rxh6+ Kf7 41.Bd4 Nxe3 42.Bxe3 Rxe3+ 43.Kf2 Rf3+ 44.Ke2 Rxg3 45.b6 Kg7 46.b7 1-0 Grandelius,N (2660)-Alexakis,D (2486) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2022 (15);

B) 17.Be3 Nd5 18.Bc1 is nothing special for White, Yu,Y (2729)-Indjic,A (2641) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (39)]

[RR 15.fxe5 0-0 16.Qxb7 Nb6 17.Be3 Nd5 18.Bc1 Nb6 19.e3 Qg5 20.Kg2 Nd5 21.Qxc6 Rac8 22.Qxd5 Rc2+ 23.Rf2 Rxf2+ 24.Kxf2 Qf5+ 25.Ke1 Rc8 26.Qb7 h5 27.Bd2

Qxh3 28.Qxe4 Qxg3+ 29.Ke2 h4 Yu,Y (2729)-Indjic,A (2641) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (39)]

15...Nb6 The first new move. In my database, there are three Titled Tuesday games with Rasmus Svane (playing White) scoring 3/3 from this position! For example:

[15...Qb6+ 16.Be3 Qxb3 17.axb3 a6 18.Ra4 f5 19.Rb4 1.35/18 *(19.g4+-* 1.83/20 D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH'*)* 19...0-0-0± D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings, MH: ' ±" 20.g4 and White was on top in Svane,R (2637)-Ibrahimli,M (2418) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (33)]

16.Qb4 1.07/20 White's opening has been a huge success, but here:. White is more active. White's opening has been a huge success, but here:. White is more active. D Cummings,MH: 'White's opening has been a huge success, but here: David Cummings,MH: 'White's opening has been a huge success, but here:. White is more active."

[⌓16.Be3 1.45/21 was more convincing, for example was more convincing, for example D Cummings, MH: 'was more convincing, for example David Cummings,MH: ' ⌓" 0-0 1.70/21 *(16...Qd7±* 1.32/18 D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings, MH' *)* 17.Rad1+- D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '+-'' Qc7 18.Bxb6 Qxb6+ 19.Qxb6 axb6 20.a3 and its only a matter of time for before the e4-pawn falls.]

16...Qd5 17.b3 0-0-0 18.Be3 Qe6 1.34/19

[⌓18...f6 0.94/18 D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH']

19.Kh2

[19.Qxe4?! D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH' Qxh3 20.Bf2 g5=]

19...f6 20.Qxe4 Letting some of the advantage slip.

[20.Qa3! is stronger, when play could continue fxe5 *(20...Kb8* 1.94/19 20...Nb6-d5 1.31 is now met by 20...Nb6-d5 1.31 is now met by D Cummings,MH: 'is now met by David Cummings,MH: '20...Nb6-d5 1.31 is now met by'' *21.f5)* 21.f5 Qd6 22.Qxa7 Nd5 23.Bc5 Qb8 ...Qb8xa7 would now be deadly. ...Qb8xa7 would now be deadly. D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' ...Qb8xa7 would now be deadly.'' 24.Qa4 and White is in control.]

20...fxe5 21.fxe5?! 0.42/22 Winning a pawn, but releasing a lot of the pressure on Black's position.

[White should play D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' White should play" 21.f5± 1.04/19 D Cummings, MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' ±" Qf7 *(21...Qd6* D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH' *22.Rac1)* 22.Rac1 and White remains better.]

[21.Qxe5?! D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH' Rhe8=]

21...Rd5± Black is weak on the dark squares Black is weak on the dark squares D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' ±' David Cummings,MH: ' Black is weak on the dark squares''

22.Bd4 Nd7 23.Rf2

[23.Bxa7 D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH' b6 *(23...Rxe5 24.Qd3∓)* 24.Rad1 Rxe5-+]

23...Re8

[23...Nxe5 was already possible.]

24.Raf1

[24.Bxa7? D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH' b6 25.Bxb6 *(25.Qxh7? Qxe5 26.Bxb6 Kb7-+)*

25...Nxb6 26.Qxh7 Re7-+ *(26...Rxe5 27.Qxg7 Re7 28.Qg4∓; 26...Qxe5? 27.Rc1-+)*]

24...Qg6 0.77/19

[24...Re7± 0.38/20 was preferrable. was preferrable. D Cummings,MH: '(David Cummings,MH) was preferrable.']

25.Qe3 0.17/21

[White should try 25.Qxg6± 0.77/19 D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH' hxg6 26.Bb2 *(26.Bxa7 b6∓)*]

25...b6 1.54/18

[25...Nxe5= 0.17/21 keeps the balance. keeps the balance. D Cummings,MH: '(David Cummings,MH) keeps the balance.' 26.Rf8 *(26.Bxa7? Ng4+* Discovered Attack *27.hxg4 Rxe3-+)* 26...Rdd8 27.Rxe8 Remove Defender Rxe8 28.Bxe5 Qh5]

26.b4 0.22/24

[26.Rf7± 1.54/18 D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH']

26...Nxe5 27.Rf8! Repels Ne5-g4+ Repels Ne5-g4+ D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '!' David Cummings,MH: ' Repels Ne5-g4+'' **27...Rdd8!** D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '!'' **28.Rxe8** Remove Defender Remove Defender D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' Remove Defender'' **28...Rxe8 29.Bxe5** Hoping for Qe3-f4. Hoping for Qe3-f4. D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' Hoping for Qe3-f4." **29...Qh5**

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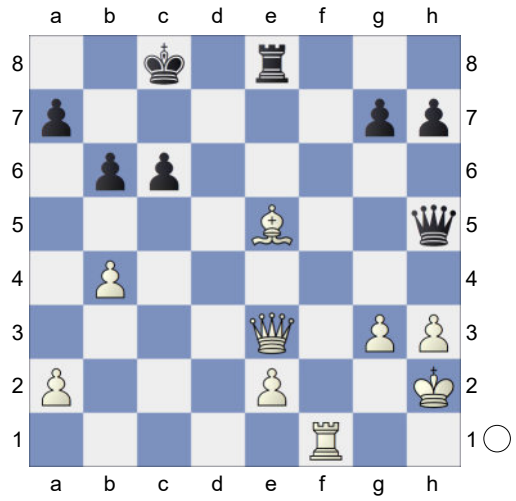

regaining the piece. [#] regaining the piece. D Cummings,MH: 'regaining the piece. David Cummings,MH: '[#] regaining the piece.'' **30.Qe4 Qxe5 31.Qxc6+** Endgame. KQR-KQR Endgame. KQR-KQR D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: 'Endgame. KQR-KQR'' **31...Kb8 32.Rf2↑** White has emerged with an extra pawn, but with both kings exposed, Black should be holding. White fights for an advantage. White has emerged with an extra pawn, but with both kings exposed, Black should be holding. White fights for an advantage. D Cummings,MH: 'White has emerged with an extra pawn, but with both kings exposed, Black should be holding. David Cummings,MH: ' ↑' David Cummings,MH: 'White has emerged with an extra pawn, but with both kings exposed, Black should be holding. White fights for an advantage.'' **32...h5!** D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '!'' **33.h4 g5!** D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '!'' **34.hxg5 h4!** D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '!'' **35.Qf3 Rg8!**

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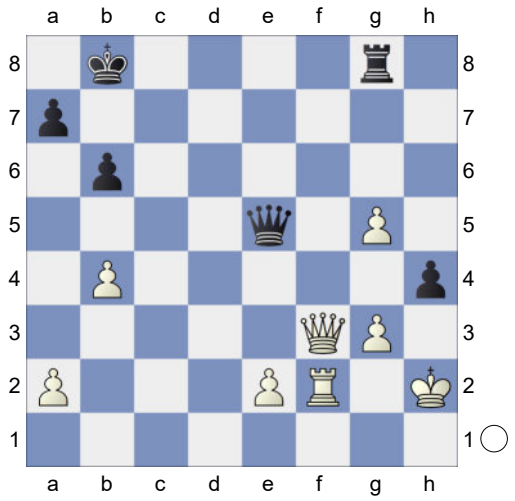

[#] D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings, MH: '!' David Cummings,MH: '[#]'' **36.g6!** D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '!'' **36...Qd6?** 3.34/20 An unfortunate mistake in time trouble. **37.Kh3+-** D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '+-'' **37...hxg3** 4.44/26

[⌓37...Qxg6 3.10/16 D Cummings, MH: 'David Cummings,MH' 38.Qf4+ *(38.Kxh4? Rh8+; 38.gxh4 Qe6+ 39.Kh2 Rg4+-)* 38...Ka8]

38.Qxg3? 0.08/22 Returning the favour.

[Only move: 38.Qf6!+- 4.44/26 was a brilliant opportunity, for example

A) 38...Qd2 D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH' 39.Qe5+ *(39.Kxg3 Qe3+ 40.Kg4 Rxg6+ 41.Qxg6 Qxf2±)* 39...Ka8 40.Rf6 *(40.Qxg3? too greedy. Qh6+ 41.Kg2 Rxg6-+ Pin)* 40...Qh6+ 41.Kg2 *(41.Kxg3 Rxg6+ 42.Rxg6 Qxg6+ 43.Kh3 Qf7±)* 41...Qh2+ 42.Kf3 Qh1+ 43.Kxg3;

B) 38...Qc7 39.Qf8+ Kb7 40.Qxg8 White wants to mate with Qg8-d5+. White wants to mate with Qg8-d5+. D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings, MH: ' White wants to mate with Qg8-d5+." gxf2

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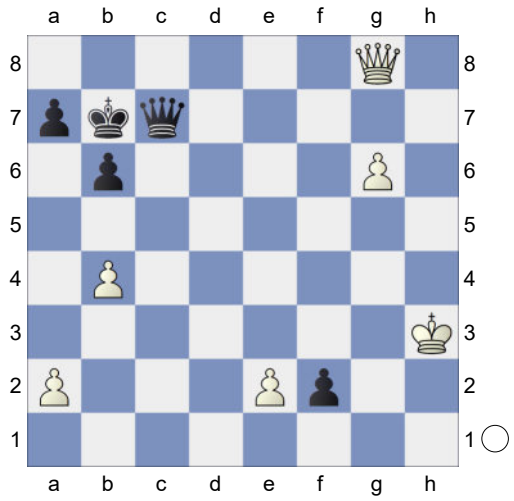

[#] D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '[#]'' 41.Qd5+! D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings, MH: '!'' Kb8 42.Kg2 and White wins.]

38...Qxg3+= Now Black has not choice to enter the rook endgame, but is now able to hold convincingly. Remove Defender. The position is equal. Now Black has not choice to enter the rook endgame, but is now able to hold convincingly. Remove Defender. The position is equal. D Cummings,MH: 'Now Black has not choice to enter the rook endgame, but is now able to hold convincingly. David Cummings,MH: '=' David Cummings,MH: 'Now Black has not choice to enter the rook endgame, but is now able to hold convincingly. Remove Defender. The position is equal. '' **39.Kxg3** aiming for Rf2-f6. D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' aiming for Rf2-f6.'' **39...Rxg6++-** KR-KR turns out to be a drawn rook endgame, as we in fact see in the game. Of course, it would be difficult to know this for sure with limited time. KR-KR D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '+-' David Cummings,MH: ' KR-KR' David Cummings,MH: 'turns out to be a drawn

rook endgame, as we in fact see in the game. Of course, it would be difficult to know this for sure with limited time.'' **40.Kf4** Threatens to win with e2-e4. Threatens to win with e2-e4. D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' Threatens to win with e2-e4.'' **40...Rf6+!** D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '!''

[40...Kc7 D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH']

41.Ke3 Re6+ 42.Kd4 Rd6+ 43.Ke5 Rd2 44.a4 And now Rf2-f8+ would win. And now Rf2-f8+ would win. D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' And now Rf2-f8+ would win.'' **44...a6 45.b5** Rf2-f8+ is the strong threat. Rf2-f8+ is the strong threat. D Cummings, MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' Rf2-f8+ is the strong threat.'' **45...axb5 46.axb5 Rb2 47.Kd6 Rxb5 48.e4** Strongly threatening e4-e5. Strongly threatening e4-e5. D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' Strongly threatening e4-e5.'' **48...Rb4 49.e5 Rd4+ 50.Ke7 b5 51.e6 Kc7 52.Rf5 b4 53.Kf8** White threatens e6-e7 and mate. White threatens e6-e7 and mate. D Cummings, MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' White threatens e6-e7 and mate.'' **53...Re4 54.e7 Kd7□** D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' □ '' **55.Rf7=** D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '='

[55.Rd5+ D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH' Kc6=]

55...Kc6 56.e8Q+ Rxe8+ 57.Kxe8= Intending Rf7-f5 and mate. KR-KP Intending Rf7-f5 and mate. KR-KP D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: '=' David Cummings,MH: ' Intending Rf7-f5 and mate. KR-KP'' **57...Kc5 58.Kd7 b3 59.Rf1 Kc4 60.Kd6 b2 61.Ke5 Kd3 62.Rb1 Kc2 63.Rxb2+ Kxb2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise) D Cummings,MH: 'David Cummings,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise) ''

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[Kitty Kat]*

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 d6 6.a4 a5** Against b2-b4 **7.Bg5N**

[7.0-0 0-0 *(7...h6 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.Bb3 Ng6 12.Qe2 Re8 13.Rad1 c6 14.Qf2 Be6 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.h3 Qb6 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.Rfe1 Rd8 19.Nh4 b5 20.axb5 cxb5 21.Nd2 Nxh4 22.Qxh4* 5.dc5 Bc5 6.Bf4 (2612)-Kauschmann,H (2665) Rinteln op30` 2017 CBM 21 ext [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (56)*)* 8.h3 *(8.Na3 Ne7 9.Bg5 Ng6 10.Nh4 Bg4 11.Qc1 Nxh4 12.Bxh4 h6 13.Kh1 Be2 14.Re1 Ng4 15.Bg3 Bxf2 16.Rxe2 Bxg3 17.hxg3 Qf6 18.Qf1 Qg5 19.Qf5 g6 20.Qxg5 hxg5 21.Nc2 Kg7 22.Ne3 Rh8+* 15.h4 h6 16.g4 Qc7 17.g5 (2183)-Ladron de Guevara Pinto, P (2425) Zadar 2023 CBM 79_02 [John Watson] 0-1 (55)*)* 8...h6 9.Bb3 Be6 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 d5 12.exd5 Bxd5 13.d4 exd4 14.exd4 Qd6 15.Nbd2 Rae8 16.Re1 b6 1

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7...h6 8.Bh4 Qe7 0.19/18

[⩲8...g5 -0.17/18 9.Bg3 0-0]

[RR 8...Bd7 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.0-0 g5 11.Bg3 Ba7 12.Bb5 Nh5 13.d4 exd4 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Nxd4 Ng7 16.Nc4 0-0 17.Re1 f5 18.exf5 Qf7 19.Ne3 Rae8 20.Qd2 Bb6 21.h3 c5 22.Nb5 Bc6 23.c4 Firouzja,A (2766)-So,W (2745) Zagreb 2025 0-1 (61)]

9.0-0= Ba7

[RR 9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Be6 11.Re1 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Qe6 13.d4 Qxc4 14.Bxf6 Bb6 15.Nh4 Qe6 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.d5 Qf6 18.Nf5+ Kh7 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Ra3 d5 21.Qc2 Rad8 22.c4 dxe4 23.Qxe4 Rd2 24.Rf3 Dominguez Perez,L (2705)-Le, Q (2655) Saint Louis 2025 1-0 (58)]

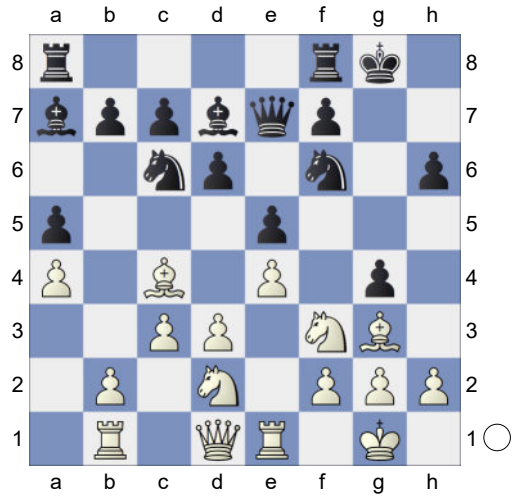
[RR 9...g5 10.Bg3 Bg4 11.Nbd2 Ba7 12.Bb5 0-0 13.Re1 Nh5 14.Kh1 Ng7 15.h3 Bh5 16.Bc4 Kh8 17.Bd5 Nd8 18.d4 f6 19.Nf1 c6 20.Ba2 Nde6 21.Ne3 Rad8 22.Ng4 Kh7 23.Bb1 Bg6 24.Qd2 Firouzja,A (2751)-Ding,L (2745) Saint Louis 2024 1-0 (43)]

10.Nbd2 Bd7N

[RR 10...0-0 11.Re1 Be6 12.Bb5 Rad8 13.Qc2 Nb8 14.d4 c6 15.Bf1 Nbd7 16.Rad1 Rfe8 17.Nc4 Bxc4 18.Bxc4 Nf8 19.Qb3 Ng6 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.g3 Kg7 22.h4 h5 23.Nh2 Rb8 24.Nf1 exd4 25.cxd4 Prabhu,N (2099)-Pang,Q (1818) Dulles 2022 1-0 (47)]

[RR 10...g5 11.Bg3 Nh7 12.d4 h5 13.h4 g4 14.Ne1 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Nc2 0-0-0 17.Ne3 Bg6 18.Nb3 Nf6 19.Nd5 Qg7 20.Nxf6 Qxf6 21.Bb5 Bb6 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Qe2 exd4 24.Qa6+ Kd7 25.Nxd4 Kadric,D (2553)-Lagarde,M (2598) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (49)]

11.Rb1 g5 12.Bg3 0-0 13.Re1 g4

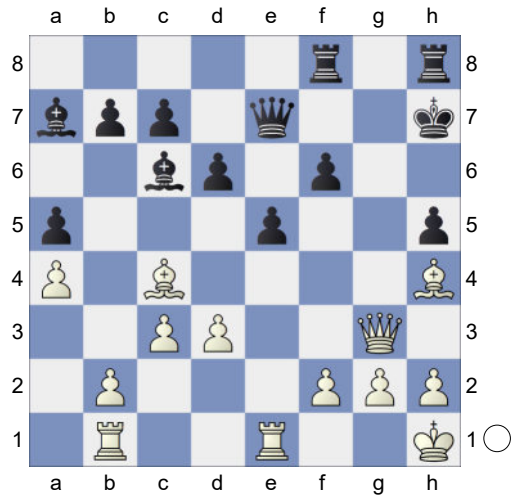


14.Bh4! gxf3 15.Qxf3 Kg7 16.Nf1! White has compensation. **16...Rh8**

[Weaker is 16...Be6 17.Ng3 Bg4 18.Bxf6+ Qxf6 19.Qxg4+ Kh8 20.Qf5±]

17.Ne3 Raf8 18.Kh1 aiming for Ne3-f5+. **18...h5 19.Qg3+ Kh7** Hoping for ... Ba7xe3. **20.Nd5** &Bianco is more active. **20...Nxd5 21.exd5 f6 22.dxc6 Bxc6** 0.77/22

[22...bxc6= 0.28/22 should be considered. 23.d4 Qg7]



23.d4 -0.01/21

[23.Qh3!± 0.77/22]

23...Qg7 The position is equal. **24.Bd3+ Kg8 25.Re3⇄** Strongly threatening Qg3-h3. White is not holding back **25...exd4 26.Qxg7+ Kxg7 27.Rg3+ Kf7** ...d4xc3 is the strong threat. **28.Rg6 Rhg8 29.Rxf6+ Kg7 30.Rg6+ Kf7 31.Rf6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise) **½-½**

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□ **Wei,Yi** **2740**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
Tata Steel-A 86th (4) 16.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]*

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 ChessBase **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3**
[RR 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.Nge2]
4...e6 5.Be2 Ne7
[RR 5...Nd7 6.0-0 Ne7 7.Be3 Bg6 8.Nh4 Nf5 9.Nxf5 Bxf5 10.g4 Bg6 11.f4 f5]
[RR 5...c5 6.Be3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Ne7 8.c4 Nbc6 9.Nc3 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nc6 12.Bb5 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Ne2 c5]
6.0-0 c5 7.dxc5 Nec6 8.Bg5
[8.c3 Bxc5 9.Bd3 Bg4 10.Nbd2 Nd7 11.Bb5 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.h3 Bh5 14.Re1 Qb6 15.Qe2 a5 16.Nf1 Nxe5 17.Qxe5 Bxf2+ 18.Kh2 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Bxe1 20.Qxe1 e5 21.Ng3 Rae8 22.Nf5 Re6 0-1 Firouzja,A (2777)-Carlsen,M (2835) Bullet Chess Losers Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (6.5) 0-1 Firouzja,A (2777)-Carlsen,M (2835) Bullet Chess Losers blitz 2023 (6.5) 0-1 Firouzja,A (2777)-Carlsen,M (2835) Bullet Chess Losers blitz 2023 (6.5)]
[RR 8.Be3 Nd7 9.Bb5 Qc7 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.b4 a5 12.c3 axb4 13.cxb4 Bxb1 14.Qxb1 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Qd3 Be7 17.b5 0-0 18.Bd4 Qc7 19.b6 Qb7 20.Qg3 f6 21.f4 Ra4 22.Qe3 Kf7 Munz,J (1931)-Melkevik,E (1825) Drammen 2025 1-0 (42)]
8...Be7 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 White is slightly better. **10.Na3N** 0.02/17 A top novelty. Eine Top Neuerung .A top novelty. Eine Top Neuerung.
[Vorgänger: 10.c4± 0.42/20 dxc4
A) 11.Na3 Nd7 *(11...c3 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.Nb5 0-0 14.Nd6 Nxc5 15.Bb5 Bg4 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.h3 Bh5 18.g4 Bg6 19.Qd4 Nb7 20.Rad1 c5 21.Qa4 Nxd6 22.Rxd6 f5 23.Rd7 Qe8 24.Rfd1 fxg4 25.Qxg4 Rf7 26.Rxf7* 4 Chapter Part-Games Chapter Part 2 (7) GameChapter Part-Games Chapter Part 2 (7)*)* 12.Nxc4 0-0 13.Qd6 Nxc5 14.Qxe7 Nxe7 15.Rfd1 Rad8 16.Nd6 b6 17.Nd4 Bg6 18.Rac1 a5 19.Nc4 Nd7 20.Bf3 h6 21.h4 h5 22.Rc3 Kh7 23.g3 Kh6 24.Bg2 Bf5 25.Nxf5+ Nxf5 1-0 Halwick,F (2434)-Garcia,M (2152) IECG WC.2009.S.00003 email IECG email 2006 1-0 Halwick,F (2434)-Garcia,M (2152) IECG WC.2009.S.00003 email 2006 1-0 Halwick,F (2434)-Garcia,M (2152) IECG WC.2009.S.00003 email 2006 26.Be4 Kh7 27.Bxf5+ exf5 28.Rcd3 Rc8 29.b3 Nc5 30.Rf3 g6 31.Nxb6 Rcd8 32.Rxd8 Rxd8 33.Rc3 Ne6 34.Nc4 Rd5 35.f4 Kg7 36.Kf2 Kf8 37.a4 Ke7 38.Ke2 Rc5 39.Rd3 Nd8 40.Rd6 Nc6 1-0 Landero Luna,V (2434)-

Kinnmark,O (2152) USSR (ch) 48/570 1989 1-0 Landero Luna,V (2434)-Kinnmark,O (2152) USSR (ch) 48/570 1989;

B) 11.Nbd2 c3! 12.bxc3 0-0 13.Nc4 Nd7 14.Nd4 And now Nd4xc6 would win. Ndxe5 0.65/17 *(14...Ncxe5=* -0.11/20 *15.Nxf5 exf5)* 15.Nxe5 -0.04/20 *(15.Nxf5±* 0.65/17 *exf5 16.Nd6)* 15...Nxe5= 16.Nxf5 exf5 1-0 Paravyan,D (2617)-Tari,A (2660) Titled Tuesday intern op 01st Mar Early Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (11) 1-0 Paravyan,D (2617)-Tari,A (2660) Titled Tuesday intern op 01st Mar Early blitz 2022 (11) 1-0 Paravyan,D (2617)-Tari,A (2660) Titled Tuesday intern op 01st Mar Early blitz 2022 (11)]

[10.c4± 0.42/20]

[RR 10.c4 dxc4 11.Na3 Nd7 12.Nxc4 0-0 13.Nd6 Nxc5 14.Qd2 Bg4 15.Qe3 Nd7 16.Nxb7 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Ndxe5 18.Bxc6 Nxc6 19.Nc5 Nb4 ½-½ (19) Firman,N (2485)-Kovalov,S (2351) Alushta 2002]

[RR 10.c4 dxc4 11.Na3 c3 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.Nb5 *(RR 13.Bb5 Qxc5 14.Nc4 0-0 15.Qxd7 Qxb5 16.Nd6 Qb6 17.Qxb7 Nxe5 18.Qxb6 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 axb6 20.Nxf5 exf5 21.Rfb1 Ra6)* 13...0-0 14.Nd6 Nxc5 15.Bb5 Bg4 *(RR 15...Be4)* 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.h3 *(RR 17.Qd4 Bxf3 18.Qxc5 Qg5 19.g3 Qh5)* 17...Bh5 18.g4 Bg6 19.Qd4

A) RR 19...Nd7 20.Rad1 f6 21.Rfe1 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Nxe5 23.Qxe5 Rf3 24.Re3 Rxe3 25.Qxe3 e5 *(RR 25...Rd8 26.Qe5)* 26.f4;

B) 19...Nb7 20.Rad1 c5 21.Qa4 *(RR 21.Qe3)* 21...Nxd6 22.Rxd6 *(RR 22.exd6 Qf6 23.Kg2 Qxc3)* 22...f5 23.Rd7 Qe8 *(RR 23...Be8 24.Rxe7 Bxa4 25.Rb1 fxg4 26.Ng5 Bc6 27.hxg4)* 24.Rfd1 fxg4 Shirov,A (2709)-Anand,V (2817) Leon 2011 CBM 142 Extra [ChessBase] ½-½ (39)]

[RR 10.c4 dxc4 11.Nbd2 c3 12.bxc3 0-0 13.Nc4 Nd7 14.Nd4 Ndxe5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxf5 exf5 17.Qd6 Rfe8 18.Rfd1 Qg5 19.Rd5 Re6 20.Qc7 Rae8 21.h3 Qf4 22.Qxb7 Nf3+ 23.gxf3 Rxe2 24.Rd4 Qg5+ Paravyan,D (2617)-Tari,A (2660) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (77)]

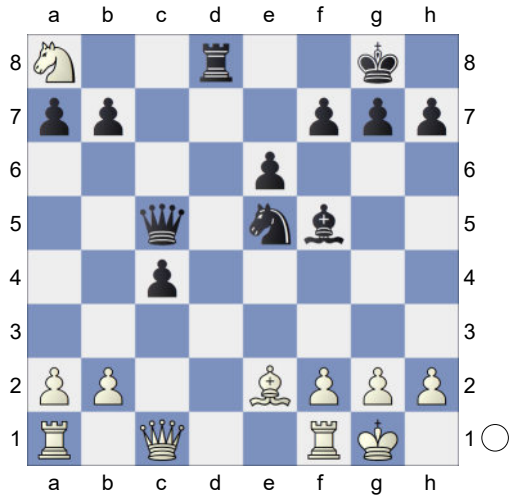
10...0-0= 11.c4 Rd8 12.Nb5 Qxc5 0.49/19

[12...Na6∓ -0.37/19]

13.Nc7± dxc4 Discovered Attack

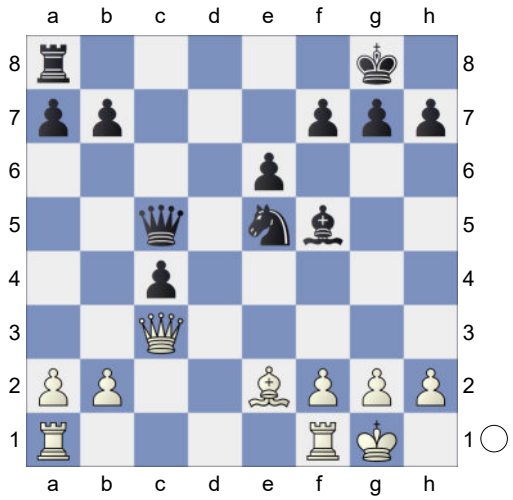
14.Qc1 Nxe5 Discovered Attack

15.Nxa8 Nbc6! 16.Nxe5 Nxe5

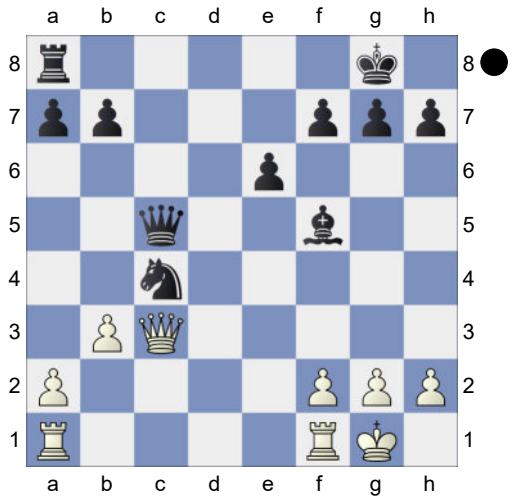


17.Qc3! Rxa8

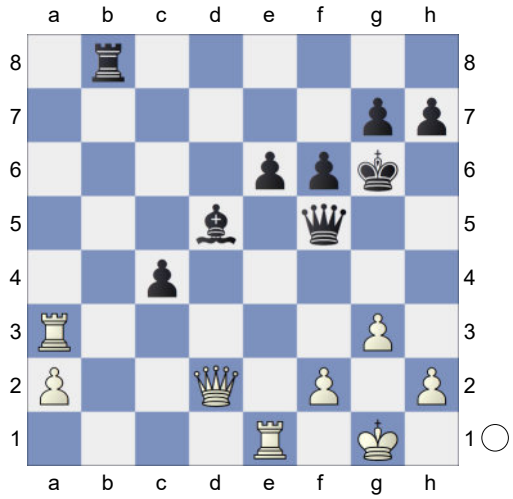
(Diagram)



18.Bxc4 -0.03/21 **Nxc4= 19.b3**



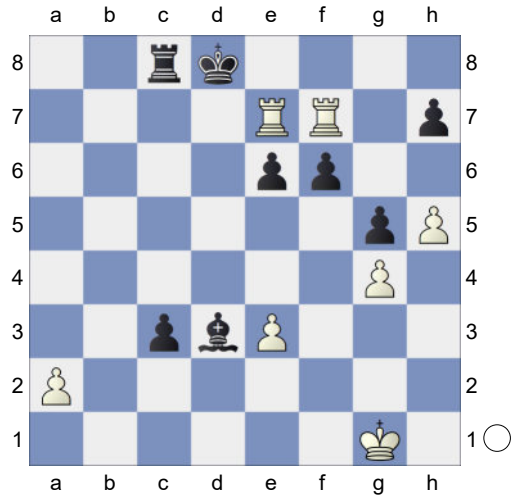
b5! 20.bxc4 Rc8 0.47/22
[20...bxc4= -0.11/21 21.Rfd1 Be4]
21.Rac1 bxc4 1.29/21
[Black should play 21...Bg6± 0.41/21]
22.Rfd1± Kf8 23.Rd4 White has strong compensation. **23...Bd3 24.Rd7** 0.01/22
[24.Rxd3? cxd3 25.Qxc5+ Rxc5-+]
[White should try 24.a4± 1.01/19]
24...Ke8!= 25.Rb7
[25.Rxd3 cxd3 26.Qxc5 Rxc5-+]
25...Be4 26.Rb4 Chess con chili.
26...Qg5 White is weak on the light squares **27.g3**
[27.Rxc4? Qxg2#]
27...Bd5 28.Rcb1 f6 29.Qc2 -0.61/19
[29.Qa3!= -0.01/20 Qe5 30.Qxa7]
29...a5 -0.01/20
[29...Kf7∓ -0.61/19]
30.Rb5 Qh5
[30...Kf7 seems wilder. 31.Qxh7 Rc7 32.Rb8 c3]
31.Qa4! Kf7⇄ White must now prevent ...Qh5-f3. Black puts up resistance
32.Rxa5 Rd8 0.39/22 Against Qa4-d7+
[32...Kg6= 0.01/22 feels stronger.]
33.Ra7+!± Kg6 34.Qc2+ Kh6 35.Qd2+ Kg6 36.Qc2+ Kh6 Hoping for ...Qh5-f3.
37.Qd2+ 0.01/18
[37.Ra3!± 0.45/20 is more appropriate.]
37...Kg6= 38.Ra3 Wards off Qh5-f3
[38.Rbb7 Bxb7 39.Qxd8 Qf3 40.Rxb7 *(40.Qe8+ Kf5=)* 40...Qxb7 41.Qe8+ Kf5 42.Qh5+ g5]
38...Qf5 39.Re1 Threatens to win with g3-g4! **39...Rb8** 0.41/20
[39...h5= -0.07/19 should be considered.]



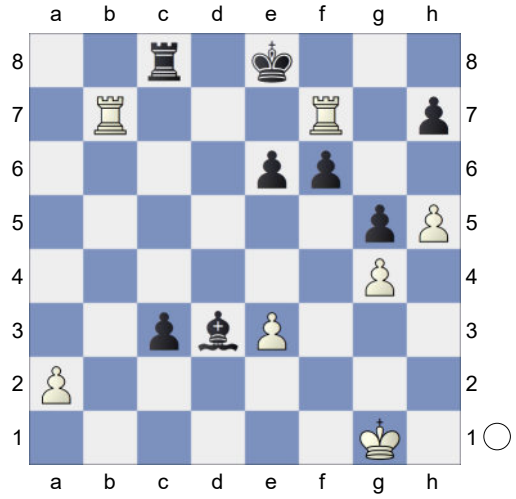
40.g4!± Qb1 Back Rank **41.h4! Qb6! 42.h5+ Kf7 43.Qe3**
[43.h6 looks sharper. Qc5 44.Rc3 Qa5 45.Qc2]
43...Qxe3 44.fxe3 Endgame. KRR-KRB Endgame. KRR-KRB **44...Be4** 1.12/22

[44...f5!± 0.35/20]
45.Ra7+± Ke8 1.39/21
[⌓45...Kf8 0.87/20]
46.Rc1
[46.Rxg7 Rb2±]
46...Bd3 2.49/21
[46...Rc8± 1.40/21]
47.Rc3 Strongly threatening Rc3-a3!
47...g5 2.86/22
[47...Kf8± 1.55/20 48.Kg2 Rc8]
48.Rca3+- Rc8 49.Rg7!
[49.R3a6 c3 50.Rxe6+ Kf8 51.Rxf6+ Kg8-+]
49...Kf8 Against Rg7-g8+ **50.Raa7 c3 51.Raf7+** 1.29/5
[51.Rgc7+- 3.20/27 Rxc7 52.Rxc7]
51...Ke8± 52.Rb7!
[52.Rxf6? Rc4-+ 53.Rg8+ *(53.Rxg5? c2-+; 53.Rxe6+? Kf8-+)* 53...Ke7-+]
52...Kf8 Prevents Rg7-g8+. **53.Rgf7+**
[53.Rbf7+ Ke8 54.Rc7 *(54.Rxf6? Rc4-+)* 54...Rxc7 55.Rxc7 c2±]
53...Ke8 54.Rbe7+? 0.62/5
[54.Rxf6 c2 55.Rxe6+ Kf8 56.Rf6+ Kg8 57.Rf1 Bxf1 *(57...c1B? 58.Re1-+)* 58.Kxf1 c1Q+ *(58...c1B? 59.Ke2-+)* 59.Ke2 Rc2+ 60.Kd3 Rd2+ *(60...Rxa2 61.Rb8+ Kf7 62.Rb7+ Ke6 63.Rb6+ Kd5 64.Rb5+ Kc6 65.Ke4 Kxb5 66.Kf5 Qxe3 67.Kf6 Ra7 68.h6 Rd7 69.Kf5 Rf7#)* 61.Ke4 Qc2+ *(61...Rxa2 62.Rb8+ Kf7 63.Rb7+ Ke8 64.Rb8+ Kd7 65.Rb7+ Kc6 66.Rb8 Qc2+ 67.Ke5 Qc5+ 68.Kf6 Qd6+ 69.Kxg5 Ra5+ 70.Rb5 Rxb5+ 71.Kh4 Qh2#)* 62.Ke5 Qc5+ *(62...Qxa2 63.Rb8+ Kf7 64.Rb7+ Ke8 65.Rb8+ Kd7 66.Rb7+ Kc6 67.h6 Kxb7 68.Kf6 Rd6+ 69.Kxg5 Qf2 70.Kh5 Qxe3 71.Kh4 Rxh6#)* 63.Ke6 Qxe3+ 64.Kf6 Rf2#]

[Better is 54.Rfe7++- 2.26/27 Kf8 55.Rec7 *(55.Rxe6 c2 56.Rxf6+ Kg8 57.Rf1 Bxf1 58.Kxf1 c1Q+ 59.Ke2 Rc2+ 60.Kd3 Rd2+ 61.Ke4 Qc6+ 62.Kf5 Qf3+ 63.Kxg5 Qxe3+ 64.Kh4 Rh2#)* 55...Rxc7 56.Rxc7]
54...Kd8±



55.Rb7 0.01/22
[55.Rxe6? Rc4-+ 56.Rd6+ *(56.Rexf6? c2-+)* 56...Ke8∓]
[55.Rd7+!± 1.30/24 Ke8 56.Rde7+ Kd8 57.Rb7 *(57.Rxe6? Rc4-+)*]
55...Ke8=



Better is **56.Rfe7+!+-** 2.26/27
[56.Rxf6 c2 57.Rxe6+ Kf8 58.Rf6+ Kg8 59.Rf1 Bxf1 *(59...c1B? 60.Re1-+)* 60.Kxf1 c1Q+ *(60...c1B?*

61.Ke2-+) 61.Ke2 Rc2+ 62.Kd3 Rd2+ *(62...Rxa2 63.Rb8+ Kf7 64.Rb7+ Ke6 65.Rb6+ Kd5 66.Rb5+ Kc6 67.Kd4 Kxb5 68.Ke5 Qxe3+ 69.Kf6 Ra7 70.h6 Rd7 71.Kf5 Rf7#)* 63.Ke4 Qc4+ *(63...Rxa2 64.Rb8+ Kf7 65.Rb7+ Ke6 66.Rb6+ Kd7 67.Rb7+ Kc6 68.Rb8 Qc4+ 69.Kf5 Qc5+ 70.Kf6 Qd6+ 71.Kxg5 Ra5+ 72.Rb5 Rxb5+ 73.Kh4 Qh2#)* 64.Ke5 Rd5+ *(64...Rxa2 65.Rb8+ Kf7 66.Rb7+ Ke8 67.Rb8+ Kd7 68.Kf6 Qe6+ 69.Kg7 Ra7 70.Kh8 Kc6 71.Rf8 Qe5+ 72.Rf6+ Qxf6+ 73.Kg8 Qg7#)* 65.Kf6 Qc3+ 66.Ke7 Qe5#]

56...Kf8 aiming for ...c3-c2. **57.Rec7**

[57.Rxe6 c2 58.Rxf6+ Kg8 59.Rf1 Bxf1 *(59...c1B? 60.Re1-+)* 60.Kxf1 c1Q+ *(60...c1B? 61.Ke2-+)* 61.Ke2 Rc2+ 62.Kd3 Rd2+ *(62...Rxa2* is a self mate. *63.Rb8+ Kf7 64.Rb7+ Ke6 65.Rb6+ Kd5 66.Rb5+ Kc6 67.Rxg5 Ra3+ 68.Ke4 Rxe3+ 69.Kf4 Re2+ 70.Kg3 Qg1+ 71.Kh4 Qh2#)* 63.Ke4 Qc6+ *(63...Rxa2 64.Rb8+ Kf7 65.Rb7+ Ke6 66.Rb6+ Kd7 67.Rb7+ Kc6 68.Rb8 Qc4+ 69.Kf5 Qd5+ 70.Kf6 Qd6+ 71.Kxg5 Ra5+ 72.Rb5 Rxb5+ 73.Kh4 Qh2#)* 64.Ke5 Qc5+ *(64...Qxb7? 65.Kf6 Rd5 66.h6 Qf7#)* 65.Ke6 Qxe3+ 66.Kf6 Rf2#]

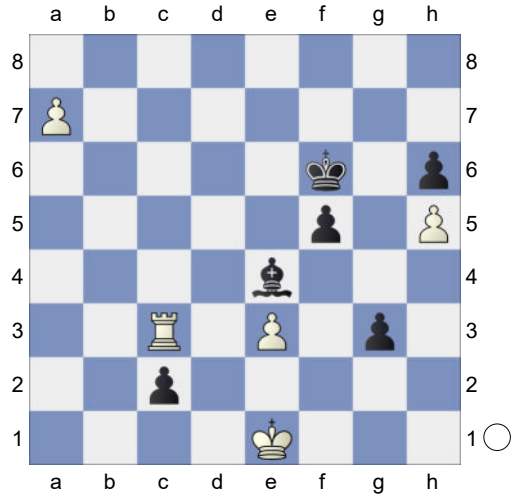
57...Rxc7 58.Rxc7+- KR-KB **58...c2 59.a4 h6?** 4.48/26

[59...f5 2.02/23 was called for. 60.gxf5 *(60.Rxh7* gets mated. *c1Q+ 61.Kh2 Qd2+ 62.Kg1 Qe1+ 63.Kg2 Qf1+ 64.Kh2 Qf2+ 65.Kh3 Bf1#)* 60...exf5]

60.a5 f5 61.Kf2 Ke8 62.gxf5 exf5 5.29/24

[62...Kd8 3.46/22 is a better defense. 63.Rc3 Bxf5]

63.Ke1 White is clearly winning. **63...g4 64.Kd2 Be4 65.a6 g3** ...f5-f4! would now be deadly. **66.Ke1 Kd8 67.Rc3 Ke7 68.a7 Kf6**



69.Rxc2!! Deflection, Promotion. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise) Deflection, Promotion. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)

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86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (3.7)

[David Cummings,TA]*

1.c4 3 **e5** 20 **2.Nc3** 7 **Nf6** 9 **3.Nf3** 5 **e4** 9 **4.Ng5** 2:18 **c6** 15 A high-profile outing for the Adhiban gambit. **5.Qa4** 13:28 This move has been gaining some traction recently. Hitherto, the mainline has been:

[5.Ngxe4 Nxe4 6.Nxe4 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Ng3 h5 9.e3 h4 10.Ne2 Nc6 11.d4 which is examined in Gines Esteo-Durarbayli, and other games in

the Archives. In practice, this line has proven quite tricky for White to play, however, and Black has scored more than 50% from this position.]

5...Qe7 15 The alternative:

[5...b5 6.cxb5 d5 7.bxc6 Qb6 is covered in Hamitevici-Laurent Paoli in the Archives.]

6.f3!? 1:44 A rare sideline that soon leads to a complex tactical slugfest! Instead:

[6.Qc2 aims to capture the e4-pawn under more favourable circumstances than on move 5. b5 7.cxb5 d5 8.e3 and now:

A) 8...Qe5 9.f4 Qc7 10.b3 h6 11.Nh3 when Black has tried:

A1) 11...a6 12.Bb2 cxb5? *(12...axb5 13.Nxb5 Qb7 14.Nc3 Bxh3 15.gxh3 Be7* gives Black some compensation in view of White's broken kingside structure, but I would still pick White here.*)* 13.Rc1 Bxh3 14.gxh3 Qb7 15.Ne2 Nbd7 16.Rg1 and White had pressure on both sides of the board in De Jong, J (2408)-Grutter,T (2337) Netherlands 2023 1-0 (41);

A2) 11...Qb7 12.Bb2 Be7 13.Rc1 c5 14.Na4 Bxh3? 15.Nxc5! Qc8 16.gxh3 left White in control, Daneshvar, B (2577)-Muradli,M (2546) Baku 2023 1-0 (55);

B) 8...h6 9.Nh3 c5 10.d3 exd3 11.Bxd3 gave Black insufficient compensation in Aravindh-Adhiban, see the game in the Archives.]

[RR 6.Qc2 Na6 7.Ngxe4 Nxe4 8.Qxe4 Qxe4 9.Nxe4 Nb4 10.Kd1 d5 11.a3 dxe4 12.axb4 Bxb4 13.f3 Be6 14.b3 f5 15.e3 0-0 16.Ba3 a5 17.Kc2 Bxa3 18.Rxa3 f4 19.exf4 Rxf4 20.Be2 Bf5 Abdusattorov,N (2690)-Paravyan,D (2639) Riga 2021 ½-½ (47)]

6...exf3 7 **7.Nxf3** 3:18 **g6** 51 An earlier online game had seen:

[7...d6 8.g3 *(8.d4* is preferable*)* 8...Nbd7 9.Bg2 g6 10.d3 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0 leaves Black for choice, thanks to White's loosened structure, Isajevsky,A (2404) -Harshavardhan,G (2413) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (40)]

8.d4N 1:40

[RR 8.g3 Bg7 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 d6 11.d3 Nbd7 12.Bd2 Nc5 13.Qc2 Ng4 14.e4 Ne5 15.Ne1 Ne6 16.Ne2 c5 17.Bc3 Bd7 18.Qd2 b5 19.b3 a5 20.Nc2 b4 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.a4 h5 Tejaswini,G (2298)-Mohamed,A (2428) Fujairah 2025 0-1 (43)]

8...Bg7 1:31 **9.c5** 7:57 A more accurate move order was: **9...0-0** 4:03

[⌓9...b6! undermines White's pawn chain. After ' ⌓ ' 10.cxb6 d5 Black has good compensation.]

10.Bf4 44 transposing back to the game

10...Na6!? 6:40 Abdusattorov offers an exchange sacrifice.

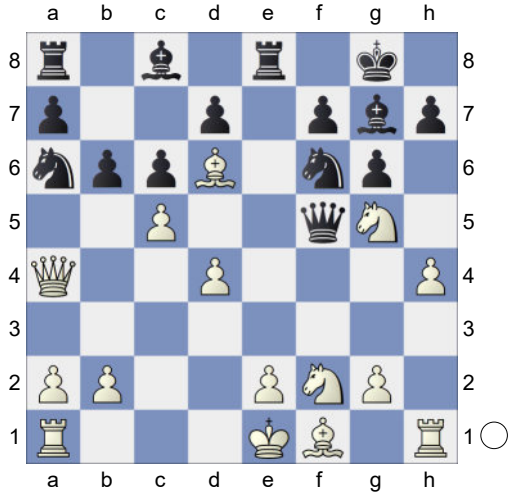
[10...b5!? 11.Qa5 *(11.cxb6 Ba6=)* 11...Na6=]

11.Bd6 5:55 **Qe3?!** 3:19 It turns out that this pushes White's c3-knight to a better square. Instead:

[11...Qe6! 12.Bxf8 Bxf8 13.Qb3 Qe7 offers Black decent play for the exchange. Black will follow up with ... b7-b6, opening up the dark squares, and White's king doesn't have a clearly safe haven on either side of the board.]

12.Nd1! 5:55 **Qe6!** 18:22 **13.Nf2?!** 11:52 This makes it harder for White to

unravel on the kingside. Instead:
[13.Bxf8± is also possible, for example Bxf8 14.e3 *(14.a3 b5 15.Qc2* and it doesn't look like Black gets enough for the material. *)*]
[13.e3 b5 14.Qa3 Nd5 15.Bd3! is much better for White according to Abdusattorov]
13...Re8 8:46 **14.h4** 16:32
[14.Be5∓]
14...b6! 8:35 **15.Ng5** 6:23 **Qf5?** 9:16
[15...Qd5∓ keeps the pressure on. keeps the pressure on. was better, and if 16.0-0-0 Qf5! (now hitting the f2-knight) with a tough fight ahead.]



[#] Giving White a tempo for kingside expansion. Here: **16.g4!** 6:16 **Qd5** 5:47
[⌓16...Nxg4 17.Nxg4 Qxg4 18.Qb3 striking at the tender f7-square.]

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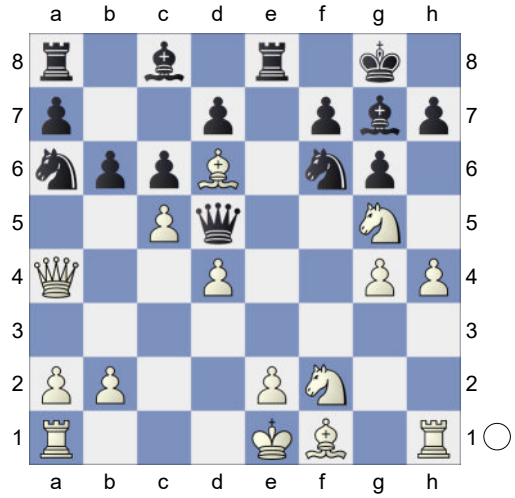
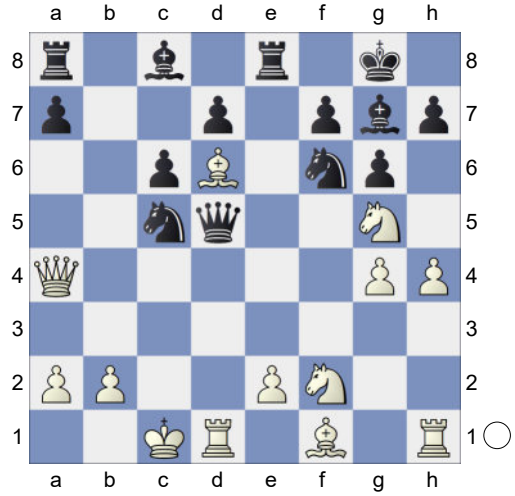
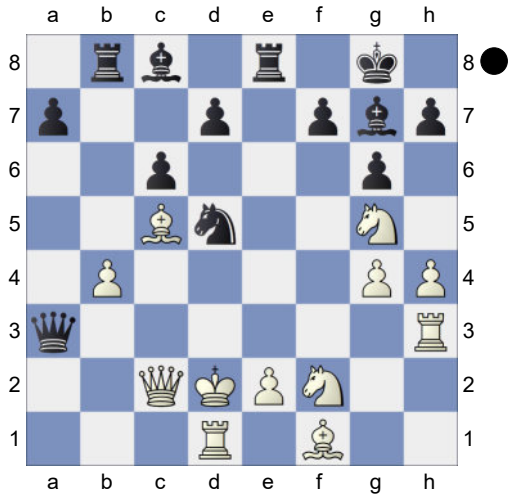


[#] Or: **17.0-0-0!** 1:40 **bxc5?** 1:05
[17...Re3±]
18.dxc5 6:13 **Nxc5** 1:10



19.Qc2? 4:03 White was well on top, but after this, the tables turn completely!
[White has to play 19.Qa3!+- Qc4+ 20.Kb1 leaves Black's queen very short of squares.]
19...Qxa2 6 Suddenly Black has a very powerful, and probably winning attack!
20.Bxc5 4
[20.Qxc5? too greedy. Nxg4 21.Qa3 Qxa3 22.bxa3 Nxf2-+]
20...Rb8 9
[20...Nd5! was more precise (Abdusattorov)]
21.b4 16 **Qa3+** 6:21 **22.Kd2!** 1:19

Now Black unleashes a creative and crushing sequence. **22...Nd5!** 6:02 **23.Rh3** 2:27



Re3! 1:56 A stunning move that cuts across all of White's lines of communication. **24.Nfe4** 5:55 Or:

[24.Bxe3 leads to mate. Bc3+ *(24...Qxb4+ 25.Kc1 Bb2+ 26.Kb1 Bc3+* and it is mate in 2.) 25.Kd3 Rxb4]

[24.Nge4!∓ Rxh3 25.Bxh3]

[24.Rxe3 Nxe3 25.Qd3 Qxd3+ 26.exd3 Nxd1 27.Nxd1 d5 and Black is much better, despite the roughly balanced material.]

24...Rxh3 4:57 **25.Bxh3** 1 **h6** 2:26 **26.Nf3?!** 1:15

[26.Nxf7 Qxh3 27.Nfd6 is a bit more tenacious]

26...Nxb4 1:57

[26...d6 27.Bxd6 Nxb4 28.Bxb4 *(28.Qc1 Bb2∓)* 28...Rxb4 29.Ke1= *(29.Qxc6?* too greedy. *Rxe4 30.Qxc8+ Kh7-+)*]

27.Qc1 5:54

[27.Rb1 was the only defense. Nxc2 Discovered Attack 28.Bxa3 Rxb1 29.Kxc2]

27...Qa5 6:17 **28.Ke3** 5 **d5** 34 White's king is hopelessly exposed. **29.Ned2** 58

[Reject 29.Nd6 Bb2 Deflection 30.Qxb2 Qxc5+ 31.Kd2 Qxd6-+]

29...h5 3:12

[⌓29...Bb2 30.Bxb4 Remove Defender Qxb4 31.Qxc6 Bb7]

30.Kf2-+ 31

[⌓30.gxh5 Bxh3 31.hxg6 fxg6 32.Bxb4]

30...hxg4 15 **31.Nb3** 4 **Qc7** 37 **32.Qd2** 56 **gxf3** 40 Winning the piece back, and leaving Black with a lot of extra pawns. **33.Bxc8** 5 **fxe2** 31 **34.Kxe2** 52 **Qxc8** 8 **0-1**

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□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2759**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**

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[Mon Hokmome]*

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6 6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1 Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.d4 Bf6 10.Re1 Re8** The main line 10...Re8 scores better than 10...Nf5. Die Hauptvariante 10...Te8 punktet besser als 10...Sf5. **11.Bf4 Rxe1 12.Qxe1 Ne8** The position is equal. **13.Nc3** -0.09/20

[13.Bd3± 0.34/20]

13...Bxd4= 14.Nd5 d6! 15.Bg5 f6! 16.Bh4

[16.Bc4 Kh8 17.Be3 Bxb2 18.Rb1 Be5 19.f4 c6 20.Bd3 cxd5 21.Qh4 h6 22.fxe5 dxe5 23.Bg6 Kg8 24.Bxh6 gxh6 25.Qxh6 Qe7 26.Rb3 Bg4 27.Qh4 Dominguez Perez,L (2754)-Aronian,L (2775) Saint Louis (blitz) 154/ (125) 2022 [Perunovic,

Milos]]

16...Bxb2 -0.06/21

[16...g5∓ -0.39/21 is more appropriate. 17.Ne7+ Kh8 18.Nxc8 Rxc8]

[RR 16...g5 17.Qe4 Bxb2 18.Rb1 Be5 19.f4 gxh4 20.fxe5 dxe5 21.Bc4 Be6 22.Rxb7 Kh8 23.Bd3 Bg8 24.Nxc7 Nd6 25.Qxh4 Nxb7 26.Nxa8 Nc5 27.Bf5 e4 28.h3 Qd4+ 29.Kh1 Qa1+ 0-1 (29) Caruana,F (2820)-So,W (2770) Paris 2021]

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17.Rb1 Be5 ...c7-c6 is the strong threat.

18.f4! Be6N 1.07/22

[18...Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Kh8 20.Bd3 c6 21.Ne7 d5 22.Qe2 h6 23.Ng6+ Kg8 24.Rxb7 Nd6 25.Ne7+ Kf8 26.Ng6+ Kg8 27.Ne7+ Kf8 28.Nxc6 Qe8 29.Qxe8+ Nxe8 30.Rb5 Be3 31.Be1 Nc7 32.Rb4 Bd7 33.Rb7 Hetenyi,G (2581)-7.Bg2 Nc6 8.h3 Qc7 (2519) Pori Barcares 2023 Steinitz/Blackburne [John Watson] 1-0 (69)]

[Vorgänger: 18...c6 19.fxe5 cxd5 20.exf6 Nxf6 21.Bd3 Bd7 22.Qg3 Bc6 23.Bf5 *(23.Rf1 Qb6+ 24.Kh1 Ne4 25.Qf4 h6 26.Qf7+ Kh8 27.Bxe4 dxe4 28.Bf6 Rg8 29.Qg6 Qe3 30.Bxg7+* 1-0 (30) Gazi,M (2682)-8... Nbd7 (2666) Moscow 2019 CBM 103 ext [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721]*; 23.Bg5 a6 24.Rf1 Qb6+* Huschenbeth,N (2605)-Navara,D (2689) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (1) 1-0 *)* 23...Kh8 24.Qh3 Qe7 25.Bxh7 Muzychuk,M (2560)-Lagno,K (2559) Astana 2019 Chess Informant 141 [Tadic,Branko]]

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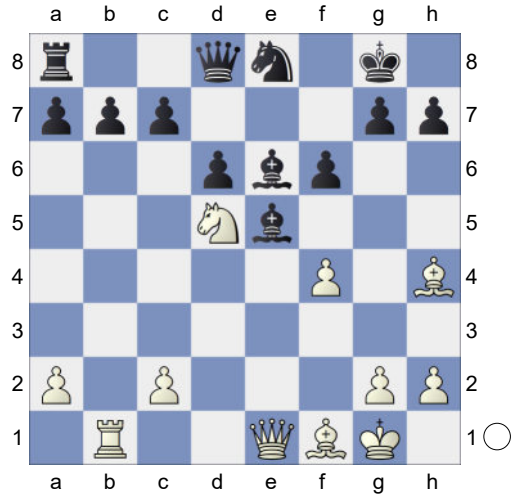

19.Bc4!± White has strong compensation. **19...Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Bf7 21.Qe4 Bc5**

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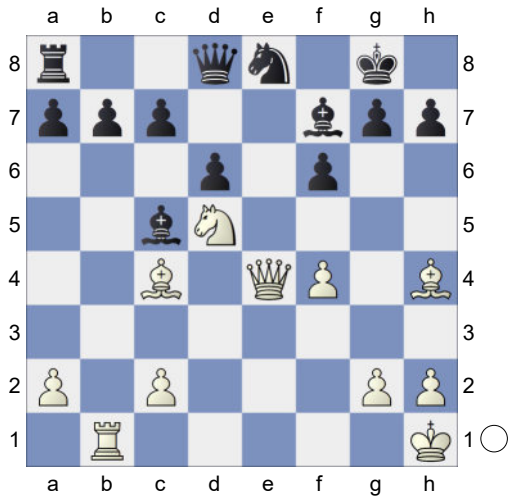
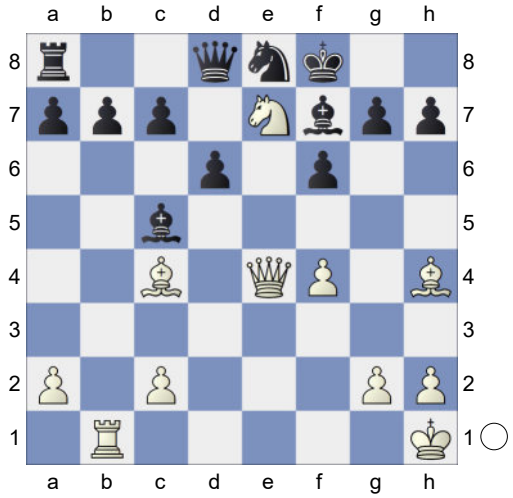


22.Ne7+! Kf8



23.Qxh7! Intending Qh7-g8+! and mate. &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed. **23...Bxc4 24.Re1→** Qh7-h8+ would kill now. White is out for blood. **24...Qxe7 25.Rxe7 Kxe7 26.Qe4+ Be6** aiming for ...d6-d5. **27.f5** Pin **27...Rd8 28.g4**
[28.fxe6?! c6±]
28...c6? 3.43/26 Loses the game.
29.g5+- Really sharp!
[Inferior is 29.fxe6 d5 30.Qf5 g5±]
[29.Qxe6+ Kf8±]
29...Kf8
[29...Nc7? 30.gxf6+ gxf6 31.fxe6+-]
30.fxe6
[Weaker is 30.Qxe6 Nc7 31.Qb3 fxg5+-]
30...Ke7 31.gxf6+ gxf6 4.72/24
[31...Nxf6 3.34/27 was called for. 32.Qg4 *(32.Qg6 Kxe6 33.Qxg7 Bd4±)* 32...g5 33.Bxg5 Rf8]
32.Qg4 White threatens Qg4-g8 and mate. **32...d5** 6.98/21
[⌓32...Rc8 4.65/24 33.Qg6 Rc7 34.Qf7+ Kd8 35.Bxf6+ Nxf6 36.Qxf6+ Re7]
33.Qg8 White wants to mate with Qg8-f7+. **33...Bd4 34.Bg3 Be5 35.Bxe5 fxe5** Endgame KQ-KRN **36.h4 e4 37.h5 d4 38.Qf7+ Kd6 39.e7** White is clearly winning. **39...Rc8 40.Qf4+ Kxe7 41.Qxe4+ Kd7 42.Qxd4+ Nd6 43.h6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.33
1-0

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6 6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1 Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.d4 Bf6 10.Re1 Re8 11.Bf4 Rxe1 12.Qxe1 Ne8 13.Nc3!? Bxd4 14.Nd5 d6 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bh4 Bxb2 Parham already spent 20 minutes on this move, so clearly he should spend more time reading my updates to this column!
[16...g5 was my recommendation for Black in the notes to Huschenbeth-Navara, and this was Niemann's choice in a game one day later in the Tata Steel Challengers! 17.Qe4 Bxb2 18.Re1 Be5 19.f4 gxh4 20.fxe5

dxe5 21.Bd3 Bf5!? *(21...Kf8* is the main line*)* 22.Qxf5 Qxd5 23.Qxh7+ Kf8 24.Qxh4 *(24.Qh6+* Vachier Lagrave,M (2734)-Firouzja,A (2777) Sinquefield Cup 10th 2023 (9) 1/2-1/ 2 MVL immediately forced a draw against Alireza here with Qh6-h7, which may have the game to inspire Alireza to try this line from the White side.*;* *24.Re4!?* was my recommendation to keep the game going*)* 24...Rd8 Played quickly by Niemann, and with Black still in preparation Saleh decided to force the draw. 25.Qh6+ Ke7 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Qh6+ Ke7 28.Qh7+ Kf8=]

[RR 16...g5 17.Qe4 Bxb2 18.Rb1 Be5 19.f4 gxh4 20.fxe5 dxe5 21.Bc4 Be6 22.Rxb7 Kh8 23.Bd3 Bg8 24.Nxc7 Nd6 25.Qxh4 Nxb7 26.Nxa8 Nc5 27.Bf5 e4 28.h3 Qd4+ 29.Kh1 Qa1+ 0-1 (29) Caruana,F (2820)-So,W (2770) Paris 2021]

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17.Rb1 Be5 18.f4 Be6N A mistake, but the resulting lines are instructive since most of Alireza's moves are forced but not simple to find over-the-board.

[18...c6! is the correct way, with incredible complications ensuing after 19.fxe5 cxd5 20.exf6 Nxf6 21.Bd3 Bd7 22.Qg3 Huschenbeth,N (2605)-Navara,D (2689) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (1) 1-0 as we saw in]

[18...Bd4+ is also possible, but White can at least win back one pawn to start with: 19.Kh1 c6 20.Ne7+ Kf8 21.Nxc8 Qxc8 22.Qe4! Bb6 23.Qxh7± Black's king remains weak.]

[RR 18...c6 19.fxe5 cxd5 20.exf6 Nxf6 21.Bd3 Bd7 22.Qg3 Bc6 23.Rf1 Qb6+ 24.Kh1 Ne4 25.Qf4 h6 26.Qf7+ Kh8 27.Bxe4 dxe4 28.Bf6 Rg8 29.Qg6 Qe3 30.Bxg7+ 1-0 (30) Firouzja,A (2682)-Sevian,S (2666) Chess.com INT 2019]

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19.Bc4! Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Bf7 Black appears to have achieved some consolidation, but there is a stunning blow which Alireza finds after 20 minutes of thought. **21.Qe4 Bc5**

[21...c6 also needs to be considered, but White can exploit the opening of the seventh rank: 22.Ne7+ Kf8 23.Bxf7 Qxe7 24.Qxe7+ Kxe7 25.Rxb7+! Kd8 26.Bxe8 Kxe8 27.Rxg7 Kf8 28.Rxh7 Kg8 29.Rd7+-]

22.Ne7+! Kf8 23.Qxh7! Leaving everything hanging, but the tactics all work out for White. **23...Bxc4**

[23...Kxe7 24.Re1+ Kd7 25.Bxf7+- Black cannot defend the knight on e8.]

[23...d5! is the best defence, but White can keep all his material with some more geometry: 24.Nxd5 Bxd5 25.Qh8+ Kf7 26.Qh5+! g6 27.Bxd5+ Kg7 28.Qf3 Nd6 29.Rd1+- Black has survived the short-term danger, but is left with no material advantage and a long-term weakness of the kingside.]

24.Re1! The threat of Qh8-g8 forces Black to give the queen, which would be fine were the c4 bishop not also lost at the end. **24...Qxe7 25.Rxe7 Kxe7 26.Qe4+! Be6 27.f5 Rd8 28.g4 c6**

[28...d5! would have avoided White's option in the game, although admittedly after 29.Qxe6+ Kf8 30.Bg3 d4 31.Kg2+- the chances of holding are slim.]

29.g5! Ultra-precise, crashing through on the kingside before capturing the e6-bishop.

[29.Qxe6+ Kf8 30.g5 Nc7 forces the queen out, although after 31.Qb3+- of course White should still be winning.]

29...Kf8

[29...Nc7 30.gxf6+ gxf6 31.fxe6+- And Qh7+ next will decide.]

30.fxe6 Ke7 31.gxf6+ gxf6 32.Qg4 d5 33.Qg8 Bd4 34.Bg3 Be5 35.Bxe5 fxe5 36.h4 e4 37.h5 d4 38.Qf7+ Kd6 39.e7 Rc8 40.Qf4+ Kxe7 41.Qxe4+ Kd7 42.Qxd4+ Nd6 43.h6

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□ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu** **2743**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**

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[Roiz,M, TA]*

1.e4 38 **c5** 7 **2.Nf3** 5 **d6** 4 **3.d4** 4 **cxd4** 5 **4.Nxd4** 5 **Nf6** 4 **5.Nc3** 4 **a6** 5 **6.Bg5** 16 **e6** 3:53 **7.Qf3** 14 This is one of a few ways to deviate from

[7.Qe2 which was also played by Praggnanandhaa at Wijk.]

7...Be7 12:54

[7...h6!? is worthy of attention, as I've mentioned on previous occasions. Indeed, the following practical tests prove that Black's position is good enough: 8.Be3 *(8.Bd2 Qc7 9.g4 b5 10.a3 Bb7 11.0-0-0 Nbd7⇄* Nepomniachtchi,I - Carlsen,M Chess.com INT 2023*)* 8...Nbd7 9.0-0-0 Qc7 10.Qg3 b5 11.a3 Rb8⇄ Hakobyan,A - Sarana,A Chess.com INT 2023]

8.0-0-0 38 **Qc7** 11:28

[8...Qa5?! is covered in Predke, A (2682)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2761) Belgrade 2022 CB10 2022 [Roiz,M]]

9.g4 3:37 **Nbd7** 4:44 B95: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 Bg5 e6, unusual White 7th moves. This natural developing move is Black's top choice, but it is actually an inaccuracy.

[9...b5! is playable, although it allows a dangerous piece sacrifice: 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Bxb5+ axb5 12.Ndxb5 This looks extremely shaky for Black, but after Qc6 13.Nxd6+ Ke7 14.Rhe1 Rd8 15.Nd5+ Kf8⇄ The chances are mutual. Matsukevich, V - Hauff,A ICCF email 2021]

10.Bd2! 1:53 White's initiative on the kingside is coming fast. In particular, g4-g5 is especially annoying because Black

has no adequate spot for his knight's retreat. **10...h6** 14:03

[10...Ne5 can be well met by 11.Qe2 Nexg4 *(Too passive is 11...b5 12.g5 Nfd7 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.a3 Bb7 16.h4↑* Ganguly,S - Bharath,S La Plagne 2023*)* 12.f4 b5 13.h3 Nh6 Obviously, the h6-knight is clearly misplaced and it diminishes Black's control of e5. 14.e5 b4 15.exf6 bxc3 16.fxe7 cxd2+ 17.Qxd2↑ Black's king came under strong pressure in Sossai,S - Migliorini,R ICCF email 2012]

[RR 10...Ne5 11.Qg2 b5 12.g5 Nfd7 13.f4 Nc4 14.Kb1 Bb7 15.f5 e5 16.Nb3 Rc8 17.Bd3 Ndb6 18.Rhf1 Na4 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.Na5 Nxc3+ 21.Bxc3 Bxe4 22.Qh3 Qc7 23.f6 Bf8 24.Qe3 Bg6 25.a3 Zemlyanskii,I (2541)-Erdogmus,Y (2576) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (41)]

[RR 10...h5 11.g5 Ng4 12.Qg3 Nge5 13.f4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Qxc4 15.Be3 b5 16.g6 b4 17.gxf7+ Kxf7 18.Rhg1 Bf6 19.e5 dxe5 20.Ne4 exd4 21.Nd6+ Ke7 22.Nxc4 dxe3 23.Nxe3 Nc5 24.Nc4 Bb7 25.Qe3 Fedorov,A (2145)-Sahib,S (2376) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (33)]

11.h4N 1:23 The most consistent. As previously, White doesn't mind giving up his g-pawn to open files against his opponent's king.

[Even so, stronger seems 11.a3! Ne5 12.Qg2 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Kb1↑ White has excellent attacking prospects on the kingside. Glatthaar,M - Schaefer,U ICCF email 2012]

[RR 11.Qh3 Nc5 12.Bg2 g6 13.f4 e5 14.Nf5 gxf5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.gxf5 0-0-0 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Bf6 19.Qa3 Kb8 20.Ba5 b6 21.Bd2 Ka7 22.Kb1 Rc8 23.Rhe1 Rhe8 24.Bc3 Re7 25.Bc4 Bh4 Klimkowski,J (2508)-Szikszai,B (2278) Prague 2024 1-0 (59)]

11...Ne5 11:08 **12.Qg2** 19:09

[12.Qg3!?]

12...Nexg4 2:58

[12...Nfxg4 13.f4±]

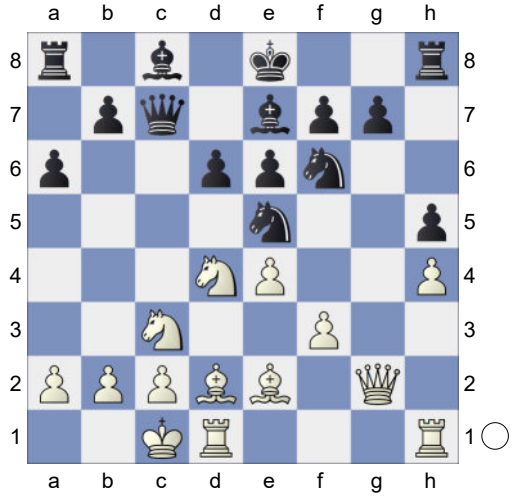
13.Be2 5:09

[Deserving of serious attention is 13.h5!? Rg8 14.Rh3 The knight loses its stability, so there are definitely issues to solve for Black.]

13...h5 1:13 **14.f3** 6:54 The most straightforward choice.

[After 14.Rhg1 g6 15.f3 Ne5 16.Bg5 Bd7 17.f4 Nc6⇄ Black had acceptable play in Gurel,E - Wartiovaara,O Cala Gonone 2022]

14...Ne5 12



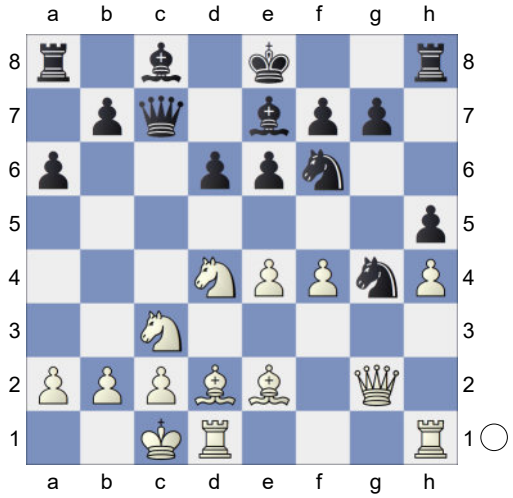
15.f4N 22 A novelty. GM Praggnanandhaa reasonably decides to force matters.

[15.Qxg7 Ng6 16.Rhg1 Rh7 17.Rxg6 *(17.Ncb5? axb5 18.Rxg6 Rxg7-+)* 17...Rxg7 18.Rxg7 e5∓]

[Predecessor: 15.Kb1 Bd7 16.Qxg7 Ng6 17.Rhg1 Rh7 18.Rxg6 Rxg7 19.Rxg7 e5 White's compensation for

the queen was questionable in Pettersson, T - Behrendorf,K ICCF email 2016 20.Nb3 Be6 21.Bc1]

15...Neg4 5:58



16.e5! 1:39 No way back! **16...dxe5** 6 **17.fxe5** 9 **Nxe5** 6:36

[17...Qxe5 was rejected by Parham in view of 18.Nc6! , but actually it was possible too, since bxc6 19.Qxc6+ Nd7 20.Qxa8 0-0 21.Qg2 f5 22.Rhe1 Qd6⇄ is very unclear: Black's passers shouldn't be underestimated!]

18.Qg3! 9:50 And now Bf4 would win. The pin is extremely dangerous, but Black has sufficient defensive resources. **18...Nfg4** 3:24 **19.Bf4** 11:57 **f6** 1:34 It is essential to strengthen the e5-knight. **20.Nf3** 3:29

[After 20.Ne4 Bd7 21.Qb3 0-0-0 Black manages to secure his king.]

20...0-0 4:45 **21.Nxe5** 7:23 **fxe5** 25

[21...Nxe5? 22.Bxh5 Kh8 23.Ne4+-]

22.Bd2 20

[Somewhat more natural looks 22.Bg5 b5 23.Bxg4 hxg4 24.Qxg4 Rf5 25.Ne4 Bb7 with an approximate balance.]

22...Qc6?! 10:27 Parham leaves his queenside pieces undeveloped for too long.

[More to the point was 22...b5!= keeps the balance. '=' 23.Bxg4 hxg4 24.Qxg4 Rf5 *(24...Bb7 25.Qxe6+ Rf7 26.Rhg1 Bxh4⇄)*]

23.Bxg4?! 19:23 After this move Black's decision is fully justified.

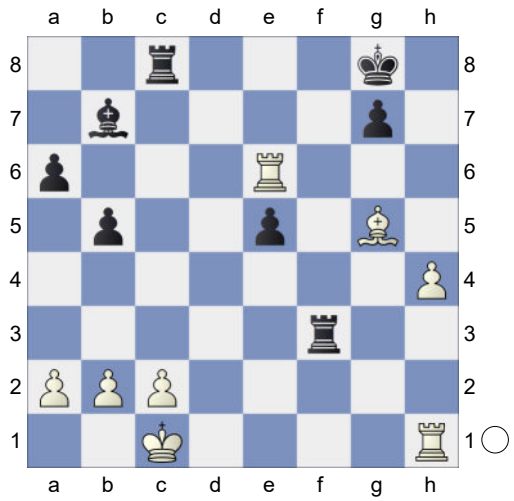
[23.Rhg1± Bc5 24.Bxg4 Bxg1 25.Rxg1 hxg4 26.Qxg4]

[Much stronger was 23.Bg5! Qe8 24.Bxg4 hxg4 25.Qxg4↑ , and White has a free attack.]

23...hxg4= 17 **24.Qxg4** 26 **Qf3!** 21 Black manages to liquidate into an acceptable endgame. **25.Qxf3** 1:33 **Rxf3** 6 **26.Bg5** 3

[26.Ne4 b6 27.Bg5 Bb7 offers White no advantage either.]

26...Bb4 10:03 **27.Ne4** 10:09 c3 is the strong threat. **27...b5** 6 **28.Nd6** 2:09 Wards off Bb7 **28...Bxd6** 4:14 The simplest solution. A draw is practically unavoidable now. **29.Rxd6** 2 **Bb7** 7 **30.Rxe6** 1:09 **Rc8** 29



Hoping for ...Rf2. **31.Re1!** 1:35 **Rf2** 1:37 **32.Bd2** 1:43 **e4** 2:00 **33.h5** 40 White is interested in liquidating all the kingside pawns. **33...Rg2** 53 **34.h6** 1:16

[34.c3 seems wilder. a5 35.h6 b4 36.hxg7 Bd5 37.Re5]

34...gxh6 3
[34...Bd5!? 35.Rxa6 Bc4±]
35.Rxh6 2 **Rc6** 6 ...e3! would be deadly.
36.Rh5 1:05 **b4** 51 **37.b3** 1:12 **Rc7** 1:01 **38.Reh1** 1:09
[Trickier was 38.Re3!?± , but after '±' Rg1+ 39.Kb2 Rg2 40.Reh3 Rc8 Black's position remains safe.]
38...e3! 19 The position is equal.
39.Rh8+ 17
[39.Bxe3 Rcxc2+ 40.Kd1 Bf3+ 41.Ke1 Rge2+ 42.Kf1 Bg2+ 43.Kg1 Re1+ 44.Kh2 Rxh1+ 45.Kg3 Rxh5 46.Bg1 Rh3+ 47.Kf4 Re2 48.Kg4 Kf7 49.Kf5 Re4]
39...Kf7 26 **40.R8h7+** 45
[40.Bxe3 Rcxc2+ 41.Kd1 Bf3+ 42.Ke1 Rge2+ 43.Kf1 Bg2+ 44.Kg1 Re1+ 45.Kh2 Rxh1+ 46.Kg3 Rxh8 47.Kf4 Rh3 48.Bd4 Re2 49.Kf5 Rf3+ 50.Kg5 Re6]
40...Ke6 30
[40...Rg7 41.Rf1+ *(41.Bxb4 Bxh1 42.Rxh1 Rc8-+)* 41...Kg8 42.Rxg7+ Kxg7 43.Bxb4± *(43.Bxe3 Be4±)*]
41.R1h6+ 7:18 **Kf5** 2:14
[41...Ke5!?= 42.Rxc7 *(42.Bxe3 Rcxc2+ 43.Kd1 Bf3+ 44.Ke1 Rge2+ 45.Kf1 Bg2+ 46.Kg1 Re1+ 47.Kh2 Be4+)* 42...exd2+ 43.Kb2 d1Q 44.a4 bxa3+ Deflection 45.Kxa3 Qc1+
A) 46.Kb4 Qxh6 47.Re7+ Kd6 48.Re8 *(48.Rf7 Rxc2 49.Ka5 Qh5+ 50.Kb6 Qxf7 51.Ka5 Qc7+ 52.Kb4 Qc5+ 53.Ka4 Bc6#)* 48...Qd2+ 49.Ka3 Qxc2 50.Rd8+ Kc6 51.Rh8 Qb2+ 52.Ka4 Rg4+ 53.Ka5 Qe5#;
B) 46.Ka2
B1) 46...Rxc2+ 47.Rxc2 Qxc2+ 48.Ka3 Qc1+ 49.Kb4 Qxh6 *(49...Qf4+ 50.Ka3 Qxh6 51.Kb4 Qd2+ 52.Ka3 Bd5 53.Ka4 Qc3 54.b4 Qa1#)* 50.Kc3 Be4 51.Kb4 Qd2+ 52.Ka4 Bd5 53.Ka3 a5 54.Ka4 Qb4#;
B2) 46...Qxh6 47.Kb2 Qd2 48.Rc5+ Bd5 49.Ka3 Qc1+ 50.Ka4 Rxc2 51.Rxd5+ Kxd5 52.Ka5 Qh6 53.Kb4 Qb6+ 54.Ka4 Ra2#]
42.Rh5+ 22 **Ke6** 1:53
[42...Kg4 43.Rg5+ *(43.Rxc7* gets mated. *exd2+ 44.Kb2 d1Q; 43.Bxe3 Rcxc2+ 44.Kb1 Rb2+ 45.Kc1 Rgc2+ 46.Kd1 Bf3+ 47.Ke1 Rb1+; 43.Rh4+ Kf5=)*
A) 43...Kf4 44.Bxe3+ Decoy *(44.Rxc7? exd2+ 45.Kb2 Rxg5-+)* 44...Kxe3 45.Re5+ *(45.Rxc7 Rxg5 46.Rxb7 a5±)* 45...Kf4 46.Rxc7+-;
B) 43...Kxg5 44.Bxe3+ *(44.Rxc7 exd2+ 45.Kb2 d1Q 46.Rg7+ Kh5 47.Rxg2 Bxg2 48.a3 Be4 49.axb4 Qxc2+ 50.Ka3 Bd5 51.Ka4 Qa2#)* 44...Kg4 45.Rxc7±]
43.R5h6+= 15
[43.R7h6+ Kf7 44.Rh7+ *(44.Bxb4 Rcxc2+ 45.Kb1 Rb2+ 46.Ka1 Rxa2+ 47.Kb1 Be4+ 48.Kc1 Ra1#)* 44...Kg8 45.Rh8+ *(45.Rxc7 exd2+ 46.Kb2 d1Q 47.Rh4 Rg1)* 45...Kg7
A) 46.Bxe3 Rcxc2+ 47.Kd1 Bf3+ 48.Ke1 Rge2+ 49.Kf1 Bxh5 50.Rxh5 *(50.Rh6 Rxe3 51.Rxh5 Rf3+ 52.Kg1 Rd3 53.Rf5 Rxa2 54.Rf4 Rxb3 55.Rf1 Rd3 56.Kh1 b3 57.Rg1+ Kh6 58.Rf1 b2 59.Rf6+ Kg7 60.Rb6 Rd2 61.Rb7+ Kf6 62.Rb6+ Kg5 63.Re6 b1Q+)* 50...Rxe3 51.Rg5+ Kf6 52.Rd5 Rxa2 53.Rd1 Rxb3 54.Kg1 Rbb2 55.Kh1 b3 56.Kg1 Rc2 57.Rd6+ Ke5 58.Rd1 b2

59.Re1+ Kf6 60.Rf1+ Kg5 61.Kh1 Ra1 62.Kg1 Rxf1+ Remove Defender, Back Rank 63.Kxf1 b1Q#;
B) 46.R5h7+ Kg6=;
C) 46.R8h7+ Kg8 47.Rh8+ Kg7 48.R8h7+ Kg8=]
[43.Bxe3? Rcxc2+ 44.Kd1 Bf3+ 45.Ke1 Rge2+ 46.Kf1 Bxh5-+]
43...Kf5 6 **44.Rh5+** 5 **Ke6** 5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) / Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

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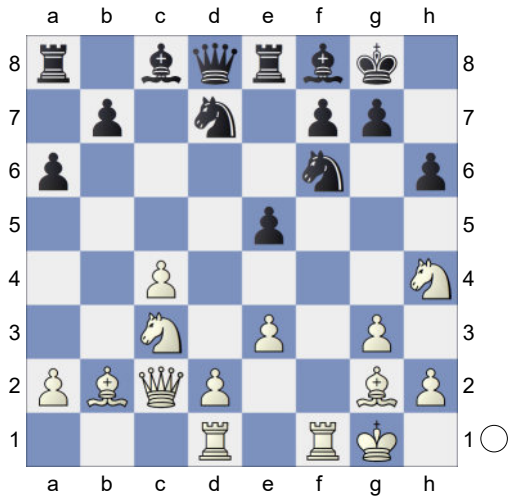
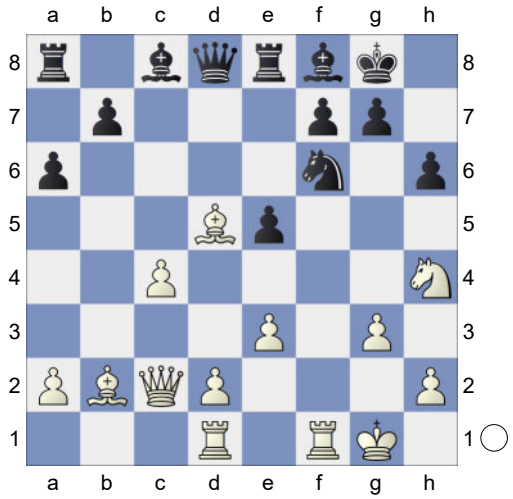
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
World Blitz 2023 (21.10) 30.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Nbd7N** 0.40/24
[5...Qc7= -0.01/19 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 *(7...cxb4 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3* Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel, Alexander] 0-1*)* 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
[5...a5 6.b5 Qc7 7.e3 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.Qe2 Be6 10.Bg2 Nbd7 11.Ng5 Bg4 12.f3 Bh5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nh3 h6 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rad8 17.e4 Kh8 18.Nf2 Ng8 19.h4 a4 20.Bh3 Van Assche,J (2438)-Keuter,K (2425) ICCF 2020 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Tijdschrift Belgien(Übersetzt Bellmann)] 1-0 (58)
Nf8 21.Kh1 Nf6 22.Rg1 Bg6 23.Bc1 Bd6 24.Bf5 Nh5 25.Nf1 Nd7 26.Qd1 Ra8 27.a3 b6 28.Nh3 Ra7 29.Re2 Nf8 30.Rh2 Qe7 31.g4 Nf4 32.Ng3 Nxh3 33.Rxh3 Ne6 34.Rh2 Rf8 35.Qf1 7.♗e2 e6 8.h3 (2438)-Weber,S (2425) Washington 2020 CYB 12 [FS 1972 p36?] 1-0 (58)]
6.bxc5 e5 7.Bg2 Bxc5 8.0-0 White has an edge. **8...0-0 9.e3N**
[RR 9.d3 Rb8 10.Nbd2 b6 11.Ng5 Bb7 12.Bxb7 Rxb7 13.a4 a5 14.Ba3 Bxa3 15.Rxa3 Nc5 16.Qc2 Qe7 17.Ra2 Na6 18.Rb2 Nd7 19.Ngf3 Nb4 20.Qb1 Nc5 21.Qa1 Re8 22.Nb3 f5 23.Nxc5 bxc5 Mekhitarian, K (2549)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2611) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (72)]
9...dxe3 10.fxe3 Re8
[Don't take 10...Qb6 11.Qc2±]
11.Qc2 h6 12.Nc3! Bd6 0.44/21
[12...Bf8= 0.07/17 is superior.]
13.Nh4± a6 1.20/17
[Black should play 13...Bf8± 0.46/17]
14.Rad1± Bf8 1.50/18
[⌓14...Nb6 1.14/18]

(Diagram)



15.Nd5 0.57/17 &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.
[15.d4!± 1.50/18]
15...Nxd5?? 4.16/17 This costs Black the game.
[15...a5!± 0.57/17]
16.Bxd5+-
[Stronger than 16.cxd5 Nf6=]
16...Nf6



17.Rxf6 gxf6
[17...Qxf6 18.Rf1]
18.Qg6+! Bg7 ...Qxd5! is the strong threat. **19.Bxf7+ Kh8 20.Bxe8 Bh3 21.Bf7 Qd7 22.Bd5** Strongly threatening Be4. **22...Rc8 23.Be4 Kg8 24.Nf5 Rxc4 25.Bd5+** 5.94/18 **Kh8 26.Bxc4 Bxf5 27.Qf7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.79
1-0

155 **E10**
□ **Narayanan,Sunilduth Lyna** **2677**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
World Blitz 2023 (17.15) 30.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit
Inf 103/(30) Moehring,G: 'Inf 39/(70)'
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 h6N
[3...c5 4.g3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qb6 6.Bg2 Bc5 7.e3 Nc6 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.exd4 Bxd4 10.Nc3 e5 11.Nb5 Bc5 12.Qe1 0-0 13.b4 Bd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Bg5 d6 16.Rd1 Qxc4 17.Rxd6 Be6 18.Qxe5 ½-½ Atabayev,Y (2539)-7.♘bd2 ♗f6 (2522) EU/FSM. 50 corr ICCF 1992 (6)]
[3...a6 4.Nc3 c5 5.g3 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qc7 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bf4 *(9.Be3 Qxc4 10.Rc1 Qb4 11.Na4 d5 12.Nb6 Qxb6 13.Nf5 Qxb2 14.Nxe7+ Kh8 15.Nxc8 Nbd7 16.Nb6 Nxb6 17.Rb1 Qxa2 18.Rxb6 Rac8 19.Rxb7 Rc2 20.Qd4 Rc4 21.Qa7 Kg8 22.Bc5 Rc8 23.Rc7 Re8* Vovk,Y (2557)-Olszewski,M (2409) Grodzisk Mazowiecki 103/(30) 2007 *)* 9...d6 10.Nb3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Nh5 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Na4 Bd7 14.Nb6 Rad8 15.Qd2 Be8 16.Qa5 Kh8 17.f4 Ng4 18.Bd2 1-0 Dautov,R (2615)-Lutz,C (2555) 66/458 Nussloch 1996]
4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qc2 c5 6.dxc5 Na6 7.g3 Nxc5 8.Bg2 White has an edge. **8...Nce4 9.0-0 Nxc3N** An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.
[Vorgänger: 9...Bxc3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Ba3 Nf3-d4! is the strong threat.

Re8! 12.Nd4 -0.53/21 *(12.Nd2= -0.03/21 Nxd2 13.Qxd2)* 12...d5∓ Threatens to win with ...e6-e5. 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.cxd5 exd5 15.c4 Bd7 0.05/21 *(15...dxc4∓ -0.44/20 16.f3 Ng5)* 16.cxd5 -0.34/19 *(16.f3= 0.05/21 is superior. Ng5 17.c5)* 16...Qxc2!∓ 17.Nxc2 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2830)-Yu,Y (2807) Wch Blitz Almaty 2022 (6)]

[RR 9...Bxc3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Ba3 Re8 12.Nd4 d5 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.cxd5 exd5 15.c4 Bd7 16.cxd5 Qxc2 17.Nxc2 Nc3 18.Rd2 Rxe2 19.Rxe2 Nxe2+ 20.Kh1 Nc3 21.Ne3 Nxa2 22.d6 Rb8 23.Ra1 Nc3 24.Bb2 Carlsen,M (2830)-Yu,Y (2807) Almaty 2022 ½-½ (46)]

10.bxc3 Bc5 11.e4 b6N

[RR 11...Nh7 12.e5 Rb8 13.Nd2 b6 14.Ne4 Be7 15.Rd1 0-0 16.Qa4 Bb7 17.Qxa7 Qc8 18.Be3 Qxc4 19.Rd4 Qc8 20.Rad1 Bc6 21.Rc4 Rb7 22.Qa6 Rb8 23.Qa7 ½-½ (23) Sinha,S (2346)-Harsha,B (2531) Charlotte 2024]

[RR 11...Nh7 12.e5 Rb8 13.Rd1 b6 14.h4 Bb7 15.Qe2 Qc7 16.Bf4 Rd8 17.Rd2 0-0 18.Rad1 Bc6 19.Nd4 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 g5 21.hxg5 hxg5 22.Qh5 Qb7+ 23.Nf3 gxf4 24.Rd5 d6 25.Ng5 f6 26.Qg6+ Dardha,D (2645)-Skatchkov,P (2457) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (35)]

[RR 11...Nh7 12.e5 Rb8 13.Qe4 0-0 14.Qg4 f5 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Qg6 Qe8 17.Qd3 Qh5 18.h3 Qf5 19.Qxf5 exf5 20.Nd4 d6 21.Nb3 Be6 22.Nxc5 dxc5 23.Bf4 Rbd8 24.Bxb7 Bxc4 25.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 26.Rxd1 Citak,S (2377)-Asadli,V (2560) Ankara 2024 ½-½]

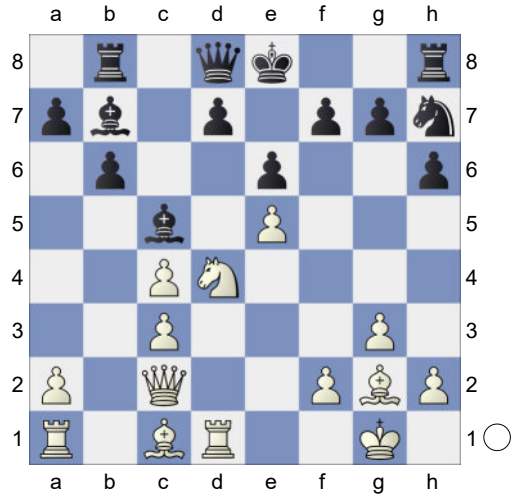
12.e5 Nh7 1.18/20

[12...Ng8!± 0.66/21]

13.Nd4 0.34/20

[White should play 13.Ng5!± 1.18/20]

13...Rb8!± 14.Rd1 Bb7



Inhibits Nd4-c6. **15.Nc6! Bxc6 16.Bxc6 0-0** Black is weak on the light squares **17.Rxd7 Qc8 18.Qa4 a6 19.Bf4 Ng5** 0.55/22

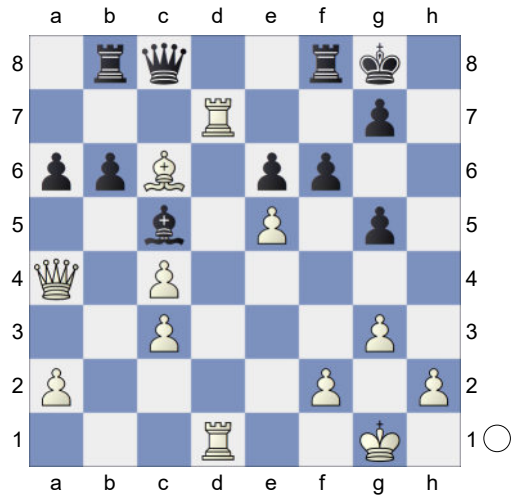
[19...g5= 0.14/22 20.Be3 b5 21.cxb5 axb5]

20.Bxg5 0.19/23

[20.Bg2± 0.55/22]

20...hxg5= 21.Rad1 f6 1.21/22

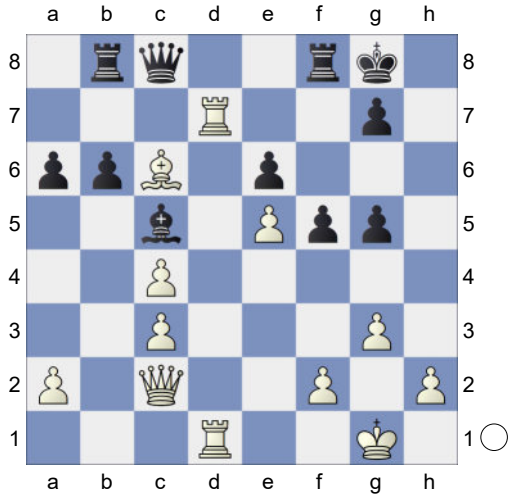
[21...b5!± 0.31/19 22.cxb5 axb5]



22.Qc2!± f5

[22...Qxc6 23.Qg6 Bxf2+ 24.Kf1

(24.Kxf2 fxe5+ 25.Kg1 Rf1+ Decoy *26.Kxf1 Qh1+ 27.Ke2 Qxh2+ 28.Kd3 Qxg3+ 29.Kc2 Qf2+ 30.Kb3 Qf6+-)* 24...Qh1+ 25.Ke2]



23.Bf3 0.15/19
[23.Ba4!± 1.07/20]
23...Rf7= 24.Qd2 g4⇄ Black is not keeping still **25.Rxf7 Kxf7 26.Qd7+ Qxd7**
[26...Be7 is interesting. 27.Be2 Qxd7 28.Rxd7 Rd8]
27.Rxd7+ Endgame. KRB-KRB **27...Kf8 28.Be2 Rc8 29.Kg2 a5 30.f3 gxf3+ 31.Kxf3 Be7 32.Rb7 Rc5 33.Rxb6 Rxe5 34.Rb8+ Kf7 35.Rb5 Bc5 36.Bd1 g5 37.h3 Ke7 38.Rxa5 Kd6 39.Ra6+ Ke7 40.Ra5 Kd6 41.Ra6+ Kc7 42.Ra5 Kb6 43.Rb5+ Kc6 44.Ba4** -0.77/24
[44.Ra5= -0.08/23]
44...Kd6 45.Rb2 Re3+ 46.Kg2 Rxc3 47.Rd2+ Ke7 48.Re2? -2.21/21 White does not recover from this.
[48.Bc6∓ -0.67/21]
48...Bd6!-+
[Stronger than 48...Rxc4 49.Bb3 Re4 50.Rxe4 fxe4 51.Bc2±]
49.Bb3? -4.88/19
[49.Kf1 -2.12/19 was called for.]
49...Rxg3+ 50.Kf2 Rxh3 51.Kg2 -8.81/18
[⌓51.c5 -4.18/17 Bxc5+ 52.Kg2]
51...Rh2+? Black is clearly winning.
52.Kf1-+ Rxe2
[52...Rh1+? 53.Kg2 Rh6 *(53...Rh2+? 54.Kf1-+)* 54.Bc2-+]
53.Kxe2 KB-KB **53...g4** Strongly threatening ...Bd6-c5. **54.a4 Bc5 55.a5 e5 56.Ba4 e4 57.Bc6 Kf6 58.a6 Ke5** Hoping for ...f5-f4. **59.Bd7 g3** (-> ...g3-g2) **60.Kf1 f4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.11 (very precise)
0-1

156 **C84**
□ **Suleymanli,Aydin** **2609**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
World Blitz 2023 (7.3) 29.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves [One of eight games played at Manningham in 1871.] **1.e4** Santiago,Yago de Moura **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3**
[RR 6.Re1]
6...b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 h6N
[9...d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Qe2 Bf6 12.Be3 Bf5 13.Bc2 Re8 14.Nbd2 Bg6 15.Rfe1 Be7 16.Nf1 f5 17.Rad1 f4 18.Bc1 Bc5 19.N1d2 b4 20.Ba4 Qf6 21.Ne4 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Red8 23.Qc4 1-0 Blackburne,J-NN blindfold Manningham 1871]
[9...Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.d5 *(12.Re1 Kh8 13.d5 Bd7 14.b3 Ne8 15.Nbd2 g6 16.Nf1 Ng7 17.Bh6 Nb7 18.g4 f6 19.Ng3 Nd8 20.Kg2 Qc8 21.Nh2 Nf7 22.Be3 a5*

23.Qd3 Rb8 24.Rab1 Bd8 25.f4 exf4 26.Bxf4 Ne5 0-1 Juilfs,G (2595)-Ibd7 (2684) Cap d'Agde-A rapid 2003 (1) *)* 12...Nc4 13.b3 Nb6 14.a4 *(14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nbd2 c4 16.Qe2 Rfc8 17.Rfc1 Be8 18.Nf1 Nfd7 19.b4 a5 20.a3 Ra6 21.Bd2 Rca8 22.Rab1 axb4 23.axb4 Ra2 24.Ne3 g6 25.h4 Nf6 26.g3 R8a3 27.Qe1 Qa7 28.Nh2 Bd7* Dominguez Perez,L (2602)-Ibarra Padron,J (2146) Guines (rapid) 87/(238) 2003*)* 14...c4 15.axb5 axb5 16.Rxa8 Nxa8 17.bxc4 bxc4 18.Ba3 Nd7 19.Bb4 Nc5 20.Qe2 Nb6 21.Nbd2 f5 22.Rd1 g6 23.Qe3 f4 24.Qe2 0-1 Firouzja,A (2777)-Carlsen,M (2835) Bullet Chess Winners Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (3.12)]

10.a4!? next a4xb5 is good for White. Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

10...Bd7 11.Bc2 The position is equal.

11...Re8 12.Re1 Bf8 13.Nbd2 Ne7

[RR 13...Rb8 14.b4 *(RR 14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4 Nb4 16.axb5 Nxc2 17.Qxc2 axb5)* 14...Ne7 15.Nf1 *(RR 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 bxa4 17.Bxa4 Ng6)* 15...Ng6]

[RR 13...Rb8 14.b4 Ne7 15.axb5 axb5 16.d4 Ng6 17.Nb3 Ra8 18.Bd2 Rxa1 19.Qxa1 Qc8 20.Kh2 Nh5 21.Bd3 Nhf4 22.Bf1 c6 23.dxe5 dxe5 24.Be3 Be6 25.Nc5 Bxc5 26.bxc5 f6 27.Rd1 Kh7 28.Rd6 Carlsen,M (2847)-Ding,L (2799) chess24.com INT 2021 1-0 (38)]

14.d4

[RR 14.Nf1 c5 15.Ng3 Ng6 16.d4 Qc7 17.d5 c4 18.Be3 Reb8 19.Qd2 Qb7 20.Reb1 Be7 21.b3 cxb3 22.Rxb3 Qc8 23.a5 Be8 24.Rb4 Nd7 25.Ne1 Nf4 26.Nd3 Nxd3 27.Bxd3 Nc5 28.Be2 Qd8 Ilamparthi,A (2500)-Sapenov,D (2414) Oskemen 2025 1-0 (48)]

14...Nc6N

[RR 14...Ng6 15.Nf1 c5 16.d5 Nh5 17.Kh2 Rb8

A) RR 18.b3 Qc8 *(RR 18...c4 19.bxc4 bxc4 20.Ne3 Qc8 21.Qe2 Nhf4 22.Qxc4 Qxc4 23.Nxc4 Rec8 24.Ne3 Rxc3 25.Bd2 Rcc8 26.Reb1)* 19.c4 Nhf4 20.Ng1 bxa4 21.bxa4 Be7 22.Ne3 Nf8 23.Nf5;

B) 18.Ne3 c4 19.axb5 *(RR 19.g3 Qc7 20.Rg1 Nf6 21.Bd2)* 19...axb5 20.Nf5

B1) RR 20...Bxf5 21.exf5 Ne7 22.Nxe5 Nf6 23.Nc6 *(RR 23.Ng4 Nexd5)* 23...Nxc6 24.dxc6 Rxe1 25.Qxe1 Qc7;

B2) 20...Nf6 21.g4

B2a) RR 21...b4 22.Ba4 *(RR 22.Bd2 b3 23.Bb1 Nf4)* 22...bxc3 23.bxc3 Ra8 24.Bd2 Nf4 25.Bxf4 exf4 26.Bxd7 Rxa1 27.Qxa1 Qxd7 28.Nd2 h5;

B2b) 21...Nf4 22.Bxf4 exf4 23.Qd2 g6 *(RR 23...g5 24.N5d4 Qc7)* 24.N5d4 g5 25.Nc6 Bxc6 26.dxc6 Qc7 27.Ra6

B2b1) RR 27...Ra8 28.Rxa8 Rxa8 29.Nd4 Bg7 30.Nf5 Ra6 31.Kg2 Bf8 *(RR 31...Rxc6 32.Ra1 Qb7 33.Qd4 Ra6 34.Nxd6)*;

B2b2) 27...Qc8 28.Rea1 Nxg4+ 29.hxg4 Fier,A (2545)-Di Berardino, D (2477) Recife 2023 CBM

219 Extra [Santiago,Yago de Moura] 1-0 (41)]

[RR 14...Ng6 15.Nf1 c5 16.d5 Nh5 17.Kh2 Nhf4 18.Ng1 Ne7 19.g3 Nfg6 20.Ne3 Kh8 21.Qf3 Kg8 22.Bd2 Qc7 23.Ra2 Rab8 24.axb5 axb5 25.Rea1 c4 26.h4 Nc8 27.h5 Nge7 28.Bd1 Nb6 29.Qg2 Ulasevich,S (2217)-Chojnacki,K (2371) Bydgoszcz 2022 ½-½ (54)]

15.d5 Ne7 16.b3 c6N

[Vorgänger: 16...c5 17.c4 b4 18.Nf1 a5 19.Ng3 Qc8 20.Kh2 Nh7 21.Nh4 Ra7 22.Nhf5 Nxf5 23.Nxf5 0.20/19 *(23.exf5± 0.73/21 Be7 24.f4)* 23...f6 1.48/19 *(23...Ng5= 0.20/19)* 24.h4 Bxf5 2.06/19 *(24...g6± 1.35/18 was worth a try.)* 25.exf5 1-0 Lopez Perez,A (1744)-Miramon Borragan,G (1540) Benidorm FEDC op 16th 2016 (2.8)]

17.c4 g6 0.73/17

[17...bxa4= 0.22/18 18.bxa4 Qa5]

18.Ba3 cxd5 1.08/19

[18...Qc7± 0.64/18]

19.cxd5 0.67/17

[19.Bxd6± 1.08/19 Hoping for a4xb5. dxc4 20.bxc4 *(20.Bxe5 Nc6±)*]

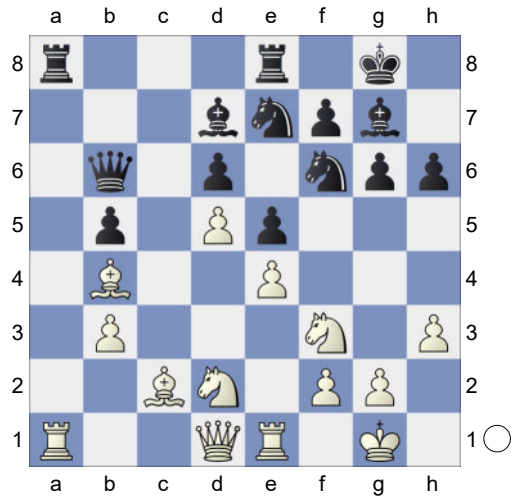
19...Qb6 20.axb5 0.15/20

[20.Nf1± 0.77/17]

20...axb5= 21.Bb4 Bg7 1.37/20

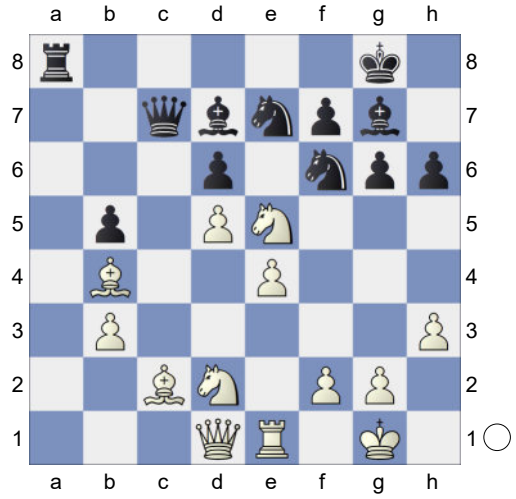
[21...Rxa1= 0.07/19 keeps the balance. 22.Qxa1 g5]

(Diagram)



22.Rxa8!± Rxa8 23.Nxe5 Pin **23...Qc7** 1.96/20

[23...dxe5± 1.14/19 24.Bxe7 Re8]



24.Nxf7!+- Kxf7

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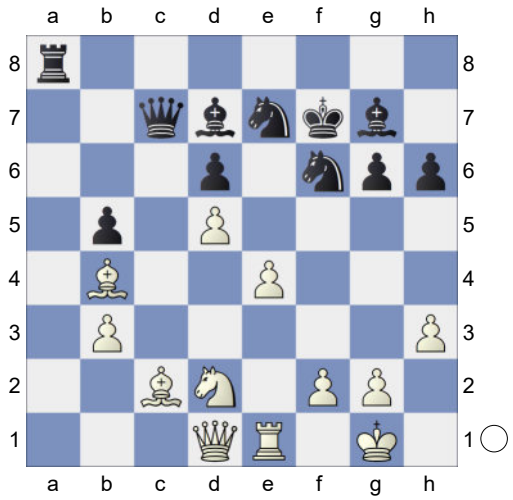


25.e5! Nfxd5
[25...dxe5? too greedy. 26.d6 Qc8 27.dxe7+-]
[25...Bf5 26.Bxf5]
26.exd6 Qb6 7.45/20
[26...Qc8 1.65/20]
27.dxe7 Re8 28.Qf3+ Nf6 29.Ne4 Bc6 30.Nd6+ Kg8 31.Qe3 Qxe3 32.Rxe3 Nd5 33.Nxe8 Nxe3 34.fxe3 Bxe8 Endgame. KBB-KBB **35.Be4 Be5 36.Bd5+ Kg7 37.Bc5 Kf6 38.b4 Bg3 39.Kf1 Ke5 40.Bb3 g5 41.Ke2 Kf6?** 4.81/24
[41...Bh5+ 2.86/27 42.Kd2 Be8]
42.Bd5 2.83/27
[⌓42.Kf3 4.81/24 Be1 43.Ke4]
42...Ke5 43.e4 Kf6 44.Kd3 Bc7 45.Ke3 Bf4+ 46.Kd4? 0.01/24
[46.Kf2+- 2.73/30]
46...Be5+!= 47.Kd3 Threatens to win with Bc5-d4. **47...Bc7!** Loses the game. **48.Kc2 Bf4 49.Bg8 Bc7 50.Bh7 Bf4 51.Bf5 Bc7 52.Kd3 Bf4 53.Kd4 Bc6 54.Bg4 Be5+ 55.Kd3 Be8** 5.51/26 Against Bg4-h5
[55...Kg6 2.62/28 56.Bd4 Bd6]
56.Bd4+- h5 57.Bxe5+ Kxe5 KB-KB **58.Be2 h4 59.Ke3 Kd6 60.Kd4** Black must now prevent e4-e5+. **60...Kxe7 61.Kc5** Dodges Be8-c6 **61...Bg6 62.Bd3 Ke6 63.Kxb5 Ke5 64.Kc5 Be8 65.b5 Bxb5 66.Kxb5** Threatening mate with Kb5-c4. **66...Kd4 67.Bb1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.32
1-0

157 **C48**
□ **Iljushenok,Ilia** **2547**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
World Blitz 2023 (1.4) 29.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

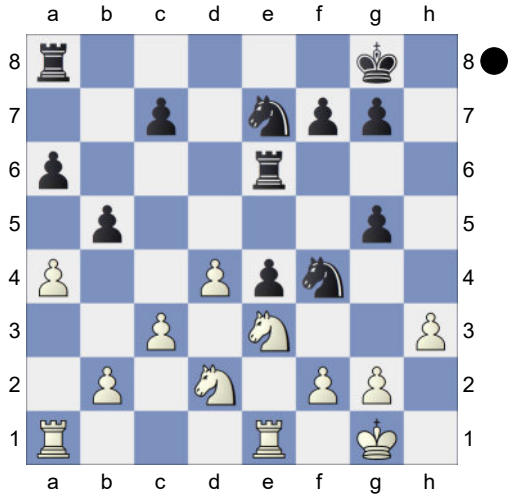
C48: Four Knights: 4 Bb5, replies other than 4...Bb4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bd6 5.d3 h6 6.Ba4 a6 7.a3 Bc5!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **8.0-0** White has an edge. **8...b5 9.Bb3 d6 10.h3 0-0 11.Be3N**
[11.Ne2 Be6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Ng3 Qe8 14.c3 Nh5 15.Kh2 Bb6 16.a4 b4 17.Bd2 bxc3 18.bxc3 Rf6 19.Ng1 Nxg3 20.fxg3 Rxf1 21.Qxf1 Bxg1+ 22.Qxg1 Na5 23.Qd1 Rb8 24.Ra2 Kh7 25.g4 Nb3 1-0 Duda,J (2610)-Dorfman,J (2574) FRA-chT Top 12 Montpellier 2015 (4.2) 26.Be3 Nc5 27.h4 Kg8 28.g5 hxg5 29.Bxg5 d5 30.Be3 Nd7 31.Qf3 dxe4 32.Qxe4 Nf6 33.Qc4 e4 34.Bg5 exd3 35.Qxd3 Nh7 36.Bf4 Nf6 37.Bg5 Nh7 38.Bf4 Nf6 39.Qxa6 e5 40.Bg5 Rb6 0-1 Duda,J (2738)-Rapport,R (2731) 139/140 Wijk aan Zee 2019 41.Qc4+ Kh8 42.a5 Rc6 43.Qe2 Qe6 44.a6 Ng4+ 45.Qxg4 1-0 Ferri,S (2610)-Fauth,H (2574) 17/482 Las Palmas 1974 (4.2)]
11...Re8N
[RR 11...Be6 12.Nd5 Bxe3 13.fxe3 Bxd5 14.exd5 Ne7 15.e4 Ng6 16.c3

Qd7 17.Nh2 a5 18.Rxf6 gxf6 19.Qh5 Kg7 20.Ng4 Rh8 21.Rf1 Nf4 22.Qh4 Qd8 23.Ne3 f5 24.Nxf5+ Kf8 25.Qxd8+ Rxd8 26.Bc2 Mohota,N (2195)-Amanov,Z (2338) Chess.com INT 2020 0-1 (68)]
[RR 11...Rb8 12.Nd5 Be6 13.c3 Bxd5 14.exd5 Bxe3 15.fxe3 Ne7 16.e4 Nd7 17.Rf2 a5 18.Qd2 Ng6 19.Raf1 Rb6 20.g3 Qb8 21.Nh2 b4 22.axb4 axb4 23.c4 Ra6 24.Kg2 Qa7 25.h4 Ra1 26.Bd1 Zheenbekov,N (2105)-Rasulov,V (2485) Karshi 2025 0-1 (57)]

12.Nd5N
[Vorgänger: 12.Ne2 Be6 13.Bxe6 Rxe6 14.Ng3 Ne7 15.Qd2 -0.01/20 *(15.Bxc5± 0.38/17 dxc5 16.b4)* 15...Bxe3= 16.fxe3 Ng6 17.Nf5 c6 18.a4 0-1 Maze,S (2582)-Bruzon Batista,L (2659) Wch Rapid Berlin 2015 (10)]

12...Be6 13.c3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Re1 Nf4 17.Bxe6 Rxe6 18.d4 e4! 19.Nd2 Qg5 20.Qg4 Threatens to win with Qg4xg5.
[20.a4 is interesting. Nxh3+ 21.Kf1 Qh4 22.gxh3 Qxh3+ 23.Ke2]

20...Ne7 21.Qxg5 hxg5 22.a4



b4 23.cxb4
[23.d5 seems wilder. Nfxd5 24.Nxd5 Nxd5 25.Rxe4 bxc3 26.Rxe6 cxb2 27.Rb1]

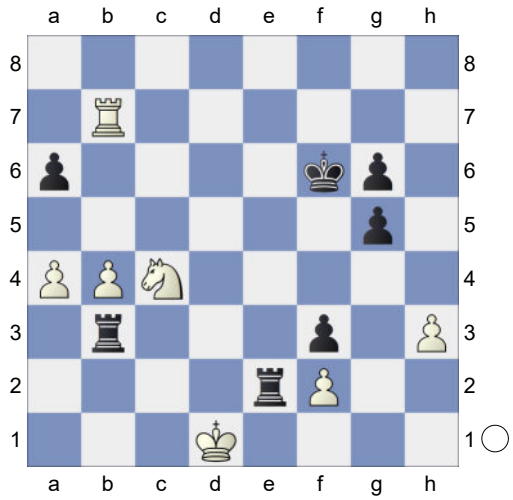
23...Nd3 24.Re2 d4-d5 would now be deadly. **24...Nxb4 25.Rc1 c6 26.Rc5 Nbd5** 0.21/18
[26...Ned5 -0.27/19 feels stronger. 27.Nxd5 cxd5]

27.Nec4 f5 28.Ra5 Nf4 29.Re1 Ned5 30.Ne3 g6↑ Black has the initiative. **31.Ndc4** -1.08/21
[31.Nb3∓ -0.61/19]

31...Nd3 32.Re2 N5b4 Black is much more active. **33.d5?** -3.76/20 Loses the game.
[33.Rd2∓ -1.24/19]

33...cxd5-+ 34.Nxd5 Nxd5 35.Rxd5 Nf4 36.Red2 Nxd5 37.Rxd5 Endgame. K R R - K R N **37...Rc8** Repels Rd5-c5 **38.b3 Rb8 39.Na5 Kg7 40.Rd7+ Kf6 41.Rc7 Rd8** aiming for ... Rd8-d1+. **42.Kf1 Rd2 43.Nc4 Rd3 44.b4 f4 45.Ke2** -6.16/21
[⌓45.b5 -4.09/20 Rd1+ 46.Ke2]

45...Rb3 Black is clearly winning. **46.Rb7 f3+ 47.gxf3 exf3+ 48.Kd1 Re2**

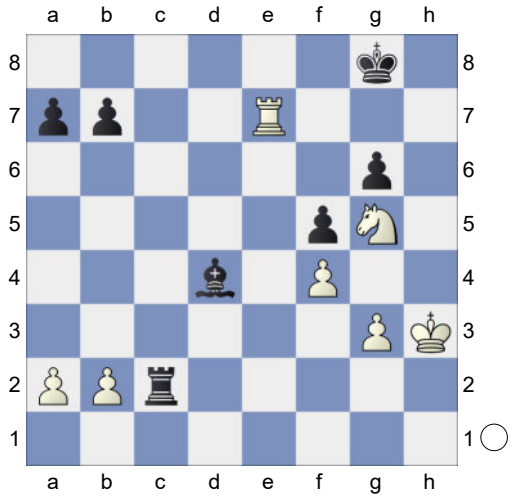


49.Rb6+ Kg7 50.Kc1 Repels Rb3-b1+ **50...Rc3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.09 (flawless)
0-1

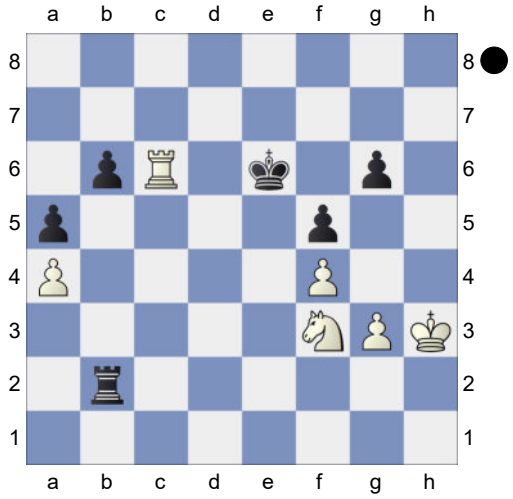
158 **D37**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2771**
World Rapid 2023 (13.7) 28.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3**
[3.g3 a6 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 b4 9.Na4 d6 10.d4 Be4 11.a3 a5 12.Ne1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 d5 14.Qc2 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.e3 e5 Espig,L (2429)-Van Wely,L (2654) Deutschland 91/(25) 2003]
3...d5 4.d4N
[4.e3 c5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nxd5 exd5 7.b4 cxb4 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.Rc1 Be6 10.Nd4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 f6 12.Bd3 Bd6 13.Qh5+ Bf7 14.Qg4 0-0 15.Qf5 g6 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 d4 18.Bxd4 Bxa2 1-0 Model Games-Parligras,M Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]
4...Be7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.e3 Bf5 0.35/19
[7...Nh5= -0.06/18]
8.Nh4± 8.h3 is not played anymore. 8.h3 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt.
8...Bg4 9.Qc2 -0.03/18
[9.Qb3± 0.33/19 should be considered.]
9...Nh5= White must now prevent ...Nh5xf4. **10.h3** The position is equal.
10...Be6 Strongly threatening ...Nh5xf4.
11.Nf3 Nxf4 12.exf4 Bd6 13.g3N
[Vorgänger: 13.f5 Bd7 14.Bd3 0-0 15.0-0 Na6 16.Bxa6 bxa6 17.Rae1 -0.01/16 *(17.Ne5± 0.39/19 might be stronger.)* 17...Qf6= 18.g4 h5 19.Kg2 ½-½ Ypma,H-Kelbl,J (1871) Van Perlo Memorial-B email 2010 [1]]
13...g6N
[RR 13...a5 14.Bd3 Na6 15.a3 h6 16.Kf1 0-0 17.Kg2 Bc8 18.Rae1 Nc7 19.Nd1 Ne6 20.Ne3 Re8 21.Ng4 Bd7 22.Nge5 Nf8 23.Re2 Qc7 24.Rhe1 Re7 25.Nxd7 Qxd7 26.Rxe7 Bxe7 27.Ne5 Qc7 28.Qe2 Giri,A (2745)-Tang,A (2505) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (81)]
[RR 13...Qf6 14.Bd3 g6 15.0-0-0 Nd7 16.Ne5 Nb6 17.Kb1 0-0-0 18.Nb5 Kb8 19.Nxd6 Rxd6 20.b3 Nc8 21.h4 Rdd8 22.Rc1 Nd6 23.Rhe1 Rc8 24.Qd2 Rhd8 25.f3 Bf5 26.Bxf5 Qxf5+ 27.Ka1 Rc7 28.Nd3 Gukesh,D (2718)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2793) Duesseldorf 2023 1-0 (62)]
[RR 13...Qf6 14.Bd3 g6 15.0-0-0 Nd7 16.Kb1 Nb6 17.Ne5 0-0-0 18.Nb5 Kb8 19.Nxd6 Rxd6 20.h4 Nc8 21.h5 Rdd8 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.Qb3 Ka8 24.Qa3 Bf5 25.Rde1 Nd6 26.f3 Bxd3+ 27.Qxd3 Rxh1 28.Rxh1 Mekhitarian,K (2564)-Deac,B (2674) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (39)]
14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Kf1 Qf6 16.Kg2 0-0 17.h4 c5 0.68/18
[17...h5= 0.10/18]
18.Nb5 Be7 19.dxc5 White is more active. **19...Nxc5 20.Nbd4 Rac8 21.h5**
[21.Nxe6 simplifies Nxe6 22.Qd2 h5 23.Rad1]
21...Ne4 22.Qe2 Bc5 23.Nxe6 Qxe6 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Bxe4 Qxe4 26.Qxe4 -0.20/18
[26.Rhe1± 0.58/21]
26...dxe4= 27.Ng5 Rfe8 28.Rae1 e3 29.fxe3 Rxe3 30.Rxe3 Bxe3 Endgame. KRB-KRN **31.Re1 Bd4 32.Re7 Rc2+ 33.Kh3 f5?** 4.71/23
[33...Bf6!= 0.01/23 and Black is okay.

34.Rxb7 Rxb2 35.Rxa7 Bxg5 36.fxg5 Kf8]



White stays focused until the end. **34.Re8+!+-**
[Stronger than 34.Rxb7 Rxb2 35.Rd7 Bf6=]
34...Kg7 35.Ne6+ Kf7 36.Nxd4 KRN-KR **36...Rd2 37.Rd8 Rxb2 38.Rd7+ Kf6 39.Nf3 Ke6 40.Rg7 Kf6 41.Rc7** Intending Nf3-g5 and mate.
41...Ke6 42.a4 a5 43.Rc5 b6 44.Rc6+



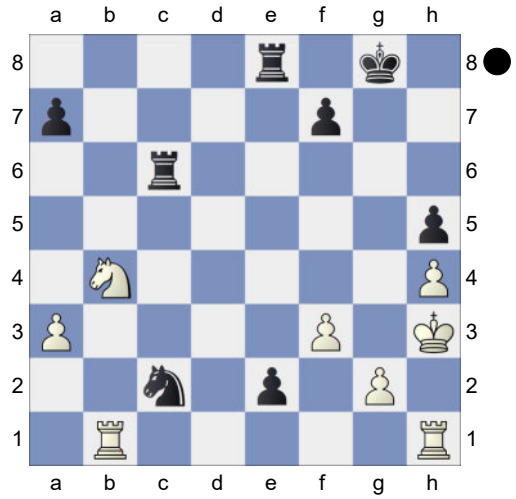
Skewer **44...Kd5 45.Rxg6 Rb4 46.Ne5 Ke4 47.Kh4 Rxa4 48.Rxb6 Ra1 49.Kg5 Ra3 50.Kh4** -0.01/19
[White should try 50.g4+- 5.84/20 fxg4 51.Nxg4 *(51.Kxg4 Ra2+-)*]
50...Ra1!= 51.Rb3 Wards off Ra1-a3. White is clearly winning. **51...a4 52.Rb4+ Kd5** 7.08/23
[⌓52...Ke3 4.80/22 53.Kg5 Kd2 54.Kxf5 Kc3]
53.Kg5+- a3 54.Kxf5 Rg1 55.Rb5+ Kd4 56.Nf3+ Kc4 57.Ra5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.38
1-0

159 **D37**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2830**
World Rapid 2023 (4.1) 26.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.a3 Nc6 9.Qc2 Re8 10.Rd1 -0.11/18
[10.0-0-0± 0.48/20]
10...e5!= 11.Bg5 d4 12.Nd5 The position is equal. **12...Be7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Bd3 g6 15.Nxf6+**
[15.0-0 Bg7 16.h3 f5 17.e4 Rf8 18.Rfe1 f4 19.b4 h5 20.b5 Na5 21.c5 g5 22.h4 gxh4 23.c6 h3 24.cxb7 Nxb7 25.Qc7 Bg4 26.Qxb7 Rf7 27.Qa6 Kh7 28.Bf1 Rd7 29.Rc1 Bxf3 1-0 Ter Sahakyan,S (2618)-Aditya,M (2591) Karaganda Akim Cup 2024 (2)]
15...Qxf6 16.Be4N
[16.0-0 Be6 17.Be4 Rad8 18.b4 D 37/42 2003]
[RR 16.0-0 Bg4 17.Be4 Rad8 18.h3 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Qg5 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.exd4 exd4 22.b4 a5 23.Qd3 axb4 24.axb4 Re6 25.Rfe1 Qe7 26.Rxe6 Qxe6 27.Rb1 Qd6 28.g3 Rb8 29.b5 Rc8 30.b6 Rb8

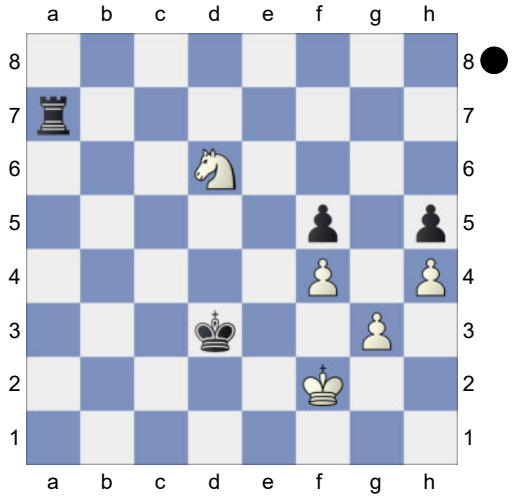
Vaisser,A-Semkov,S (2395) Sochi 1982 1-0 (44)]
[RR 16.0-0 Bf5 17.Be4 Rad8 18.Qb1 d3 19.Nd2 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 Qh4 21.Rxd3 f5 22.Nd6 e4 23.Rd5 Re6 24.c5 Kg7 25.b4 Ne5 26.Qa1 Qf6 27.h3 Rd7 28.Rfd1 Rde7 29.Nc8 Rc7 30.Nxa7 Kh6 Xue,H (2535)-Matyakubov,M (2260) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (56)]
[RR 16.0-0 Bg4 17.Be4 Rad8 18.b4 Rd7 19.Qa4 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Red8 21.b5 Ne7 22.exd4 exd4 23.c5 Qg5+ 24.Kh1 Qxc5 25.Rd3 f5 0-1 (25) Lashkin,J (2386)-Xue,H (2128) Chess.com INT 2021]

16...Bf5 17.Bxf5 -0.56/23
[17.0-0!= 0.02/22]
17...gxf5∓ 18.exd4 Nxd4 19.Qc3 -1.65/20
[19.Nxd4∓ -0.66/20 exd4+ 20.Kf1]
19...Rad8-+ 20.Rd2 Qg6 21.Kf1 -1.97/18
[21.Kd1∓ -1.40/21]
21...f4 22.Ne1 -2.38/16
[⌓22.h4 -1.93/17]
22...Qa6 -1.31/20
[Black should try 22...Qe6-+ -2.38/16 Hoping for ...Rd8-c8. 23.h3 Rc8]
23.h4? -3.18/19
[23.g3∓ -1.31/20 keeps fighting.]
23...Rc8 24.b3 b5!
[24...Qxa3 25.g3∓]
25.Kg1 bxc4
[25...Qxa3 26.Rh3-+]
26.bxc4 Rxc4 27.Qh3 Qe6 White must now prevent ...Qe6xh3.
28.Kh2 Qxh3+ 29.Kxh3 e4 Wards off Ne1-f3 **30.f3 e3 31.Rd1 h5 32.Nd3 e2 33.Rb1 Rc3**
[33...Nc2 34.Ne1-+]
34.Nxf4 Nc2? -0.10/21
[34...Rxa3 35.Nxh5 Re5 36.Nf6+ Kg7 37.Ng4]
[34...Nxf3 35.Nd5 Rd3 *(35...e1Q 36.Rhxe1 Nxe1+ 37.Nxc3=; 35...Rxa3 36.gxf3 Rxf3+ 37.Kg2=; 35...Nd2+ 36.Nxc3 Re3+ 37.Kh2=)* 36.gxf3 Rxd5 37.Kg3∓]
[34...Kf8-+ -3.27/21 35.a4 Rce3 36.Nxe2 Nxe2 *(36...Rxe2? 37.Rhd1-+)*]
35.Nd5= Rc6 36.Nb4

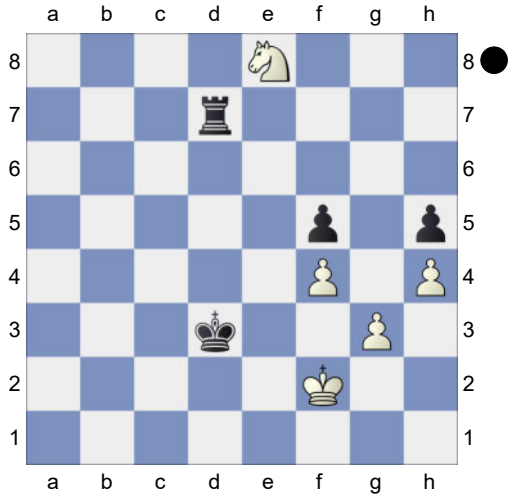


Nxa3! 37.Nxc6 Nxb1 38.Rxb1 e1Q 39.Rxe1 Rxe1 40.Nxa7∓ Endgame. KR-KN **40...f5 41.Kg3 Kf7 42.Nc6 Kf6 43.f4 Rd1 44.Kf3 Ke6 45.Ke3 Re1+ 46.Kf2 Re4 47.g3 Kd5 48.Ne5 Ra4 49.Nf7 Ra2+ 50.Kf3 Ra7 51.Ng5 Kd4 52.Ke2 Ra2+ 53.Kf3 Ra3+ 54.Kf2 Kd3 55.Ne6 Ra1 56.Nc5+ Kc4 57.Ne6 Kd5** (-> ...Ra1-a2+) **58.Ng5! Ra6 59.Ke3 Kc4 60.Nf7 Re6+ 61.Kf2 Kd3 62.Ne5+ Ke4 63.Nf7 Ra6 64.Ng5+ Kd3 65.Nf7 Ra7 66.Ng5**
[66.Ne5+= -0.10/33 Ke4 67.Kf1]
66...Ra2+ 67.Kf3 Kd2 68.Kf2 Rc2 69.Ne6 Kd3+ 70.Kf3 Rc3 71.Kf2 Rc6 72.Ng5! Ra6 73.Nf7 Ra2+ 74.Kf3 Ra3 75.Kf2 Ra7 76.Nd6? -8.41/34

(Diagram)



Rd7!-+ Black is clearly winning. **77.Ne8**



Rf7! 78.Nd6 Rf6 79.Ne8 Rg6 80.Kf3 Kc4 81.Kf2 Kc5 82.Nc7 Kc6 83.Na6 Rd6 And now ...Rd6-d4 would win. **84.Ke3 Kb5 85.Nc7+ Kb6 86.Na8+ Kb7** -#31/25

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)

[86...Kc6-+ -11.39/22 87.Kf3 Rd8 88.Ke3 Rxa8 89.Kd4 Kd6 90.Kc4 Ra3 91.Kb4 Rxg3 92.Kc4 Rh3 93.Kd4 Rxh4 94.Ke3 Rg4 95.Kf2 h4 *(95...Rxf4+* leads to mate. *96.Ke3 Ke5 97.Ke2 h4 98.Ke3 h3 99.Kd2 h2 100.Kc2 h1Q 101.Kd2 Rf3 102.Ke2 Qg2+ 103.Ke1 Rf1#)* 96.Ke3 h3 *(96...Rg3+* gets mated. *97.Ke2 h3 98.Kf2 Rg2+ 99.Ke3 h2 100.Kd4 h1Q 101.Kc4 Rc2+ 102.Kb5 Qb7+ 103.Ka5 Ra2#)* 97.Ke2 h2 *(97...Rxf4 98.Ke3 Rg4 99.Ke2 h2 100.Kf1 h1Q+ 101.Ke2 Qh3 102.Ke1 Rg2 103.Kf1 Qh1#; 97...Rg2+* is a self mate. *98.Ke3 h2 99.Kd3 h1Q 100.Kc4 Qc1+ 101.Kd4 Rd2+ 102.Ke3 Qc3#)* 98.Kd3 Rg3+ *(98...h1R 99.Ke3 Kc5 100.Ke2 Rh2+ 101.Kf3 Ra2 102.Ke3 Rg3#)* 99.Kc4 h1Q *(99...h1R 100.Kd4 Rh7 101.Kc4 Rb7 102.Kd4 Rb4#)* 100.Kb4 Qb1+ 101.Ka4 Rh3 102.Ka5 Ra3#]

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160 **D37**

□ **Predke,Alexandr** **2689**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**

Chennai GMs 2023 (7.3) 21.12.2023

[Kitty Kat]*

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7N

[4...dxc4

A) 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 Qb8 *(10...Qc7 11.Bd2 Be7 12.Rac1 Qb6 13.Be1 0-0 14.Ne5 Rad8 15.f4 Nb8 16.Bf2 Nc6 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.Nd3 Be7 19.Bc2 b4 20.Na4 Qb5 21.Bh4 Ne4 22.Bxe7 Nxe7 23.Qe1 Rc8 24.Nxb4 a5 25.Nd3* 1-0 (47) Krasenkow,M (2534)-Eidelman,G (2296) Vlissingen op 25th 2023 (9)*; 10...Bd6 11.d5 exd5 12.e4 d4 13.e5 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Bxe5 15.f4 0-0 16.fxe5 Re8 17.f4 dxc3*

18.bxc3 ½-½ Lupu,N-Kaczmarek,P 78/188 Kazan 2000 (1)*)* 11.d5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Rxd5 Qb7 15.e4 Be7 16.Bg5 f6 17.Rad1 Nb6 18.Bf4 0-0 19.R5d2 Rfe8 0-1 (32) 21.Qc4 (2537)-11... ♕c7 12. ♘bd2 cd4 13.c, 4 (2707) USSR 36/510 1983 (2);
B) 5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2 b5 7.a4 c6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bg5 h6 *(10...Nbd7 11.e5 h6 12.exf6 hxg5 13.fxg7 Rg8 14.Qh7 Nf6 15.Qh6 Qe7 16.Nxg5 0-0-0 17.Bf3 Rxd4 18.axb5 cxb5 19.Bxb7+ Kxb7 20.Rfe1 Ng4 21.Qh7 Nf6 22.Qh6 Ng4 23.Qh3 Qf6 24.Nge4 Qxg7 25.Qf3* ½-½ (65) Stocek,J-Klein,D EU-ch 13th Plovdiv 2012 (2)*)* 11.Bh4 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Nd6 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 15. Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4-Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2]

5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bf4 Bb4 8.e3 Ne4 The position is equal. **9.Qc2 g5 10.Bg3 h5!**

[RR 10...c6 11.Bd3 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Qf6 13.0-0-0 Nb6 14.e4 Be6 15.e5 Qg7 16.a3 Be7 17.Kb1 0-0-0 18.Rc1 Kb8 19.Na4 Nxa4 20.Qxa4 Rc8 21.Nd2 f6 22.f4 gxf4 23.gxf4 Qxg2 24.Qc2 fxe5 25.dxe5 Yelisieiev,Y (2412)-Chassard,C (2250) Munich 2025 1-0 (50)]

11.h4 Nxg3 12.fxg3 gxh4N

[RR 12...g4 13.Ng1 c6 14.Bd3 Qe7 15.Qf2 Nb6 16.Nge2 Be6 17.0-0 0-0-0 18.a3 Bd6 19.b4 Kb8 20.Nf4 Rde8 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Nb1 Nc4 23.Nd2 Nxd2 24.Qxd2 Bc8 25.b5 c5 26.Nxd5 Qd8 27.Nf4 Goncharov,V (2077)-Mardov,D (2504) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (37)]

13.Bd3 -0.25/20

[13.gxh4 0.14/18 feels stronger. Qe7 14.Bd3]

13...hxg3= 14.0-0 Nb6 15.e4 Bg4 ...Bxf3 would now be deadly. **16.Ne2** -1.03/18

[White should try 16.exd5∓ -0.49/18 Bxc3 17.Qxc3]

16...dxe4 -0.24/20

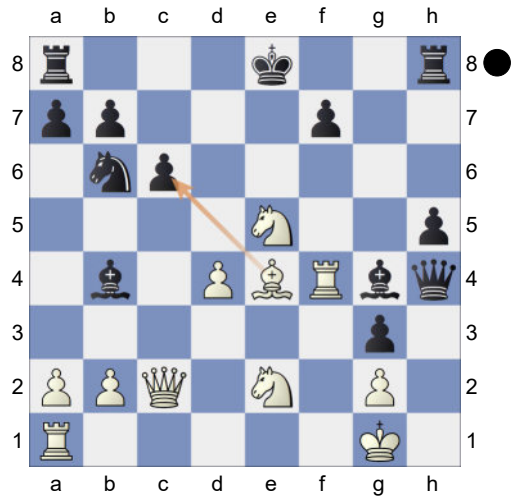
[Black should try 16...c6∓ -1.03/18 17.e5 Nc4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Nxg3 Qb6 20.Qxc4 h4]

17.Bxe4 c6! 18.Ne5 -1.62/22

[18.Bf5∓ -0.53/20]

18...Qh4-+ 19.Rf4

[Of course not 19.Bxc6+ bxc6 20.Nxg3 *(20.Qxc6+? too greedy. Bd7-+)* 20...Qxg3]



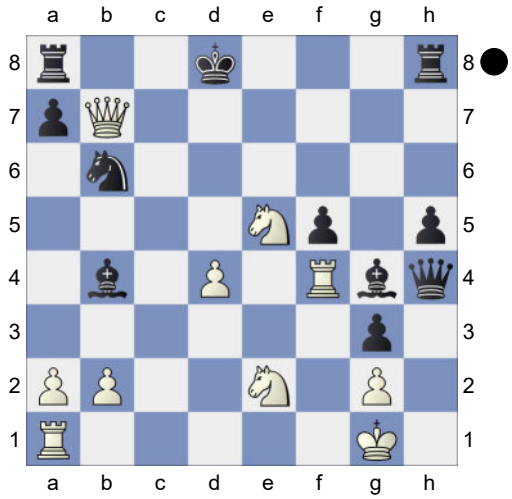
Hoping for Bxc6+!. **19...f5! 20.Bxc6+ bxc6 21.Qxc6+** -1.80/19

[21.Nxg3∓ -1.24/20 0-0-0 *(21...Qxg3 22.Qxc6+ Ke7 23.Qc7+ Ke6 24.Qf7+ Kd6 25.Qg6+ Ke7 26.Qg5+ Ke6 27.Qg6+ Ke7 28.Qg7+ Kd6 29.Qg6+ Kc7 30.Qg7+ Kd6 31.Qf6+ Kc7 32.Qg7+ Kd6=)* 22.Rc1]

21...Kd8 22.Qb7 -8.64/22

[22.Nxg3 -1.72/20 Rf8 *(22...Qxg3*

23.Qf6+ Kc8 24.Qxh8+ Kb7 25.Qg7+ Ka6 26.Rf3=) 23.Re1 Bxe1 24.Qd6+ Ke8 25.Qe6+ *(25.Qc6+ Kd8=)* 25...Kd8 *(25...Qe7 26.Qg6+ Kd8 27.Nc6+ Kd7 28.Nxe7=)* 26.Qd6+]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
22...Rh7!!
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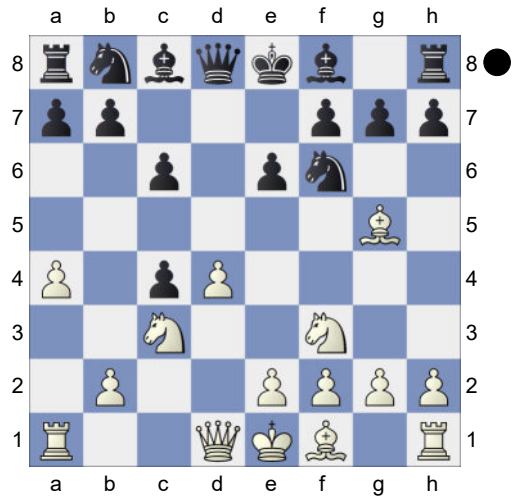
161 **D44**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2727**
Chennai GMs 2023 (6.3) 20.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

D44: Semi-Slav: Botvinnik System **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 d5 4.d4 c6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.a4**

(Diagram)



b5! 7.g3 White has compensation.
[7.axb5 cxb5]
[RR 7.axb5 cxb5 8.Nxb5 Qb6 9.Nc3 Qxb2 10.Bd2 Nd5 11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Rb1 Qa2 13.e4 Bd6 14.Be2 0-0 15.0-0 dxe4 16.Ng5 Bf5 17.Rc1 Qb3 18.Bxc4 Qxd1 19.Rfxd1 Nd7 20.Bd5 Rae8 21.Rc6 Be7 Radjabov,T (2765)-Harikrishna,P (2732) chess24.com INT 2020 ½-½ (42)]
7...Bb7
[RR 7...b4 8.Ne4 Nbd7 9.Bg2 Be7 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.Nxc4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 0-0 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.0-0 Bf6 16.e3 Ba6 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qc5 Qc7 19.Rfd1 Be7 20.Qe5 Bxc4 21.Rxc4 c5 22.Qxc7 Van Wely,L (2607)-Beerdsen,T (2513) Helmond 2024 ½-½ (96)]
8.Bg2 a6 9.0-0N Black has an edge.
[RR 9.Ne5 Qb6 10.0-0 Bb4 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Ng4 Nd7 13.e4 h5 14.Ne3 h4 15.Ne2 hxg3 16.hxg3 e5 17.Nf5 exd4 18.Nexd4 0-0-0 19.Qc2 Ne5 20.Rad1 Bc5 21.Nf3 Kb8 22.b3 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 cxb3 Veselov,A (2079)-Amanov,Z (2341) St Petersburg 2021 0-1]
9...Be7 10.Ne5N aiming for a4xb5.

[10.e4 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.axb5 axb5 13.Rxa8 Bxa8 14.Qa1 Nd7 15.Qa7 0-0 16.e5 Be7 2 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 Game]

10...0-0 -0.01/21

[10...Nd5∓ -0.43/18 11.Bxe7 Qxe7]

11.axb5= axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.Qa1 Qxd4 Hoping for ...Ba8-b7. **14.Nxf7**

[14.Nf3 Qb6 15.b3 *(15.Qxa8? Na6-+; 15.Bxf6? Bxf6 16.Ne4 Nd7-+)* 15...cxb3 16.Nxb5 *(16.Qxa8? Na6-+)* 16...Qxb5-+]

14...Kxf7 15.Qxa8 Qb6 16.Qa1 -0.62/19

[16.Be3= -0.20/20 c5 17.Ra1]

16...Nbd7∓ 17.Qb1 h6 18.Bf4 Nd5 19.Ne4 N7f6 Black is more active. **20.Be5 Rd8 21.Bh3 c5 22.Nd2 Nd7**

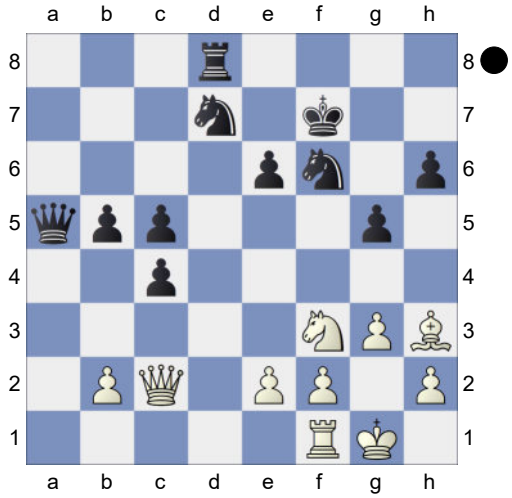
[22...Ne3 23.fxe3 Rxd2 24.Bg4=]

23.Nf3 Bf6 24.Bxf6 N5xf6

[Of course not 24...N7xf6 25.Ne5+ Kg8 26.Rd1= *(26.Qg6 Rf8∓)*]

25.Qc2 Qa5 26.Rc1 g5 27.Rf1 -1.56/21

[27.Bg2∓ -0.61/22]



27...Qa4!∓

[Stronger than 27...g4 28.Bxg4 Qa4 29.Qb1= *(29.Qxa4 bxa4 30.Rc1 a3-+)*]

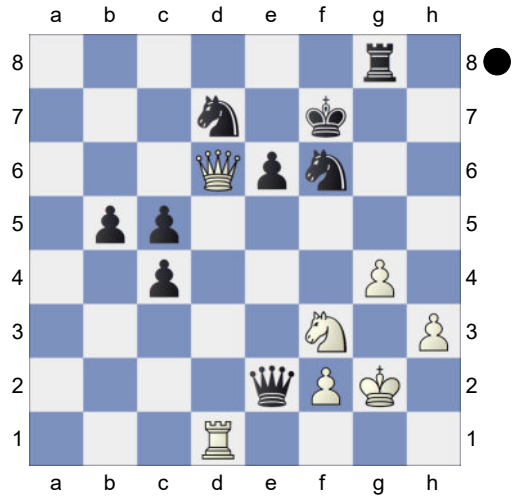
28.Qd2 -2.87/22

[⌓28.Qb1 -1.67/21]

28...g4-+ 29.Bxg4 Nxg4 30.h3 Ngf6 31.Qxh6 Rg8 ...Qa4-c2 is the strong threat. **32.g4** -4.43/20

[⌓32.Qd2 -2.79/19]

32...Qc2 33.Qf4 Ke7 34.Qg3 Qxb2 35.Rd1 Qxe2 36.Qd6+ Kf7 37.Kg2



Nxg4! (→ ...Ng4-e3+) **38.Ng5+**

[38.Qf4+ Ngf6+]

38...Rxg5 Black mates. **39.Qxd7+ Kf6 40.Qd8+ Kf5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/Black=0.04 (flawless)

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162 **E54**

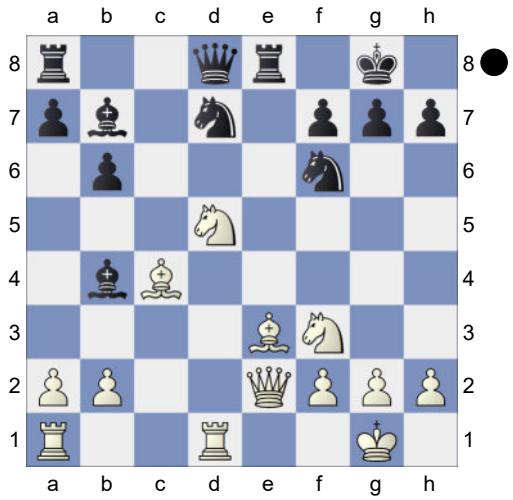
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**

■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2720**

Chennai GMs 2023 (3.1) 17.12.2023

[Kitty Kat]*

E55: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line: 7...dxc4 8 Bxc4 Nbd7 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.Nf3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.exd4 b6 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Rd1 Nbd7 12.d5 exd5** is now debated instead of 12...Bxc3. wird nun anstelle von 12...Lxc3 disktutiert. **13.Nxd5 Re8 14.Be3**



Hoping for Nd5xf6+. **14...Nxd5** The position is equal. **15.Bxd5 Bxd5 16.Rxd5** Ra1-d1 is the strong threat. **16...Qc7 17.Qb5 Nf6 18.Rc1 Qb7 19.Rdd1 Bf8 20.a4N**

[20.h3 h6 21.Qf5 Qe4 22.Qxe4 Nxe4 23.Rc7 Bd6 24.Rd7 Bc5 25.Bxc5 Nxc5 26.Rc7 Ne6 27.Rb7 Nc5 28.Rc7 Ne6 29.Rb7 Nc5 30.Rc7 Ne6 ½-½ Bu,X (2689)-Wang,H (2702) CHN-chT Div-A Fuling 2024 (11.1)]

[RR 20.Bg5 a6 21.Qc6 Qxc6 22.Rxc6 Ne4 23.Be3 b5 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.h3 Nd5 26.Nc2 Re6 27.Rxe6 fxe6 28.Bd4 Rc8 29.Ne1 Be7 30.g3 Bf6 ½-½ (30) Sjugirov,S (2635)-Wang,H (2701) Aktobe 2025]

20...Rac8N

[Vorgänger: 20...Rad8 21.a5 Rd5 22.a6 Qa8 23.Rxd5 Nxd5 24.Bd4 Nf4 aiming for ...Nf4-e2+. 25.Kf1 Rc8 26.Rc4 Rxc4 27.Qxc4 ½-½ Euwe,M-Unzicker,W Match/Nation GER-NED Dortmund 1957 (1.1)]

[RR 20...Rad8 21.a5 Rd5 22.a6 Qa8 23.Rxd5 Nxd5 24.Bd4 Nf4 25.Kf1 Rc8 26.Rc4 Rxc4 27.Qxc4 Qd5 28.Qxd5 Nxd5 29.Ne5 Nc7 30.Nc6 Nxa6 31.Nxa7 Bc5 32.Bxc5 Nxc5 33.Ke2 Kf8 34.Kd2 Ke8 35.Nc8 Euwe,M-Unzicker,W Dortmund 1957 ½-½ (50)]

21.Rxc8 Qxc8 22.h3 Rd8 23.Rxd8 Qxd8 24.Bd4 Nd5 25.Qc4 Nc7 26.g3 Ne6 27.Bc3 Nc5 28.Bd4 Qd7 29.Bxc5 Bxc5 30.b4 Bf8

An uneventful encounter. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) / Black=0.00 (flawless)

½-½

163 **E21**

□ **Aronian,Levon** **2723**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**

Chennai GMs 2023 (2.4) 16.12.2023

[Kitty Kat]*

E21: Nimzo-Indian: 4 Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Bg5 c5 6.d5 h6

[6...d6 7.e3 exd5 8.cxd5 Nbd7 9.Nd2 h6 10.Bh4 Ne5 11.Be2 Ng6 12.Bg3 Re8 13.Qb3 Ne7 14.e4 Ng6 15.f3 Nh5 16.Bf2 Nhf4 17.Bf1 f5 18.0-0-0 Ne5 19.Qc2 fxe4 20.Ndxe4 Bf5 21.Be3 0-1 Bolanos Arguello,A (2607)-Giorgadze,T (2736) San Francisco TNM Jay Whitehead op 2014 (5)]

[RR 6...exd5 7.cxd5 d6 8.e3 h6 9.Bh4 Bf5 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Nbd7 12.0-0 Re8 13.Ne2 a6 14.Qf5 c4 15.Rac1 Rc8 16.a3 Ba5 17.Ng3 Qe7 18.Qh3 Rc5 19.Nf5 Qf8 20.Rfd1 Bd8 21.Rd4 Gukesh,D (2725)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2743) Wijk aan Zee 2024 ½-½ (40)]

7.Bh4 d6N

[7...exd5 8.cxd5 d6 9.e3 Nbd7 10.Bd3 Qb6 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nxd5 6) Kasparov Variation 4.Nf3-

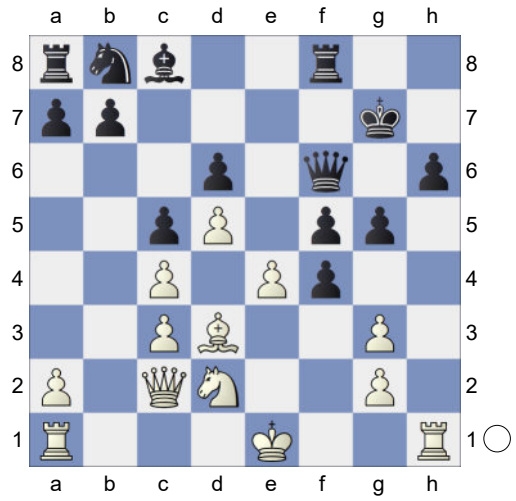
Kasparov Variation 4.Nf3 −]
[RR 7...exd5 8.cxd5 d6 9.e3 Bg4 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.0-0 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 ½-½ (12) Rahmanov,S (2203)-Zeynalli,R (2287) Nevsehir 2025]

8.e3 g5N
[RR 8...exd5 9.cxd5 Nbd7 10.Be2 Qa5 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxc3 13.Rc1 Qa5 14.Nd2 b5 15.Bg3 Bb7 16.Bxd6 Rfc8 17.e4 Qb6 18.Bg3 c4 19.Rb1 c3 20.Rxb5 Qd4 21.Rxb7 cxd2 22.Qb1 Nb6 23.Bf3 Lundin,J (2238)-Kulon,K (2327) Plzen 2024 0-1]
[RR 8...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 e5 10.Qc2 Re8 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.Bd3 Qe7 13.f3 Nf8 14.0-0 g5 15.Bf2 Kg7 16.f4 e4 17.Be2 gxf4 18.Bh4 Ng6 19.Bxf6+ Qxf6 20.Bh5 Bf5 21.Bxg6 Bxg6 22.Rxf4 Qe5 23.Rb1 Riemersma,L (2380)-Tozer,R (2305) Edinburgh 1989 1-0 (60)]

9.Bg3 Ne4 10.Qc2 f5 11.Nd2 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Kg7 14.Bd3 Qf6 0.74/21
[14...e5± 0.34/19 should be considered.]

15.f4± e5 16.e4 0-0-0 is the strong threat. White is more active. **16...exf4** 1.34/22
[Better is 16...Nd7± 0.59/23]

(Diagram)

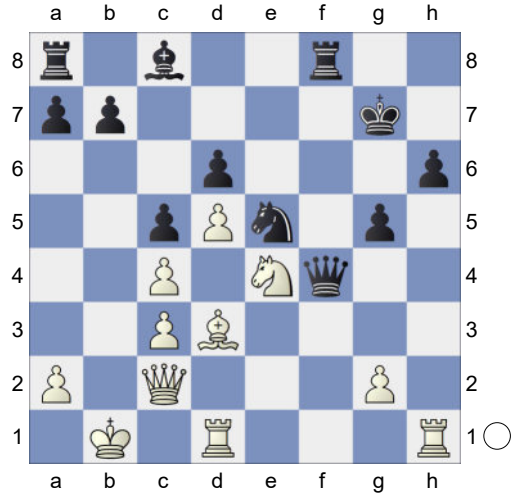


17.0-0-0 0.04/23
[17.0-0!± 1.34/22]

17...Nd7!= The position is equal.
[17...fxg3 18.exf5 Nd7 *(18...Bxf5? 19.Rdf1+-)* 19.Ne4 Qxf5 20.Rdf1±]

18.gxf4 fxe4 19.Nxe4
[19.fxg5? Qxg5 20.Bxe4 Ne5-+]

19...Qxf4+ 20.Kb1 Ne5



Hoping for ...Ne5xd3. **21.Rhf1 Qe3**
[21...Qh2 22.Rxf8 Kxf8 23.Nxd6 Nxd3 24.Nxc8 Rxc8 25.Qxd3± *(25.Rxd3 Kg7±)*]

22.Rfe1
[22.Nxd6 Bg4 23.Nf5+ Rxf5 24.Bxf5 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 Nxc4∓]

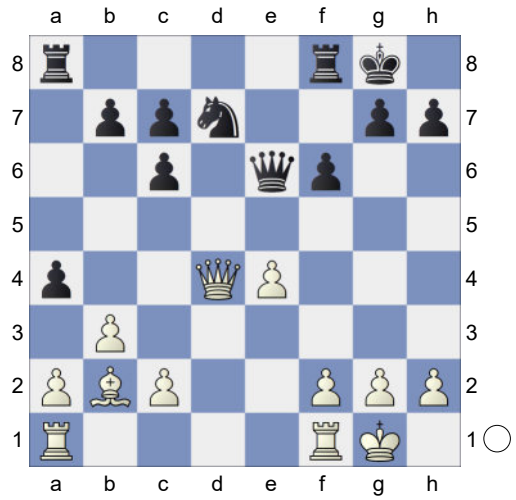
22...Qf4 23.g3 Qf3 24.Nxd6 Qxg3 25.Ne4

[25.Bf5 Nxc4 *(25...Bxf5? 26.Nxf5+ Rxf5 27.Qxf5+-)* 26.Re7+ Kf6∓]
25...Qf4 **26.Rf1** **Nf3!** Threatens to win with ...Bc8-g4. **27.Nxc5** **Qe3** Dodges Bd3-e2 **28.Qe2⇄** White has counterplay **28...Qxe2** **29.Bxe2** **g4** **30.Kc1** aiming for d5-d6. **30...b6!** **31.Nd3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

164 **C65**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
■ **Eljanov,P** **2691**
Chennai GMs 2023 (1.3) 15.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

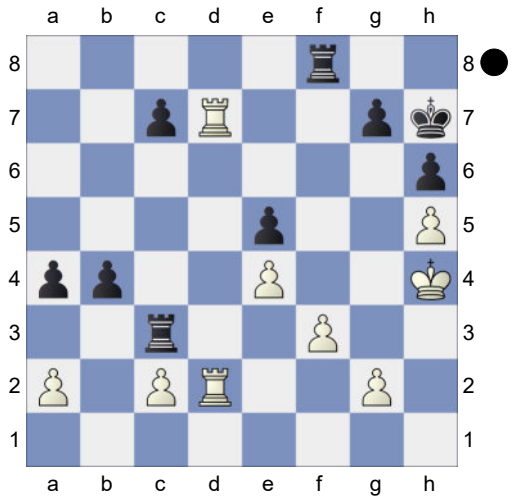
1.e4 4 **e5** 22 **2.Nf3** 6 **Nc6** 4 **3.Bb5** 7 **Nf6** 19 **4.d3** 8 **Bc5** 35 **5.Bxc6** 8 **dxc6** 5 **6.Nbd2** 14 C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5. **6...Be6** 2:04 **7.0-0** 55 **Qd6** 2:33 7...Bd6 is setting a new trend. **8.b3** 1:56 White has an edge. **8...a5** 49 8...Nd7 is not played anymore. **9.Bb2** 20 d4 would be deadly. **9...Nd7** 10 **10.Ng5** 1:56 **a4** 6:55 **11.Ndf3** 49 **f6** 4:14 **12.Nxe6** 19 **Qxe6** 3 **13.d4N** 1:15
[RR 13.Nh4 0-0 14.Nf5 g6 15.Ng3 Qe7 16.Qg4 Kh8 17.h4 Bd6 18.h5 Qf7 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Ne2 axb3 21.axb3 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 Kg7 23.Ra7 b6 24.d4 Re8 25.c4 Kg8 26.Ng3 Kh7 27.d5 cxd5 Caruana,F (2782)-Lazavik,D (2560) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (120)]
13...exd4 9:09 **14.Nxd4** 8 **Bxd4** 3:27 **15.Qxd4** 3:00 **0-0** 11

(Diagram)



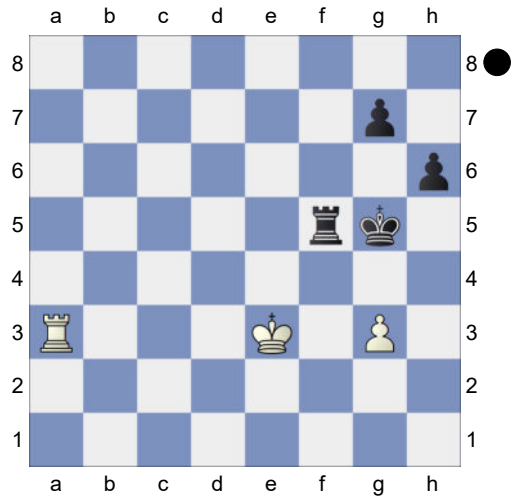
16.Rfe1N 15:37
[Predecessor: 16.Rfd1 Rf7 17.f3 b6 18.Qd3 Nf8 19.Qe2 Re7 20.Rd4 Ree8 21.Bc3 axb3 22.axb3 Rxa1+ 23.Bxa1 Ra8 24.Bc3 b5 25.Rd1 Qe7 26.Kf1 Ne6 ½-½ Hablizel,F (2301)-Popov,V (2087) DE WebServ 10th prel 16 email 2016]
16...c5 8:58 **17.Qd3** 7:23 **Ne5** 3:55 **18.Qg3** 2:55 **b5** 7:24 **19.f3** 4:44 **b4** 5:27 **20.h4** 20:01 **c4** 5:24 **21.Bxe5** 8 **fxe5** 34 **22.bxc4** 10 **Ra5** 5:16 **23.Rad1** 3:13 **Rc5** 1:21 **24.Rd5** 4:46 **Rxc4** 6 **25.Re2** 3:22 **Re8** 6:28 **26.Red2** 58 **h6** 3:55 **27.h5** 1:52 **Kh7** 8:22 **28.Rd7** 10:09 **Rg8** 43 **29.Kh2** 4:24 **Rc6** 50 **30.R7d5** 5:49 **Re8!** 22 **31.Rd7** 4 **Rg8** 34 **32.Qh3** 18 Black must now prevent Qxe6. **32...Qf6** 5:39 **33.Qg4** 20
[33.Qf5+ simplifies Kh8 34.Kh3 Qxf5+ 35.exf5 Rf8 36.g4]
33...Rc3 3:48 **34.Kg3** 3:15 **Rf8** 2:24 **35.Qh4** 1:52
[35.R7d3=]
35...Qxh4+∓ 1:12 **36.Kxh4** 4 Endgame

(Diagram)



KRR-KRR **36...Rf4+!** 20
[Don't play 36...Ra3?! 37.Rxc7 Rxa2 38.Rdd7=]
37.Kg3 7 **Rxe4** 10 **38.Rxc7** 20 **Rxc7** 1:21 **39.fxe4** 4 KR-KR **39...Rc3+** 24
[Black should play 39...Rc4∓ 40.Kf3 g6 41.Rd7+ Kh8]
40.Kg4= 5 **Ra3** 17 **41.c4** 30:56
[But not 41.Kf5? Rxa2 42.Kxe5 b3 43.cxb3 Rxd2-+]
41...Rc3 32:00
[41...bxc3? 42.Rc2+-]
42.Kf5 4 **Rxc4** 17 **43.Kxe5** 6 **b3** 2:05 **44.axb3** 7 **axb3** 3 **45.Rb2** 1:17 **Rb4** 5 **46.Kd5** 18 **Kg8** 7 **47.Kc5** 1:37 **Rxe4** 14 aiming for ...Re5+. **48.Rxb3** 4 **Rg4** 55 **49.g3** 1:19 **Kf7** 4 **50.Kd5** 38 **Kf6** 13 ...Kg5 is the strong threat. **51.Re3?** 1:05 This costs White the game.
[51.Kd6∓]
51...Rg5+-+ 50 **52.Kd4** 22 **Rxh5** 7 **53.Ra3** 3:36 **Re5** 1:12
[⌓53...Kg5 (→ ...Kg4) 54.Ke3 Kg4]
54.Rf3+ 1:57
[54.Ra6+-+ Re6 55.Ra5]
54...Rf5 34 Black mates. **55.Ra3** 2 **Kg5** 22 **56.Ke3** 1:03

(Diagram)



Kg4! 15 **57.Ke2** 3 **g5** 1:05 **58.Rb3** 14 **h5** 26 **59.Ra3** 4 **Kh3** 17 **60.Rb3** 17 **Kg2** 44 **61.Re3** 25 **Rf2+** 23 Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

165 **B15**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
■ **Parmar,Mohammad Yasin** **1488**
2nd Father Cup Rapid 2023 (1.1) 8.12.23
[Kitty Kat]*

B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6 **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.c3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qc2** Active counter play! **8...Re8+ 9.Ne2 h5 10.Be3 Nd7** White is slightly better. **11.0-0-0 Nf8 12.h3**
[12.Kb1 Be6 13.c4 Rc8 14.h3 h4 15.Rdg1 b5 16.c5 Bb8 17.Nc3 b4 18.Ne4 f5 19.Nd6 Bxd6 20.cxd6 Qxd6 21.Bxf5 Qd5 22.Bxe6 Nxe6 23.Rd1 Qxg2 24.Qf5 Qd5 25.Qg4 Nf8 26.Qxh4 Qe4+ ½-½ Modestov,B (2669)-Trkaljanov,V (2676) DEM 66 Binz 1994 (8)]
12...h4 0.47/17

[12...Be6= 0.08/18]
[RR 12...Be6 13.g4 h4 14.Kb1 b5 15.Rhg1 a5 16.g5 a4 17.gxf6 Qxf6 18.Bg5 Qf3 19.Bxh4 Bc4 20.Ng3 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Qxd3+ 22.Rxd3 Ng6 23.Bg5 Bf4 24.h4 Bxg5 25.hxg5 Nf4 26.Rd2 Nh3 27.Rgd1 Smirnov,A (2567)-Xiong,J (2679) Chess.com INT 2019 ½-½ (61)]

13.Rhe1N Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

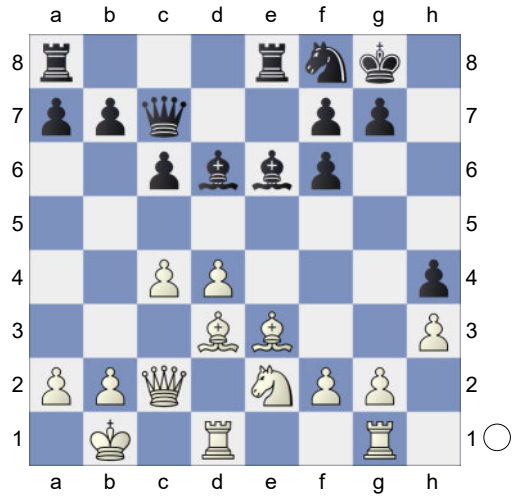
[13.Rhg1 Qc7 14.Rde1 g6 15.g3 Rxe3 16.fxe3 hxg3 17.Ref1 Bxh3 18.Rxf6 g2 19.Bxg6 fxg6 20.Rxg6+ Kf7 21.Rxd6 Qxd6 22.Nf4 Qd7 23.Qf2 Ke8 24.Qh4 Be6 25.Rxg2 Qe7 26.Qh8 Bf7 27.Kd2 Rd8 0-1 Gruenwald,B (1578)-Manhardt,T (2173) Feffernitz op 32nd 2023 (9) 28.Rg7 Qf6 29.b3 Ke7 30.Nh5 Qf2+ 31.Kd3 Qf5+ 32.Kd2 Ne6 33.Qh6 Nxg7 34.Nxg7 Qf6 0-1 Williams,L (1578)-Merkl,H (2173) olm11 fin B2 corr9298 ICCF corr 1992 (9)]
[RR 13.Kb1 Be6 14.c4 Rc8 15.Nc3 Ng6 16.Ne4 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Bxf4 18.Nc5 Rc7 19.Nxe6 ½-½ (19) Kollen,Z (2346)-Decrop,B (2235) Netherlands 2025]

13...Be6 14.Kb1N -0.12/17
[14.c4± 0.31/18]
[RR 14.c4 b5 15.d5 cxd5 16.c5 Be5 17.f4 Bc7 18.Bxb5 Bd7 19.Bxd7 Qxd7 20.Nc3 d4 21.Kb1 Bxf4 22.Bxf4 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 dxc3 24.b3 Ne6 25.Be3 Nd4 26.Qxc3 Nb5 27.Qd2 Qf5+ 28.Ka1 Re8 Deak Sala,E (2053)-Leskovac,N (2188) Belgrade 2024 0-1]

14...Qc7 0.40/19
[14...b5= -0.12/17]

15.c4± Bb4N 1.17/18
[Vorgänger: 15...b5 0.81/19 15...a7-a6 0.24 16.d5 Bd7? 2.39/20 *(16...cxd5± 0.57/19 17.c5 Bh2)* 17.cxb5 1.10/18 *(17.c5+- 2.39/20* has better winning chances. *Be5 18.d6)* 17...cxb5± 18.Qxc7 Bxc7 19.Nd4 a6 20.Nf5 Ng6 21.d6 0.32/20 *(21.Bc5!± 1.01/19)* 21...Ba5± 22.Bd2 Bxd2 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Rxd2 Re5 25.Ne3 Nf4 ½-½ Nielsen,M (2079)-Wahlgreen,N (1990) DEN-ch cand Svendborg 2022 (6)]
[15...Ng6= 0.27/19]

16.Rg1!± Bd6 1.34/18
[⌓16...Ng6 0.74/17]



17.g4 0.51/17
[17.g3!± 1.34/18]

17...b5 1.18/19 **18.c5** 0.26/20
[18.cxb5± 1.18/19 And now Bd3-e4 would win. Qa5 19.Nc3 *(19.bxc6 Bxa2+ 20.Kc1 Rab8∓)*]

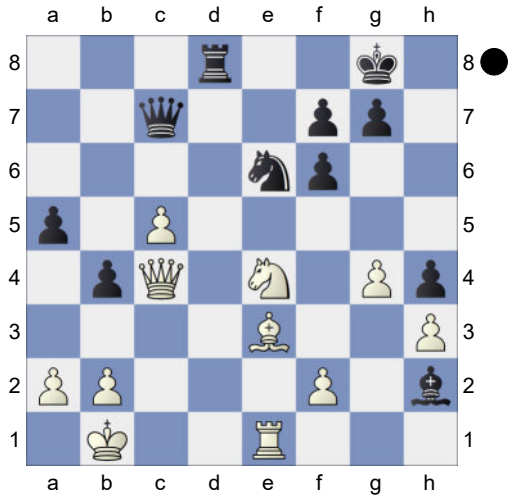
18...Bh2= 19.Rge1 Bd5 0.81/19
[19...Rad8± 0.33/18 might be stronger.]

20.Nc3± Nc3xd5 is the strong threat.

20...Bf3 21.Rc1 -0.04/17
[White should try 21.d5± 0.78/19]

21...Rad8 22.Be4 -0.47/18
[22.d5= 0.21/18]

22...Bxe4∓ 23.Nxe4 Ne6 24.Rcd1 -0.62/18
[24.Red1= -0.21/17]
24...b4 25.Qc4 a5 26.d5 -0.92/23
[26.a3∓ -0.33/17]
26...cxd5∓ 27.Rxd5 Rxd5 28.Qxd5 Rd8 Against c5-c6 **29.Qc4**



Qc6 -0.80/20
[⌓29...Bf4! -1.20/20 30.Qc2 Bxe3 31.fxe3 Qe5]
30.Nd2 Be5 Strongly threatening ...Be5-d4. **31.Qe4 Qb5** -0.01/22
[31...Rd5∓ -0.67/19 32.f4 Bd4 *(32...Nxc5 33.Bxc5 Bxb2 34.Bb6+-)* 33.Bxd4 Nxd4]
32.Rc1 -1.08/19 **Rc8?** 0.60/20
[32...Bd4∓ -1.08/19 33.c6 Bxe3 34.Qxe3 Qd5 *(34...Rc8 35.Qe4∓)*]
33.Nf3± Nxc5 1.62/22
[33...Bc3± 0.58/19]
34.Qd5 0.23/21
[34.Nxh4? too greedy. Nxe4 35.Rxc8+ Kh7-+]
[34.Qf5+- 1.62/22 Rc7 35.Nxe5 fxe5 36.Qxe5 Qd3+ 37.Ka1]
34...Qb6? 3.49/21 Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.41
1-0

166 **B48**
□ **Mahdavi,Reza** **2312**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
2nd Father Cup Blitz 2023 (11.1) 7.12.23
[TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Ndb5 Qb8 8.Qd2
[RR 8.f4 d6 9.Bd3 Be7 10.Qf3 a6 11.Nd4 0-0 12.0-0 e5 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.exf5 Rd8 15.Bc4 exf4 16.Bb6 Rd7 17.Rad1 Bd8 18.Bf2 Ne5 19.Qxf4 Nxc4 20.Qxc4 Qc8 21.Qb3 Qc6 22.Rd3 b5 Shabalov,A (2607)-Nisipeanu,L (2673) Moscow 2005 ½-½ (31)]
8...a6 9.Nd4
[RR 9.Bb6 axb5 10.Nxb5 Nxe4 11.Nc7+ Qxc7 12.Bxc7 Nxd2 13.Kxd2 d5 0-1 (13) Harish,N (2154)-Wanyama,H (2238) Chess.com INT 2023]
9...b5N
[9...Qc7 10.0-0-0 Be7]
[RR 9...Bb4 10.f3 d5 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.e5 Nd7 14.f4 c5 15.a3 Ba5 16.Qf2 d4 17.Bxd4 cxd4 18.Ne4 f6 19.Qh4 Bd8 20.Qh3 Nxe5 21.fxe5 Qxe5 22.Bd3 f5 23.Ng3 Bg5+ 24.Kb1 Gasik,A-Bajgrowicz,A Kazimierz Dolny 2001 0-1 (34)]
[RR 9...Bb4 10.f3 0-0 11.0-0-0 d5 12.a3 Ba5 13.Bg5 dxe4 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.fxe4 Qe5 17.b4 Bc7 18.Qd4 a5 19.Qxe5 Bxe5 20.Kb2 axb4 21.axb4 c5 22.Kb3 cxb4 23.Kxb4 Bb7 24.Bd3 Comp Hitech-Rohde,M (2550) Cambridge 1989 0-1 (53)]
10.Nxc6 dxc6 11.0-0-0 Bb7 12.g4 Qd8 13.Qe2 Qa5 14.g5 Nd7 15.Qf3

Rd8 16.Kb1 b4 17.Ne2 c5 18.Nc1 Qc7 19.Bf4 Qc6 20.Bc4 Be7 21.Rhe1 Nb6 22.Rxd8+ Bxd8 23.Bf1 c4 24.Be5 0-0 25.h4 Nd7 26.Bg3 a5 27.Rd1 Be7 28.Bxc4 Qxc4 29.Rxd7 Bxe4 30.Qb3 Qc6 31.Rxe7 a4 0-1

167 **E11**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2732**
■ **Koelle,Tobias** **2453**
AUT-chT 2324 (3.2) 24.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

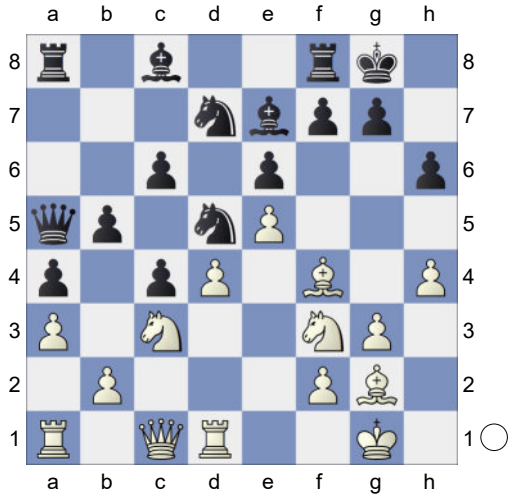
E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5N**
[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7
A) 9.b3 Ne4 10.Nc3 *(10.Bc1 f5 11.Ba3 Bxa3 12.Nxa3 g5 13.Qb2 g4 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 h5 16.Nc2 f4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.Nxd4 f3 20.e3 Kf7 21.h4 Bd7 22.c5 b6 23.b4 bxc5 24.bxc5 Rfb8* 0-1 Malka,S (2236)-Alahakoon,I (1925) Titled Tuesday intern op 31st Jan Early blitz 2023 (2) *)* 10...Nxd2 11.Nxd2 f5 12.Rab1 Qe7 13.e3 b6 14.cxd5 Ba6 15.dxc6 Bxf1 16.Rxf1 Nf6 17.Nb5 Bc7 18.Nc4 a6 19.Nxc7 Qxc7 20.Ne5 Rfd8 21.Rc1 1-0 Kusa,J (2373)-Wecker,M (2144) Reykjavik op 2023 (5);
B) 9.Rd1 Ne4 10.Nc3 Nxd2 *(10...f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Kh8 20.f3 Nf6 21.a4 Bxb4 22.Nxb4 Qxb4 23.Rab1 Qe7 24.a5 Rc8 25.cxd5* 1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov, R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap rapid 2009 (6)*)* 11.Nxd2 f5 12.e3 Nf6 13.c5 Bc7 14.b4 e5 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Nf3 Bc7 17.Nd4 Qe7 18.Nce2 Ne4 19.Rac1 g5 20.Re1 ½-½ Santos Usua,M (1898)-Odriozola Coscolin,A (2046) ESP-ch U18 Salobrena 2023 (6)]
6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc1 Be7 8.0-0 c6 9.Rd1 The position is equal. **9...Nbd7 10.Bf4 a4**
[RR 10...b6 11.Nc3 Ba6 12.b3 Rc8 13.e4 dxc4 14.Bf1 b5 15.bxc4 b4 16.e5 bxc3 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Ne5 c5 19.Qxc3 Qc7 20.Ng6 cxd4 21.Qa3 e5 22.Nxf8 Nxf8 23.Bd2 Bb7 24.Qxa5 Qc6 25.Qd5 Maghsoodloo,P (2716)-Le,Q (2709) Prague 2022 ½-½ (36)]
11.a3
[RR 11.Qc2 h6 12.a3 Ne4 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 b5 15.c5 g5 16.Be3 f5 17.h4 Rf7 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.Qd2 Rg7 20.Kh2 Rh7+ 21.Kg1 Rg7 22.Kh2 Rh7+ 23.Kg1 Rg7 ½-½ (23) Nielsen,P (2618)-Predojevic,B (2567) Germany 2025]
11...h6 12.Nc3N An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.
[Vorgänger: 12.Qc2 Qa5 13.Nbd2 Nh5 14.Be3 Bd6 15.Rac1 f5 16.Nf1 Nhf6 17.cxd5 0.02/20 *(17.Bd2± 0.38/16* is superior. *Qd8 18.Bf4)* 17...cxd5= 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.gxf4 1-0 Suleymenov,A (2499)-Sargsyan,S (2654) Astana Zhuldyzdary op-A 2023 (6)]
[RR 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Nd7 14.Bf4 g5 15.Bd2 f5 16.Bb4 Nf6 17.Nd2 g4 18.Nb1 Kg7 19.Nc3 Bd7 20.Qc2 b5 21.cxd5 cxd5 22.Na2 Rc8 23.Qd2 Rc4 24.Rac1 Re8 25.Qe3 Qb6 26.Bxe7 Rxe7

Mchedlishvili,M (2553)-Anuj,S (2404) Dubai 2023 0-1 (66)]
[RR 12.Qc2 Qa5 13.Nc3 dxc4 14.e4 b5 15.d5 cxd5 16.exd5 exd5 17.Nd4 Bb7 18.Nf5 Rfe8 19.Bd6 Bf8 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Bxd5 Bxd5 23.Rxd5 Nf6 24.Rd6 Ra6 25.Rad1 Rxd6 26.Nxd6 Rd8 Vantika,A (2430)-Ju,W (2568) Kolkata 2023 0-1 (50)]

12...Qa5 13.h4 dxc4 14.e4 -0.49/18
[14.Nd2= -0.11/17]

14...b5 0.18/17
[14...Qh5∓ -0.49/18]

15.e5= Nd5 1.27/19
[15...Nh7= 0.24/18]



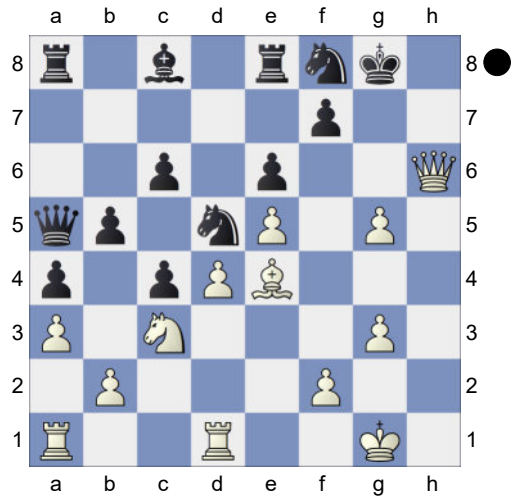
16.Bxh6!± Demolition **16...gxh6**
[16...Qd8 17.Bf4]

17.Qxh6 Re8 2.23/21
[17...Qd8± 1.42/18 was called for.]

18.Ng5+- Nf8 Prevents Qh6-h7+

19.Be4 White wants to mate with Be4-h7+. **19...Bxg5 20.hxg5**
[Worse is 20.Qxg5+ Kh8=]

(Diagram)



Black must now prevent Kg1-g2.

20...Ne7 21.g4→ Repels Ne7-f5. Hoping for Be4-g2. White has strong attack. **21...Nfg6?** 6.72/21
[21...Ra6 1.85/17 22.Bxc6 Qxc3 *(22...Nxc6? is the wrong capture. 23.Ne4+-)*]

22.Bxg6 fxg6 23.Ne4 Ne4-f6+ would kill now. **23...Rd8 24.Kg2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) / Black=0.80

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168 **E10**
□ **Halvax,G** **2458**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2732**
TCh-AUT 2023-24 (1.2) 22.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

E14: Queen's Indian: Classical Variation (4 e3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 b6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.b3 Bb7 8.Bb2N 8.cxd5 gains popularity. 8.cxd5 wird beliebter.
[8.Ba3 Bxa3 9.Nxa3 Qe7 10.Nb5 c5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Rc1 a6 13.Nc3 Nbd7 14.Re1 Rac8 15.Qe2 b5 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Bf5 ½-½ Berkes,F

(2645)-Motylev,A (2628) Budapest Kallai Memorial Rapid 2022 (5)]

8...Nbd7 9.Nc3 Re8

[RR 9...dxc4 10.bxc4 c5 11.d5 exd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Qe7 14.Qc2 g6 15.Rad1 Rad8 16.Qc3 f6 17.e4 Ne5 18.Nd2 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Be5 20.Bxe5 Qxe5 21.Qa3 Qc7 22.Rfe1 f5 23.Qc3 fxe4 24.Nxe4 Artemiev,V (2708)-Giri,A (2764) Chess.com INT 2020 0-1 (53)]

10.Rc1

[RR 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Nb5 Bf8 12.Ba3 c5 13.Bb2 a6 14.Nc3 Rc8 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Bf5 Rc7 17.Rc1 Nb6 18.a4 d4 19.exd4 c4 20.Ne5 cxb3 21.Qxb3 Nbd5 22.Ne4 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Ba8 24.Ng5 g6 Del Rio de Angelis,S (2412)-Roquero Redondo,M (2096) Oviedo 2025 1-0 (39)]

10...dxc4 11.Bxc4N

[RR 11.bxc4 a6 12.e4 e5 13.d5 c6 14.Nd2 Nc5 15.Be2 cxd5 16.cxd5 b5 17.a3 Bc8 18.Qc2 Bd7 19.Nb3 Nb7 20.Qd3 Qe7 21.Ra1 Rec8 22.Rfc1 h5 23.Nd1 h4 24.Rxc8+ Rxc8 25.Ne3 h3 Shaposhnikov,E (2572)-Najer,E (2668) Yaroslavl 2018 0-1 (32)]

[RR 11.bxc4 e5 12.Nd2 exd4 13.exd4 Nf8 14.Re1 Ne6 15.Nce4 Nf4 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Be4 Bxe4 18.Nxe4 Qg6 19.Qf3 Bb4 20.Bc3 Bxc3 21.Rxc3 Ne6 22.Rd1 Rad8 23.Rcd3 h6 24.d5 Ng5 25.Nxg5 hxg5 Slovineanu,V (2412)-Livaic,L (2565) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (40)]

11...a6 The position is equal. **12.a4 h6N**

[Vorgänger: 12...Qe7 13.Re1 Bb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.Red1 cxd4 16.Rxd4 Red8 17.Rcd1 h6 18.h3 Bc5 ½-½ Pranitchi,T (2189)-Ruokokoski,H (2214) GER CCM-E01-D email 2017]

13.d5 Nf8 14.dxe6 Nxe6 15.Ne2 Ng4 0.95/20

[15...Ng5= 0.23/17 remains equal. 16.Nxg5 hxg5]

16.Ng3± Ng5 17.Nh4! h5 18.Qd4 0.49/19

[18.Nxh5? Nh3+ *(18...Nxh2 19.Nf6+ gxf6 20.Qh5+-; 18...Bxh2+ 19.Kh1∓)* 19.Kh1 Nhxf2+ *(19...Qxh4? 20.Nf6+ gxf6 21.Qxg4+ Qxg4 22.f3-+)* 20.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 21.Kg1 Nxd1-+]

[White should try 18.Nhf5± 1.43/18 Be5 19.Qe2 *(19.Nxh5? Nh3+ 20.Kh1 Nhxf2+ 21.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 22.Kg1 Nxd1-+)*]

18...Be5± 19.Qxd8 Raxd8 20.Bxe5 Nxe5 21.Nxh5 -0.42/19

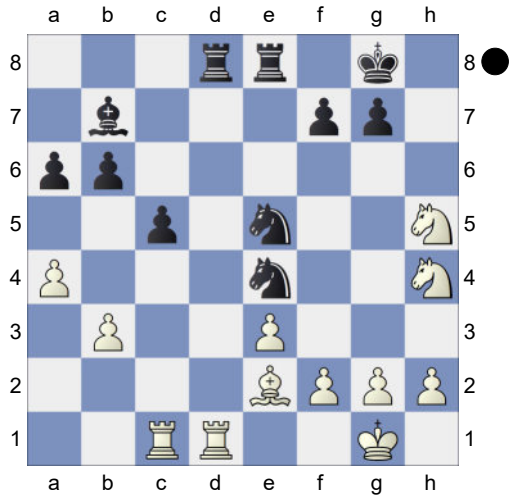
[21.Be2± 0.41/18 Ne6 22.Nxh5]

21...Ne4 0.35/20

[21...Nxc4∓ -0.42/19 22.Rxc4 Re4]

22.Be2 c5 23.Rfd1 -1.22/21

[23.Nf5= 0.23/20 g6 24.f3]



23...Rxd1+!∓ 24.Rxd1 -2.19/21

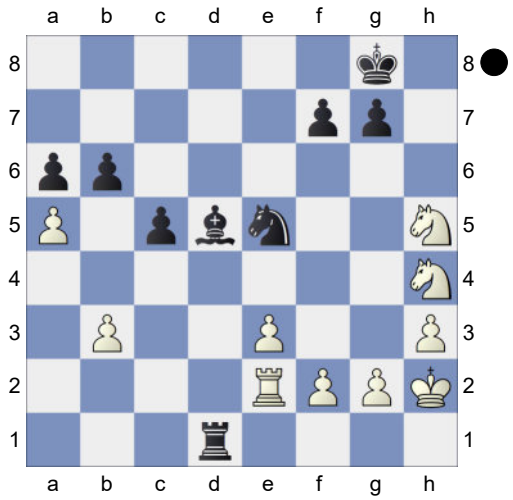
[24.Bxd1∓ -1.60/22 Nd3 25.Rc2]

24...Nc3!-+ 25.Rd2 Nxe2+ 26.Rxe2 Rd8 Prevents Re2-d2. (-> ...Rd8-d1+)

27.h3 -2.71/21

[27.Re1∓ -1.40/20 was called for.]

27...Rd1+ 28.Kh2 Bd5 29.a5



b5
[29...Bxb3 30.axb6 a5 31.b7=]
[29...bxa5 30.Ra2∓]
30.Nf5 Bxb3 31.Nhxg7 c4 32.Ne8 c3 33.Nf6+ Kf8 34.Nd4 Bc4 Black is clearly winning. **35.Rc2 b4** Threatens to win with ...Bc4-d3. **36.f4 Bd3 37.Rf2 Nc4 38.Nd5 Rb1**
[38...Nxa5 39.Nxb4 Bb1 40.g4∓ *(40.Nxa6 Nc4∓)*]
39.Nc2 Bxc2
[39...Nxa5 40.Ncxb4 Be4 41.Ra2=]
40.Rxc2 Na3 41.Nxc3 Rb3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.29 (precise)
[Inferior is 41...Nxc2 42.Nxb1 Na1 43.Nd2=]
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169 **E41**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2711**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (11.5) 05.11.23
[Kitty Kat]*

E41: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4...c5 5 Bd3, including Hübner Variation A26:
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bd3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 d6 8.e4 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.Nd2 Bd7N
[10...h5 11.h4 Qa5 12.Qc2 Bd7 13.a4 *(13.g3 0-0-0 14.a4 Ng4 15.Nb3 Qc7 16.f3 Nh6 17.a5 Rdf8 18.Qa2 f5 19.Bg5 fxe4 20.fxe4 Neg8 21.Rf1 Rxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Nf7 23.Be3 Nf6 24.Ke2 Ng4 25.Bg1 Rh6 26.Qa3 Rf6 27.Rf1 Rxf1* ½-½ Fier,A (2600)-Santiago,Y (2458) BRA-ch 88th Recife 2022 (8) *28.Kxf1 g5 29.Nxc5 dxc5 30.Bxc5 gxh4 31.gxh4 Kb8 32.Bg1 Qd6 33.Qxd6+ Nxd6 34.Ke2 a6 35.Bc5 Kc7 36.Bb6+ Kc8 37.Bc5 Nf7 38.Be7 Nh8 39.Kf3 Ng6 40.Bg5 Kc7 41.c5 Bb5 42.Bc2 Nf8* 0-1 9.e5 ♘fd7 10.♗e3_69160-Li,E Karlovy Vary 1948 *)* 13...Ng4 14.g3 Qc7 15.Nf1 0-0-0 16.a5 Kb8 17.f3 Nh6 18.Be3 Rdf8 19.Nd2 g6 20.Nb3 f5 21.Qc1 Neg8 22.Qa3 fxe4 23.Bxe4 Nf6 24.Nxc5 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 0-1 Becker,N (1597)-Kopietz,S (1477) GER-ch U18 Girls 2003 (9)]
[10...Qa5 11.Qb3 *(11.Qc2 Nh5 12.g3 0-0 13.0-0 Bh3 14.Re1 f5 15.exf5 Nxf5 16.Bf1 Bxf1 17.Rxf1 Qd8 18.Ne4 Qe8 19.Rb1 b6 20.Rb2 h6 21.f3 Nf6 22.a4 Qd7 23.a5 bxa5 24.Ra2 Nxe4 25.Qxe4 a4* 0-1 Villeneuve,A (2295)-Ligterink,G (2430) Manchester Benedictine op-04 1981 (1) *)* 11...0-0 12.0-0 Nh5 13.g3 Bh3 14.Re1 Qc7 15.Qd1 g6 16.Nf1 Qd7 17.Bh6 Ng7 18.f4 Bxf1 19.Rxf1 Qh3 20.Bg5 f6 21.fxe5 fxg5 22.exd6 Qd7 23.dxe7 Qxe7 24.Qd2 Qe5 25.Bc2 ½-½ 9.e5 ♘fd7 10.♗e3_69160 (2565)-Henzler,S (2590) FRG-ch 05th Nuremberg 1959 (9)]
[RR 10...Ng6 11.h4 Bd7 12.g3 Qa5 13.Qb3 Ba4 14.Qxb7 0-0 15.Qb2 Rfb8 16.Qa3 Rb6 17.0-0 Nf8 18.Nf3

N8d7 19.Bg5 h6 20.Bxf6 Nxf6 21.Rfb1 Ra6 22.Nd2 Bd7 23.Qxa5 Rxa5 24.Rb3 Kf8 25.Kf1 Li,C (2744)-Rapport,R (2675) Tbilisi 2017 ½-½ (54)]

[RR 10...0-0 11.Nf1 a6 12.Ng3 Ne8 13.0-0 f5 14.exf5 Nxf5 15.Ne4 h6 16.Bd2 Bd7 17.Qb3 Rb8 18.a4 g5 19.Qd1 Qe7 20.Qh5 Neg7 21.Qe2 Nh4 22.Ng3 Qf7 23.Ne4 Qe7 24.Ng3 Rf7 25.Qe4 Aditri,S (1620)-Anushka,G (1766) Gandhinagar 2024 ½-½]

11.Nf1 Qa5 12.Bd2N

[RR 12.Qb3 h6 13.Ne3 0-0-0 14.0-0 g5 15.f3 Kb8 16.Rf2 Rdg8 17.Rb1 Bc8 18.Rbb2 Nh5 19.g3 Rf8 20.Ng2 Rhg8 21.Be2 Nf6 22.Qc2 Rg6 23.Kh1 Rfg8 24.Bd2 Ne8 25.Bd3 R6g7 26.Rb1 Bh3 Salem,A (2511)-Khader,S (2404) Doha 2011 1-0 (102)]

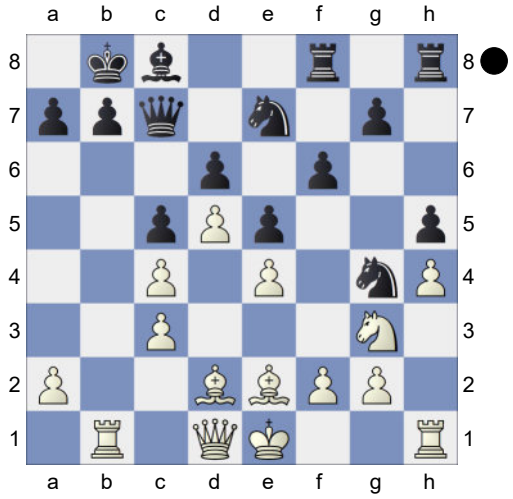
12...0-0-0 The position is equal. **13.h4 h5 14.Rb1 Kb8 15.Qb3 Qc7 16.Ng3 Rdf8 17.Qd1 Bc8 18.Bg5** -0.43/21

[18.Rb2= -0.04/19]

18...Ng4 19.Be2 -0.74/23

[19.f3= -0.22/19 remains equal. Nf6 20.Kf2]

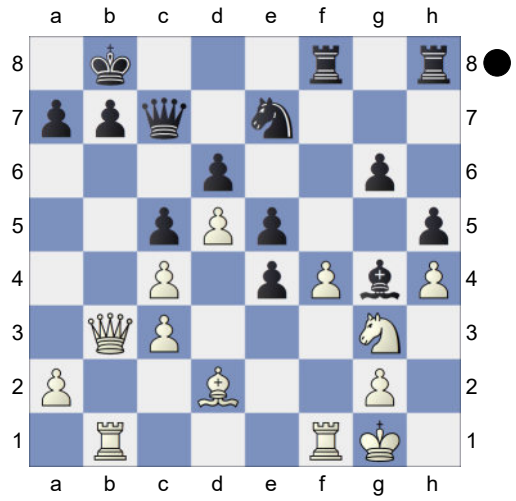
19...f6∓ 20.Bd2



g6! 21.0-0 f5 -0.29/20

[21...g5∓ -0.69/19 was preferrable. 22.f3 *(22.hxg5 fxg5 23.Bxg5 Ng6∓)* 22...gxh4 23.Nxh5 *(23.fxg4? hxg3 24.gxh5 f5∓)* 23...Rxh5]

22.f4!= fxe4 23.Bxg4 Bxg4 24.Qb3



Black must now prevent f4xe5. **24...e3!** 0.10/18 **25.Bxe3** aiming for f4xe5. **25...Nf5 26.Nxf5 Rxf5 27.fxe5 Rxe5 28.Bg5** Bg5-f6 would now be deadly.

[28.Bf4!? Re7□ 29.Bg5±]

28...Rhe8 29.Rf6 And now Bg5-f4! would win. **29...Bf5 30.Bf4 Bxb1**

[30...b6!?]

31.Bxe5 dxe5 32.Qxb1 KQR-KQR **32...e4 33.d6**

[Less strong is 33.Rxg6 e3 34.Re6 Rxe6 35.dxe6 Qf4+-]

33...Qg7 0.64/28

[33...Qc6= 0.19/23 is more appropriate.]

34.Qf1!→ White attacks. White is more active. **34...Qh6** 7.61/22

[34...a5± 0.35/20]

35.Rf7+- White is clearly winning. **35...Qe3+ 36.Kh2** Threatening mate with Qf1-f6. **36...Qd2 37.Qf6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.14 (very precise)

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170 **E00**
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2683**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (10.3) 04.11.23
[Kitty Kat]*

E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 h6 8.Qc2 c6 9.Bf4**
[RR 9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.b3 b6 11.Bc3 Bb7 12.Nbd2 Qc7 13.Rac1 Rfd8 14.Bb2 Rac8 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Nh4 Bf8 17.Nf5 Re8 18.Re1 g6 19.Nh4 Bg7 20.b4 Qd6 21.a3 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.Qb1 cxb4 Salem,A (2677)-Tabatabaei,M (2675) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (67)]
9...Nbd7 White has an edge. White is slightly better. **10.Rd1 a5** 10...b6 is vanishing. 10...b6 scheint zu verschwinden .10...b6 is vanishing. 10...b6 scheint zu verschwinden. **11.Nc3N**
[RR 11.b3 b6 12.Nc3 Ba6 13.e4 dxc4 14.bxc4 Bxc4 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Na4 Bb5 18.Nxb6 Qxb6 19.Rxd7 Bc5 20.a4 Ba6 21.Bf3 Rfd8 22.Rxd8+ ½-½ (22) Pubantz,J (2318)-Liebold,A (2058) Tuebingen 2024]
[RR 11.Ne5 a4 12.a3 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Nd7 14.Bf4 Nb6 15.Nd2 g5 16.Be5 Nd7 17.cxd5 exd5 18.e4 Nxe5 19.dxe5 d4 20.Nc4 Be6 21.Rd2 c5 22.Rc1 g4 23.h4 gxh3 24.Bf1 Rb8 25.Kh2 Qd7 Chen,H (2377)-Xiao,T (2520) Xinghua 2025 ½-½ (42)]
[RR 11.Nbd2 Nh5 12.e4 Nxf4 13.gxf4 Nf6 14.Ne5 Nh5 15.f5 Nf4 16.Bf3 exf5 17.exf5 Bh4 18.Nf1 Nh3+ 19.Kg2 Nxf2 20.Rd2 Qg5+ 21.Ng3 Bxg3 22.hxg3 Bxf5 23.Qc1 Ne4 0-1 (23) Lazovski,K (1756)-Seyhan,P (1845) Skopje 2024]
11...b6 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.cxd5 cxd5
[14...exd5?! 15.e4 d4 16.Rxd4±]
15.e4↑ White is pushing. **15...d4 16.Rxd4 Bc5N**
[Vorgänger: 16...g5 17.Bc1 *(17.Be3!?)* 17...Qc7 18.Rd1 -0.31/20 *(18.Be3± 0.34/22)* 18...Nxe5∓ 19.Be3 Ng4 20.Bd2 Ba6 21.Rac1 Rac8 *(21...Bc5!? 22.Be1 Ne5∓)* 22.Qa4? -2.40/21 *(22.Bf1∓ -0.74/22 Bxf1 23.Kxf1)* 22...Bc5 0-1 Luo,T (2351)-Huston,G (2439) New York Marshall Labor Day GM 2023 (6)]
[16...Qc7 17.Rd2 Bc5 18.Na4 Bb7 19.Rad1 Bc6 20.Nxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd6 Rac8 22.Qe2 Kh7 23.h4 Nb7 24.R6d2 Rfd8 25.Be3 Rxd2 26.Rxd2 Nc5 27.Bxc5 bxc5 28.Rd6 Be8 29.Qd2 a4 30.Bf1 Rb8 31.Bc4 0-1 Woodward,A (2545)-Esipenko,A (2677) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (4)]
17.Rdd1↑ White is more active. White has more active pieces. **17...g5! 18.Bc1** Threatens to win with Nc3-a4. **18...Qc7** 1.19/21
[18...Ba6± 0.56/21]
19.Na4± Qxe5 20.Nxc5 Nxc5 21.Be3 Ba6 2.07/22
[21...Bb7± 1.46/18]
22.Bd4+- Qc7 23.Qc3 Hoping for Bd4-e5. aiming for Bd4-g7. **23...Kh7 24.Be5 Qa7** 2.67/20
[⌓24...Qc8 1.93/18 25.Rd6 Qb7]
25.Qf3 Rg8 26.Rd6 g4 27.Qe3 Rad8 3.16/26
[⌓27...Qe7 2.18/20]
28.Rad1 1.88/21
[⌓28.Bg7 3.16/26 Kxg7 *(28...Rxd6 29.Qxh6#)* 29.Qd4+ f6 *(29...e5? 30.Qxe5+ Kh7 31.Qf5+ Rg6*

32.Rxd8+-) 30.Rxd8]

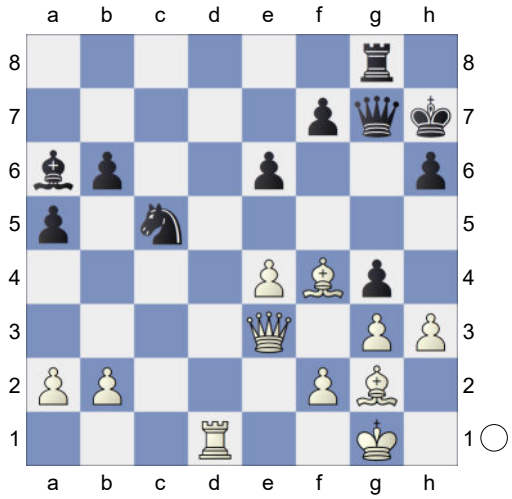
28...Qe7 29.h3 1.32/22

[White should try 29.h4+- 1.76/22]

29...Rxd6± 30.Bxd6

[30.Rxd6?! f6 31.Bf4 e5 32.Rxb6 exf4 33.Qxf4 Qe5 *(33...Rg6∓)* 34.Qxf6 Qxf6 35.Rxf6 gxh3 36.Bxh3 Bc8 37.Bf5+ Bxf5 38.exf5 Rg5 39.Rf7+ Kg8-+]

30...Qg5 31.Bf4 Qg7



White must now prevent ...e6-e5. ...e6-e5 would now be deadly. **32.Rd6** 0.29/23

[32.e5!± 0.87/18]

32...Qxb2 0.68/23

[32...gxh3!= 0.29/23

A) 33.Bxh3 Qxb2 34.Kh2 *(34.Bf5+ exf5=)* 34...Rg6=;

B) 33.Rxb6 hxg2 34.Kxg2 Qg4∓;

C) 33.Bf3 Qxb2]

33.hxg4±

[33.Bxh6?! gxh3 34.Bxh3 Bd3=]

33...Rxg4

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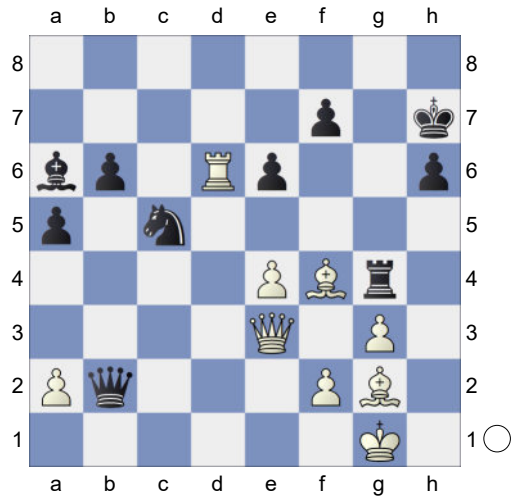


34.Bf3! A strong pair of Bishops. **34...h5**

35.Rd4 0.48/19 The board is on fire.

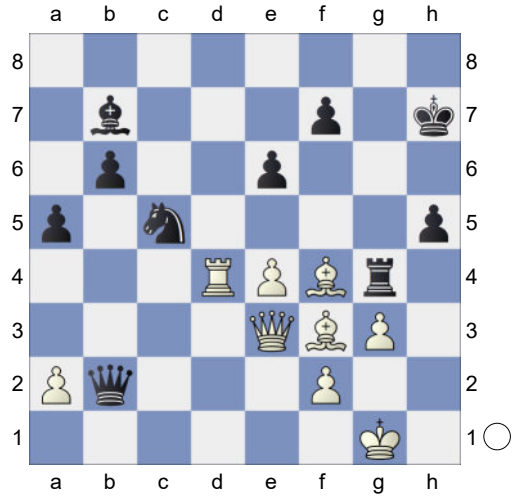
[35.Rd2± 1.33/19 Qb1+ 36.Rd1]

[35.Kh2+- 1.62/18]

35...Bb7? 1.04/17

[35...e5 36.Bxe5 Ne6 37.Rd5 *(37.Bxg4 hxg4 38.Kh2 Qb5=)* 37...Qb1+ 38.Kh2+- *(38.Rd1 Qb5+-)*]

[35...Qxa2!± 0.48/19 36.Kg2 *(36.Bxg4 hxg4 37.Rd6 Qc4=)* 36...Bb7]



36.Kh2!+- 1.93/19

[36.Be5± 1.04/17 Rxe4 37.Bxe4+ Bxe4 38.Qe1 *(38.Kh2 Qb1±)*]

[36.Bxg4?! hxg4 37.Qd2 Qxd2

38.Rxd2 *(38.Bxd2 Nxe4 39.Rd7 Bd5±)* 38...Bxe4±]

36...Qb1 2.40/22

[36...Rg6 1.93/19 keeps fighting. 37.Bxh5 Rf6]

[36...Rg8 1.82/19 was necessary. 37.Be5 *(37.Bxh5 f6+-)* 37...h4]

37.Be5 1.19/18

[Not 37.Bxg4 hxg4 38.Qe2 Bxe4 *(38...f5±)* 39.Rd1±]

[37.Qc3+- 2.40/22 is more deadly. White wants to mate with Rd4-d8. Rg7 *(37...Nxe4? too greedy. 38.Qc7+-)* 38.Be5 *(38.Bxh5 Nxe4 39.Qd3 Qxd3∓)* 38...Nxe4 39.Bxe4+ *(39.Bxg7? Nxc3 Discovered Attack 40.Bxb7 Kxg7-+; 39.Qe3 f6+-)* 39...Bxe4 40.Rxe4 *(40.Bxg7? Qh1#)* 40...Qxe4 41.Bxg7]

[37.Rd8+- 2.76/23 Intending Qe3-c3 and mate. Qa1 38.Bc7 *(38.Bxg4 hxg4 39.Qd4 Qxd4±)*]

37...Bxe4? 5.49/24

[37...Rxe4± 1.19/18 38.Rxe4 *(38.Bxe4+ Bxe4 39.f3 Qb2+ 40.Kh3 Qb1±)* 38...Nxe4]

38.Rd1+- Qc2 39.Bxg4 Intending Rd1-d8! and mate. **39...hxg4 40.Rd8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.45 Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.53

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171 **E49**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**

■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2682**

FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (9.5) 03.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]*

E53: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line (4...0-0 5 Nf3 d5 6 Bd3 c5 7 0-0)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 c5 9.Nf3 Qc7 10.Be2 b6 11.Bb2! now scores much better than the old 11.0-0. punktet besser als das ältere 11.0-0. **11...Bb7 12.0-0 Nc6** The position is equal. **13.c4 Rfd8 14.Rc1 Ne7**

[14...Rac8 15.Re1 cxd4 16.exd4 Qf4 17.h3 Na5 18.d5 exd5 19.Be5 Qh6 20.Nd4 dxc4 21.Bf3 Re8 22.Bxb7 Nxb7 23.Qf3 Rxe5 24.Qxb7 Rce8 25.Red1 Qf4 26.Qxa7 Rd5 27.Nf3 b5 28.Qb7 h6 29.Re1 1-0 Eljanov,P (2755)-Gelfand,B (2739) Moscow Tal Memorial 5th 2010 (5)]

15.Ne5N

[Vorgänger: 15.h3 Ng6 16.Re1 cxd4 17.exd4 Qf4 18.Qb3 Rac8 19.a4 Ne4 20.Rc2 0.01/18 *(20.a5± 0.39/18)* 20...Nh4 21.Qe3 Qxe3 22.fxe3 1-0 Eljanov,P (2694)-Vokhidov,S (2583) Aimchess Play In m Chess. com INT rapid 2023 (1.1) Nf5 23.Bd3 f6 24.a5 Nfd6 25.Ba3 Ba6 26.axb6 axb6 27.Bxd6 Nxd6 28.Nd2 Rc6 29.Ra1 Bb7 30.Rb1 Ba6 31.Kf2 Rdc8 32.Rb4 Kf7 33.e4 Rb8 34.Ke3 Rc7 35.c5 Bxd3 36.Kxd3 Nc8 37.Rcb2 0-1 Eljanov,P (2694)-Papp,P (2335) HUN-ch Rapid Ajka 2023 (2) Rd7 38.Nc4 Ra7 39.Nxb6 Ne7 40.Nc4 Rxb4 41.Rxb4 f5 42.Nd6+ Kf6 43.exf5 exf5 44.Nb5 Ra1 45.Nc3 f4 46.d5 g5 47.d6 Nc6 48.Rb6 Ne5+ 49.Kd4 Nd7 50.Rb7 Ne5 51.Rxh7 Ke6 52.Re7+ 1-0 Eljanov,P (2694)-Vokhidov,S (2583) Aimchess Play In m Chess. com INT rapid 2023 (1.1)]

15...Ng6

[RR 15...Rac8 16.Re1 Nf5 17.Bd3 Be4 18.Bf1 Qd6 19.Ng4 Nd7 20.f3 Bb7 21.d5 exd5 22.cxd5 Ne7 23.e4

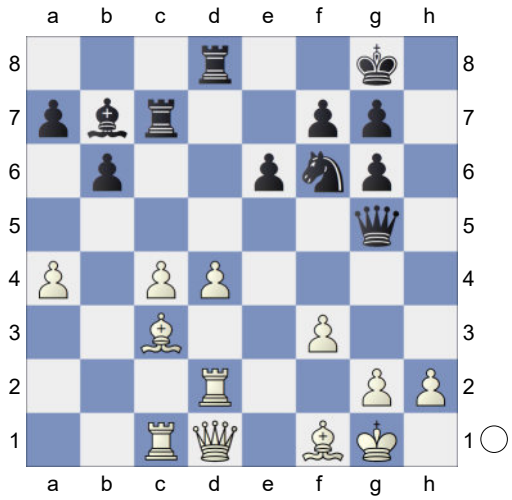
Ng6 24.Ne3 Nde5 25.Nf5 Qb8 26.d6 f6 27.g3 Nd7 28.Ne7+ 1-0 (28) Khuslen,E (2201)-Guo,H (1854) Petrovac 2025]

16.Nxg6 hxg6 17.Qb3N

[RR 17.Re1 Rac8 18.Qb3 Rd7 19.f3 cxd4 20.exd4 Qf4 21.g3 Qf5 22.Rcd1 Rdc7 23.Bc1 Nd7 24.Bb2 Nf6 25.Bc1 Nd7 26.Bb2 ½-½ (26) Kozak,A (2566)-Bogner,S (2536) Germany 2024]

17...Bc6 18.Rfd1 Qb7 19.f3 Qa6 Strongly threatening ...Bc6-a4. **20.Rd2 cxd4 21.exd4 Qa5 22.Bc3 Qg5 23.Qd1 Rac8 24.Bf1 Bb7 25.a4 Rc7** 0.43/18

[25...Qe3+= -0.23/19 26.Kh1 Ba6]



26.a5 0.01/21 **Ba6** 0.44/22

[26...Nd5= 0.01/21 27.cxd5 Qe3+ 28.Kh1 Rxc3 29.Rxc3 Qxc3 30.axb6 Bxd5 31.bxa7 Qa3]

27.axb6± axb6 28.Rdc2! With the idea Bc3-d2. **28...Qf4** 0.88/19

[28...Bxc4? 29.Bd2 Qb5 30.Bxc4+- *(30.Rxc4 Rxc4 31.Bxc4 Qe8+-)*]

[28...Qe3+= 0.26/20 29.Kh1 g5 *(29...Bxc4 30.Bd2±)*]

29.Qe1± Qf5

[29...Bxc4? 30.Bd2 Qxd4+ 31.Be3+-]

30.Bb2 Rdc8 31.Qe3 And now g2-g4 would win. **31...Qh5 32.Qa3 Bb7 33.Qb3 Qg5 34.Re1**

[34.Qxb6 Bxf3 35.Qb3 Be4∓]

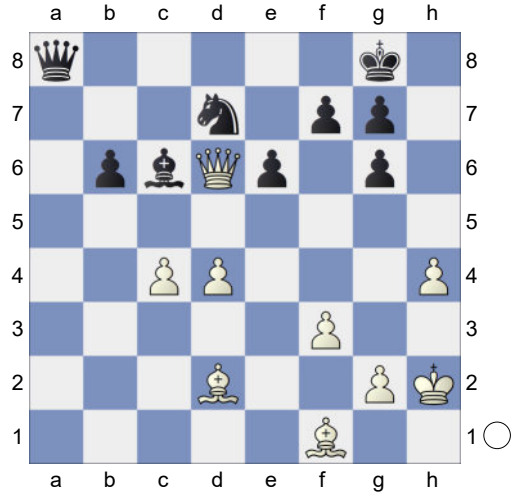
34...Nd7 35.Bc1 Qf6 1.14/18

[35...Qf5!± 0.53/19]

36.Be3 Ra8 37.Ra2 Rcc8 38.Rea1 1.00/21

[Better is 38.Rxa8 1.41/22 Rxa8 39.Qb4]

38...Qd8 39.Qb4 Rxa2 40.Rxa2 Ra8 41.Rxa8 Qxa8 42.Qd6 Qc8 43.Bf4 Black is weak on the dark squares **43...Bc6 44.h4 Qa8 45.Kh2 Ba4 46.Bd2 Bc6**



47.Qc7! Kh8 1.63/19

[47...Kh7± 1.25/20 was worth a try. 48.Bb4 Qb8 49.Qxb8 Nxb8]

48.Kg3 0.75/19

[48.Bd3+- 1.63/19 has better winning chances.]

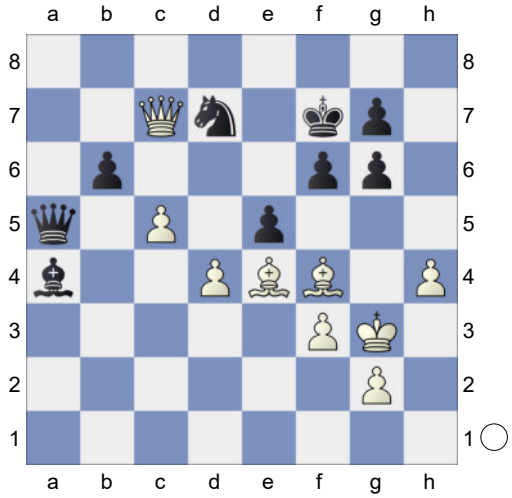
48...Kg8 1.40/19

[Black should play 48...Qa2 0.75/19 49.Be3 *(49.Qxc6 Qxd2 50.Qxd7 Qe1+ 51.Kh2 Qxf1=)* 49...Ba4]

49.Bg5 White is more active. **49...f6 50.Bf4 Ba4 51.Bd3 Kf7** 2.96/22 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[51...Qe8± 1.43/20 52.Be4 Kh8]

52.Be4+- A strong pair of Bishops. **52...Qa5 53.c5** aiming for c5-c6. **53...e5?** 6.79/22
[53...Qe1+ 3.25/20 54.Kh3 bxc5 55.dxc5 Kg8]



54.c6! Pin. White is clearly winning. **54...exf4+ 55.Kh2 Qh5 56.Qxd7+** Endgame. KQB-KQB **56...Kg8 57.Qe6+ Kh7 58.Qg4 Qxg4 59.fxg4** d4-d5 would now be deadly. **59...Kg8 60.c7**
[60.Bxg6 Bxc6 61.Bf5 Kf7-+]
60...Bd7 61.Bxg6 Bg6-f5 would kill now. **61...Bxg4 62.d5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.28 (precise)
1-0

172 **D07**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR** **2649**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (7.17) 01.11.23
[Kitty Kat]*

D07: Queen's Gambit: Chigorin Defence
1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6N
[2...c5 3.Nf3 *(3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 cxd4 7.cxd4 e5 8.Nf3 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 exd4 11.Bb5+ Bd7* ½-½ Hammes,M (2349)-Zaitsev,M (2467) Boeblingen op 20th 2003 (7)*)* 3...cxd4 4.Nxd4 *(4.cxd5 Nf6 5.Nxd4 Qxd5 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.e4 Bd7 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Ndb5 Rc8 10.Rc1 e5 11.Bc4 a6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Nbc3 Nd4 14.Bb3 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Bc6 16.0-0 Bc5 17.Qg4 0-0 18.Kh1 Bxd5* 0-1 Ferragut,A (2710)-Maung,M (2847) Jugoslavija 85/456 2002 (9.8) *19.Nxd5 f5 20.Qg5 fxe4 21.Qxe5 Rf5 22.Qxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxc8 Rxd5 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.g3 Bxb2 26.Bf4 b5 27.Re1 Rd4 28.Kg2 Rc4 29.Rd1 Bf6 30.Rd2 Kf7 31.g4 Bd4 32.Re2 Bc5 33.Rd2 Ke6* 1-0 Dubov,D (2708)-Christiansen,J (2577) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Early blitz 2023 (3) *)* 4...Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 *(6.Nf3 d4 7.Nxe5 dxc3 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nxf7+ Ke8 10.Nxh8 Bb4 11.b3 Bf5 12.f3 Nc6 13.e4 Be6 14.Be3 Ke7 15.a3 Bd6 16.Bd3 Rxh8 17.Ke2 Rd8 18.h3 Nh5 19.Rhd1 Nf4+ 20.Kf2 Be5* 0-1 Chaury,F (2183)-Konson,K (2251) Baden VLS 0203 2002 (9.4)*)* 6...d4 7.Qa4 Bd7 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.e4 Qb6 0-1 Rossetto,H-Michel,P Mar del Plata (Argentina) 1943]
3.Nf3 Bg4 4.cxd5 Bxf3 5.gxf3 Qxd5 6.e3 e5 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Bd2 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Qd6 10.Rg1 0-0-0
[RR 10...g6 11.Qb3 Nge7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.f4 f6 14.Kb1 Kb8 15.Ka1 Nc8 16.Bc1 Nb6 17.Ba3 Na5 18.Qb2 Qe6 19.Qb5 Nac4 20.Bc5 Nd6 21.Bxd6 cxd6 22.fxe5 fxe5 23.Be2 Rhf8 24.c4 exd4 25.Rxd4 Kuzubov,Y (2541)-Moiseenko,A (2663) Khanty-Mansiysk 2005 0-1]

[RR 10...g6 11.Qb3 Nge7 12.f4 exf4 13.e4 0-0-0 14.0-0-0 1-0 (14) Akbas,U (2433)-Petrusic,V (2101) Senta 2025]

11.Rb1N 0.41/19

[11.Rxg7± 0.83/20 Threatens to win with f3-f4. Qf6 12.Rg1]

[RR 11.Rxg7 f5 12.Qb3 Nge7 13.Rb1 b6 14.Qc4 Qh6 15.Rg2 Qh5 16.Rb5 Qxf3 17.Rg7 Qh1 18.Qe6+ Kb8 19.Rxe7 Nxe7 20.Qxe7 Rhe8 21.Qh4 c5 22.Qg3 Qc6 23.Rb2 cxd4 24.cxd4 f4 25.Qg2 Qa4 Vernay,C (2238)-Mevel,A (2300) Chartres 2005 1-0 (49)]

11...Kb8 1.18/17

[11...Nge7± 0.41/19]

12.Qb3± White is better.

[12.Rxg7 Nge7±]

12...b6 13.d5! Na5 14.Qb4 Qxd5 15.c4 Qb7 1.48/20

[⌓15...Qxf3 0.78/21 16.Bg2 *(16.Qxa5 Qf5±)* 16...Qf5]

16.Qa4 Nc6 17.Rxg7 Nge7 18.c5! Bf1-a6 would now be deadly. **18...Qc8 19.Bc3** 0.21/22 White has more active pieces.

[19.cxb6!± 1.02/19 axb6 20.Rb3 *(20.Rxf7 Qe6±)*]

19...Rhg8 20.Rg3 f5 0.70/23

[Black should play 20...Rg6= 0.17/21]

21.Ba6

[21.cxb6 simplifies axb6 22.Rb3 Qb7 23.Rxg8 Rxg8 24.Bb5]

21...Qd7 22.Rd1 Qe8 23.Rxd8+ Qxd8 24.Bc4 A strong pair of Bishops.

[24.Ke2 keeps more tension. Rg6 25.Qc4 f4 26.Rxg6 hxg6 27.Qf7]

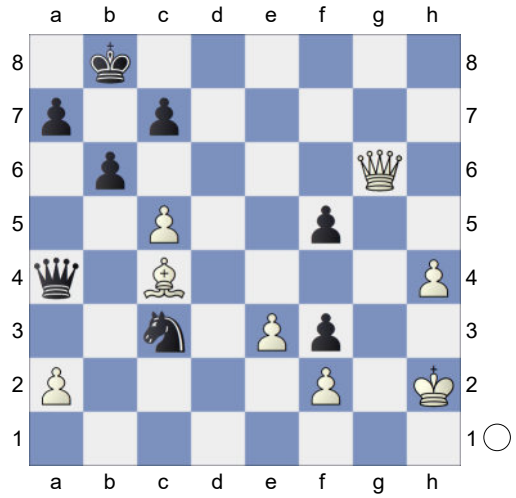
24...Rg6 25.Rxg6 hxg6 26.h4 Nd5? 3.12/23

[Better is 26...Qf8± 0.57/25]

27.Qxc6+- Nxc3 Endgame. KQB-KQN **28.Kf1! e4** 3.76/34

[28...b5 2.66/25 might work better.]

29.Qxg6 Qg6-g8 is the strong threat. **29...Qd1+ 30.Kg2 exf3+ 31.Kh2 Qa4**



Wards off Qg6-e8+ **32.c6?** 0.00/31 **a5= 33.Qe6 Ne4 34.Bb3**

[34.Bd3!? Nd6 *(34...Nxf2 35.Qg8+ Ka7 36.Qc4±)* 35.Qe7 Qxc6 36.Bxf5=]

34...Qb4⇄ Black puts up resistance **35.Qe8+ Ka7 36.Qd7 Nd6! 37.Qxc7+**

[37.Qe7 simplifies Ka6 38.Bd5 Qe1 39.Bxf3 Qxf2+ 40.Bg2]

37...Ka6 38.Qe7 Black must now prevent c6-c7. **38...Qd2 39.Kg3 Qb4!=** (-> ...Qb4-g4+)

[39...Ne4+ 40.Kf4 *(40.Kxf3? Qxf2#)* 40...Nd6 41.Ke5 *(41.Kxf3 Qb4+-)* 41...Qxf2 42.Kxd6+- *(42.Qxd6 Qb2+ 43.Kxf5 Qc3+-)*]

40.Kh2 Hoping for c6-c7. **40...Qe1 41.Kg3**

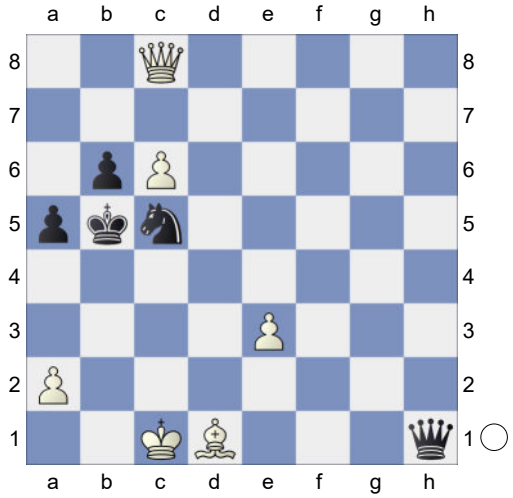
[41.Qxd6? gets mated. Qxf2+ 42.Kh3 Qg2#]

41...Qb4! 42.Qg7 Dodges Qb4-g4+. Some like it hot

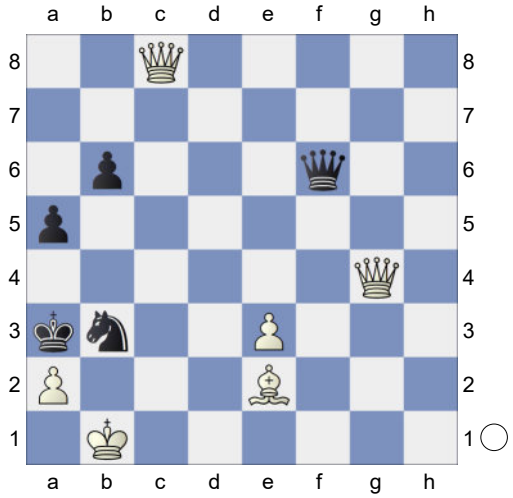
[42.Kxf3? Qg4#]

42...f4+! 43.Kxf3 fxe3 44.fxe3 Qxh4 45.Qd7 Qe4+ 46.Kf2 Qh4+ 47.Ke2 Qh5+ 48.Kd2 Ne4+ 49.Kc1 White wants to mate with Bb3-c4+.

49...Qh1+ 50.Bd1 Nc5 Prevents Qd7-b7+. **51.Qc8+ Kb5?** 3.84/26
[51...Ka7!= 0.00/25 and Black has nothing to worry.]



52.c7? 0.02/21
[52.a4+!+- 3.84/26 Kb4 53.Qg4+ *(53.c7* is a self mate. *Nb3+ 54.Kb2 Qh2+ 55.Kb1 Kc3)* 53...Ka3 54.Qe2]
52...Qc6? 11.11/25
[52...Nd3+= 0.02/21 53.Kd2 Qe1+ 54.Kxd3 Qxd1+ 55.Ke4 Qh1+ 56.Kf4 Qh2+ 57.Kf3 Kc6]
53.Be2++- Kb4 54.Qg4+ Ka3 55.c8Q White mates. **55...Nb3+ 56.Kb1 Qf6**



57.Qa4+!!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.34
1-0

173 **A29**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2641**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (5.27) 29.10.23
[David Cummings,TA]*

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Nd5 e4 6.Nh4 One of the sharpest lines in the Reversed Rossolimo. **6...0-0 7.a3!?** A rare move in this specific position, forcing Black to choose a square for the bishop. Instead: Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
[7.Bg2 has been played in the vast majority of games. d6 and now:
A) 8.0-0 is the current mainline. Now g5 9.d4 *(9.a3?* mixes up the move order *Ba5 10.d3 Nxd5 11.cxd5 Nb8 12.dxe4 gxh4* led to a win for Black in Nakamura,H (2787)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2690) Baku 2023 0-1 (33)*)* 9...h6 10.Ne3 gxh4 11.a3 Ba5 12.b4 Bb6 13.c5 which is analyzed in Caruana-Esipenko in the Archives;
B) 8.Nxb4 avoids the sharp piece sacrifice, and now Nxb4 9.a3 Na6 10.d3 is the subject of Navara-Keymer in the Archives.;
C) 8.a3 is less common here as well. Now:
C1) 8...Bc5 9.0-0 Re8 *(9...g5?* is well met by *10.d4)* 10.e3 g5 11.b4 is covered in Nakamura-Anand in the Archives;
C2) 8...Ba5 also works, in contrast to the main game,

where the bishop is played here a move earlier. 9.b4 Bb6 10.Bb2 Bd4 11.Bxd4 Nxd4 12.e3 Nf5 and Black is fine.]

7...Ba5N Already a slight inaccuracy. Perhaps Black was confused by the tweaked move order with 7 a3. Black should prefer one of the alternatives:

[Vorgänger: 7...Bc5 when: 8.Nf5?! *(8.Bg2 d6 9.0-0* transposes to Nakamura-Anand (see the note to White's 7th move above)*)* 8...Ne5 9.Nfe3 *(9.f4 exf3 10.d4 Nxd5 11.cxd5 d6* also favours Black*)* 9...c6 10.Nxf6+ Qxf6 11.Bg2 Nxc4 and Black won a clean pawn in Cuadras Avellana,J (2282)-Riff,J (2489) Castell de Sant Ferran 2017 0-1 (50) 12.0-0 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Qe7 0-1 Cuadras Avellana,J (2282)-Riff,J (2489) Miquel Mas op-A 18th 2017 (2)]

[7...Be7 8.Nf5 Nxd5 9.cxd5 d6 *(9...Ne5?* Hetul,S (1815)-Rihan,S Nagpur 2008 1-0 (32) 1-0 (32) can be met by *10.Bg2* winning the e4-pawn*)* 10.Nh6+ gxh6 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Bg2 d5 13.d3 exd3 14.Qxd3 with roughly balanced chances]

8.b4 8 White gains extra space for free, since Black does not have ..Bc5-d4 available, which would be the case after 7...Bc5 b4 **8...Bb6 9.Bb2 Bd4 10.Bxd4 Nxd4 11.e3 Nc6 12.Bg2 Ne5** Alternatively:

[12...Re8 13.0-0 d6 14.f3 gives White a slight edge due to upcoming control of the f-file]

13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Bxe4 Nxc4 15.0-0 Nd6 16.Bg2 White's central pawn majority give him the more pleasant game. **16...Nf5** Black wants to free the d-pawn in order to complete development, but at the same time, trading knights seems to help White more than Black. Instead:

[16...a5 aims to create queenside counterplay. A sample line runs 17.Qb1 c6 18.Nf3 Re8 19.Rc1 axb4 20.Qxb4 Ne4 21.d3 Ng5 22.Nd2 d5 23.h4 Ne6 24.a4 when White is slightly for choice, although Black remains solid.]

17.Nxf5 Qxf5 18.d4 d5 19.Rc1 White is aiming for a minority attack on the queenside. Another, perhaps more efficient, move order would be:

[19.b5 Bd7 20.Rb1 c6 21.bxc6 bxc6 *(21...Bxc6* leaves the bishop passively placed*)* 22.Rb7 and White is pressing.]

19...c6 20.b5 Bd7 21.Qb3 h5 Naturally trying for counterplay, although ironically, the h5-pawn becomes a weak point. **22.h4 a6 23.bxc6 bxc6 24.Rc5 Rfb8 25.Qd1 Qh7?!** A strangely passive choice for posting the queen. After:

[25...Qg6 26.Bf3 *(26.e4 dxe4 27.Rg5* can be met by *Bg4)* 26...Bg4 and Black remains well in the game]

26.e4! An alert response, taking advantage of the loose h5-pawn. **26...Bg4** Or:

[26...dxe4 27.Rxh5 Qg6 28.Rg5 Qf6 29.Bxe4 and White is simply a pawn up.]

27.f3 Loosening White's kingside. Instead:

[27.Qc2 maintains control, the c6-pawn will soon fall.]

27...Bd7 28.exd5 Qg6 29.dxc6 Bxc6 30.Kh2 Rb5 31.Qc1 Bb7 After:

[31...Rxc5 32.dxc5 Re8 Black is only slightly worse, in view of White's somewhat weakened king's cover.]

32.Rd1 Qd6 33.a4 Rxc5 34.dxc5 Qc7 Black is much more passively placed than in the previous note. **35.Qg5 g6 36.Rd6** Now White can start switching to attack. **36...Re8** Or:

[36...Rc8 37.Qe5 Kh7 38.Qf6 and Black is tied down.]

37.Bf1 Bxf3 38.Bc4 Be4 39.Qf4 Re7 40.Bxf7+ The decisive breakthrough. **40...Kh7**

[40...Rxf7 41.Qxe4 Qxc5 42.Rxg6+ Kf8 43.Qa8+ Ke7 44.Rg5 also wins for White]

41.Bc4 Qxc5 42.Qf8 Black can't survive for long, for example: **42...Rg7N**

[42...Qxd6 43.Bg8+]

43.Bg8+ Kh8 44.Bd5+ Kh7 45.Bxe4 with an extra piece and mate soon to follow. 1-0 (45) Maghsoodloo,P (2707)-Sadhwani,R (2641) Douglas 2023 Mega2023 Update 53 [David Cummings] **1-0**

174 **B67**
□ **Najer,Evgeniy** **2648**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (4.16) 28.10.23
[Kitty Kat]*

B67: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 Bd7, lines without 9 f4 Be7

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.Kb1

[9.f3 h6 10.Be3 Be7 11.g4 b5 12.Bd3 b4 13.Nce2 d5 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Nd4 Qc7 16.e5 Nd7 17.f4 Nc5 18.f5 0-0-0 19.Rhf1 Bb7 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Rf7 Rd7 22.Rxg7 Qxe5 23.Rg6 Bf6 0-1 Bruzon Batista,L (2617)-Neiksans,A (2605) CAN Transnational Rapid 2023 (11)]

9...Nxd4N 0.53/20 seems to push 9...Be7 aside. now supersedes 9...Be7. seems to push 9...Be7 aside.setzt sich inzwischen gegen 9...Le7 durch. löst 9...Le7 inzwischen ab. setzt sich inzwischen gegen 9...Le7 durch.

[9...h6= 0.17/18 10.Be3 Qc7 *(10...Be7)* 11.f3 Be7 12.h4 h5 13.Bg5 b5 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Ne2 Rd8 16.Nd4 Bb7 17.Bd3 g6 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Bxg6+ Kf8 21.Bh6+ Kg8 22.Qg5 Ne8 23.Bf7+ Kxf7 24.Qxh5+ 1-0 Chapter Part (2540)-6.♘f3 g6 7.♘d2 (2359) 21/277 Wijk aan Zee 1976 (6) Kf6 25.g4 Bd6 26.Bg5+ Kg7 27.Bxd8 Qxd8 28.Qxe5+ Bxe5 29.Rxd8 Bxf3 30.Re1 Rxh4 31.a4 Bf6 32.Rxe8 Bxg4 33.a5 Bf5 34.R8xe6 Rb4 35.Rxa6 Rxb2+ 36.Kc1 Rxc2+ 37.Kd1 Rg2 38.Re8 b4 39.Ra7+ 1-0 Berg,E (2606)-Hommeles,T (2410) Gibraltar Masters 7th 2009 (5) Kh6 40.Ra6 Kg5 41.Rg8+ Bg6 42.Rb6 Kh6 43.Rxf6 1-0 Berg,E (2540)-Mascaro March,P (2359) Soller 2006 (6)]

10.Qxd4± Be7 11.Be2!? An interesting side line. Exploring less charted territory. An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

[RR 11.f4 Bc6 12.f5 Qa5 13.Bc4 exf5 14.Rhf1 fxe4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qxe4+ Qe5 18.Qxb7 0-0 19.Bxf7+ Kh8 20.Rfe1 Ra7 21.Qb3 Qxb2+ 22.Qxb2 Bxb2 23.Kxb2 Raxf7 24.Rxd6 Rf2 25.Rxa6 Rxg2 Giri,A (2780)-Abdusattorov,N (2734) Duesseldorf 2023 ½-½ (43)]

[RR 11.f3 Qc7 12.Qd2 b5 13.g4 b4

14.Ne2 a5 15.Rc1 0-0 16.c4 bxc3 17.Nxc3 Qb7 18.Bd3 a4 19.Rc2 Rfc8 20.Rhc1 Bd8 21.a3 ½-½ (21) Nijboer,F (2456)-Niermann,T (2411) Germany 2025]

[RR 11.f4 Bc6 12.f5 exf5 13.exf5 0-0 14.Bd3 h6 15.Bh4 Nd7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Be4 Nf6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Qxd6 Qb7 20.Rhe1 Rfe8 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.a3 c5 23.g3 Rb8 24.b3 c4 25.b4 Re8 Agmanov,Z (2458)-Maghsoodloo,P (2723) Almaty 2024 0-1 (33)]

11...Rc8 White is slightly better. The position is equal. **12.f4** Strongly threatening e4-e5. **12...Bc6N**

[RR 12...b5 13.g4 Qc7 14.Rhe1 d5 15.exd5 b4 16.d6 Bxd6 17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 bxc3 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rxa6 cxb2 21.Bd3 0-0 22.Ra7 Bc6 23.a4 Bd5 24.Kxb2 Rb8+ 25.Kc3 Rfc8+ 26.Kd2 Rb2 27.Ra1 Bruhovich,O (2208)-Zepeda Berlanga, J (1876) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (69)]

13.Bf3 0-0 14.f5N

[Vorgänger: 14.h4 Qc7 15.h5 Black must now prevent h5-h6. h6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qxd6 Qa5 18.Qd2 Bxc3! 19.Qxc3 Qxc3 20.bxc3 1-0 Rasulov,V (2391)-Mamedov,N (2607) AZE-ch Baku 2009 (5)]

14...h6N

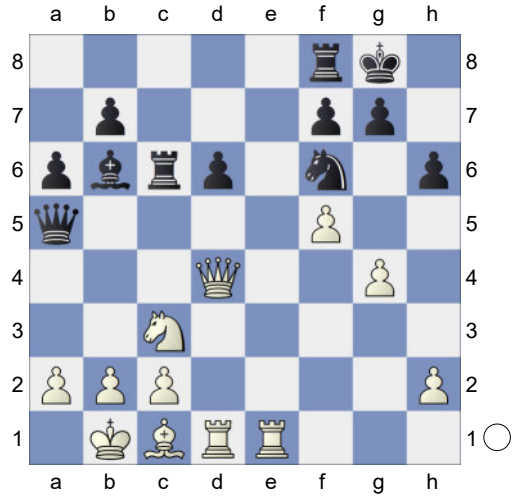
[Vorgänger: 14...Nxe4!? 15.Nxe4 *(15.Bxe4 Bxg5 16.fxe6 fxe6=)* 15...Bxg5 16.Nxd6 And now f5xe6 would win. *(16.fxe6 fxe6=)* 16...Bxf3! 17.gxf3 Rc7 18.fxe6 fxe6 ½-½ Wahlbom,M (2310)-Astrom,R (2460) SWE-ch Ronneby 1998 (3)]

15.Bc1 exf5 16.exf5 Qa5 17.Bxc6 Rxc6 0.80/19

[17...bxc6= 0.23/24 remains equal. 18.g4 c5 *(18...d5)*]

18.Rhe1!± Bd8 19.g4 Bb6 0.96/20

[19...Qc5± 0.53/19 was preferrable.]



20.Qd3! Bf2 1.76/20

[20...Rfc8± 1.27/21]

21.Re7+- Bh4 1.70/17

[21...Rfc8± 1.29/18]

22.Rxb7 Re8 23.h3 Qe5 Dodges Bc1-f4 **24.a3→** White is out for blood. **24...Rec8** 1.79/20

[24...Qh2± 1.33/20 25.Rb4 Qg2]

25.Rb4 d5 26.Bf4→ White wants a kill.

26...Qe7 27.Nxd5 1.13/22

[Better is 27.Qe3+- 1.63/18 Qf8 28.Rd3 *(28.Nxd5 Nxd5 29.Rxd5 Rxc2±)*]

27...Nxd5 28.Qxd5 Rxc2 29.Rb7 Qe8

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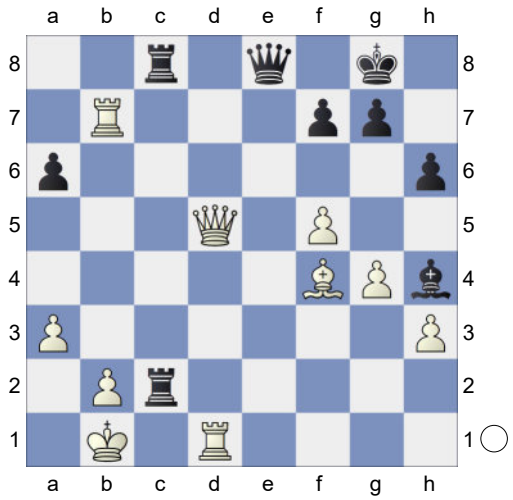
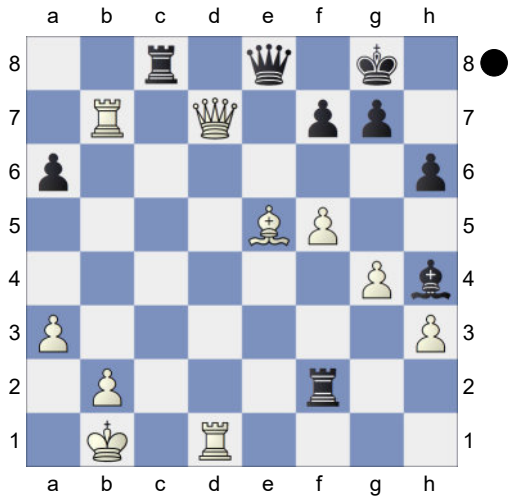


30.Qd7! Hoping for Qd7xe8+. Some like it hot Really sharp! **30...Rf2 31.Be5** Deflection. Active counter play!
[31.Bd2 simplifies Qxd7 32.Rxd7 Bf6 33.Rd3]



Deflection. Active counter play! **31...a5** 2.90/22
[31...Rf3± 1.91/19 was necessary. 32.a4 Rxh3]
32.Qxe8+ Rxe8 33.Bc3 a4 2.68/22
[⌓33...Bf6 1.77/21]
34.Ra7 Rh2 35.Rxa4 Rxh3 36.Rb4 Ra8 37.a4 h5 38.gxh5 Bg5 39.Rd7 Rxh5

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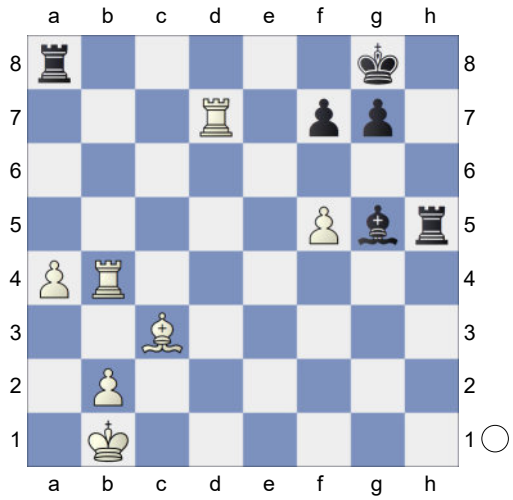
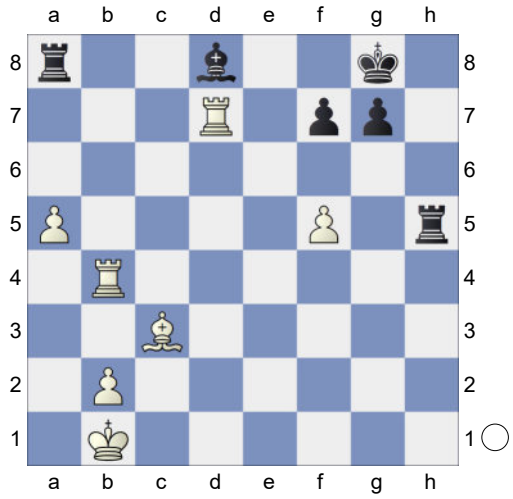


40.a5! Bd8
[40...Be3 41.Rb5]



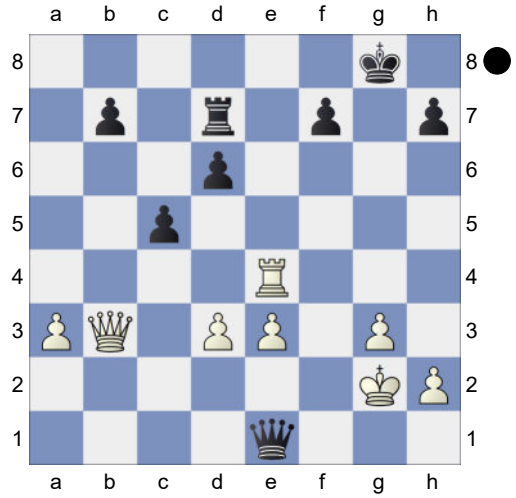
41.a6 a6-a7 would now be deadly.
41...Ba5 42.Rb5
[42.Ra4 Bxc3 43.bxc3 Rxf5]
42...Rh1+ 43.Ka2 Bxc3 44.a7 Kh7? 6.23/23
[44...Rxa7+ 3.71/17 45.Rxa7 Bf6 46.Rb8+ Deflection Kh7 47.Rxf7 Rf1]
45.bxc3+- Endgame. KRR-KRR. White is clearly winning. **45...Rh2+ 46.Kb3 Rh1 47.Rbb7 Rb1+** 8.23/22
[⌓47...Kh6 4.52/19 48.Rxf7 Kg5]
48.Kc4 Rxb7 49.Rxb7 g5 50.fxg6+ Kxg6 51.Kb5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.33
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.28 (precise)
1-0

175 **A36**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Korobov,A** **2658**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (3.11) 27.10.23
[Kitty Kat]*

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7 **1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.a3N**
[5.d3 d6 6.e4 f5 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Rb1 Bd7 10.Bg5 Ng4 11.h3 Nge5 12.f4 Nf7 13.exf5 Nxg5 14.fxg5 Bxf5 15.g4 Bd7 16.Ne4 Rb8 17.Qd2 Nd4 18.Nf4 Bc6 19.Nd5 a5 0-1 Duchamp,M-Le Lionnais,F Paris offhand 1932 20.Rxf8+ Qxf8 21.Rf1 Qd8 22.Kh1 Be5 23.Qe3 b5 24.Nxc5 bxc4 25.dxc4 Rxb2 26.Ne4 Bxd5 27.cxd5 Rxa2 28.Nd2 a4 29.Nc4 Re2 30.Qd3 Bg7 31.h4 Qc8 32.Rf4 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Nb3 34.h5 Qc5 0-1 Duchamp,M-Schroeder,M New York Metropolitan Team-ch 1922 (1)]
[5.Nf3 d6 *(5...b6 6.0-0 Bb7 7.d3 d6 8.Bd2 Nf6 9.a3 0-0 10.Rb1 d5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.b4 cxb4 14.Bxb4 Nxb4 15.Ne1 Qd7 A 37/04 2000)* 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.e4 0-0 11.Qe2 Nd7 12.Bd2 a6 13.Rab1 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.a3 Rb8 16.Rfc1 Ne5 17.Nd5 Qd7 18.Bc3 Rfc8 19.b3 Ba8 1-0 Camilleri,S (2524)-Babarovic,F (2494) Tata Steel-A 84th 2022]
5...d6 6.Rb1 a5 7.d3! 7.d3 is better than 7.Nf3. 7.d3 ist besser als 7.Sf3.
7...Nf6 8.e3 0-0 9.Nge2 Bd7 10.0-0 White is slightly better. **10...Rb8 11.Nb5 Qc8 12.Nf4 Ne5 13.b3N**
[Vorgänger: 13.Re1 -0.43/17 13.b2-b3 0.58 13.a3-a4 0.54 g5 14.Nd5 -1.32/20 *(14.Ne2∓* -0.43/20 remains equal.*)* 14...Nxd5∓ 15.Bxd5 Bf5 16.Be4? -3.01/20 *(16.Ra1∓* -1.19/18 was necessary.*)* 16...Bxe4-+ 17.dxe4 g4 18.Re2 Qe6 19.Qd5? -4.42/20 *(19.b3* -2.48/17 was worth a try. *)* 19...Nf3+-+ 20.Kh1 Qh6 21.h4 Be5 0-1 Chang,S (1978)-Caris,E (1741) Sao Jose dos Campos op 2012 (5)]
[RR 13.Re1 g5 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Bf5 16.Be4 Bxe4 17.dxe4 g4 18.Re2 Qe6 19.Qd5 Nf3+ 20.Kh1 Qh6 21.h4 Be5 0-1 (21) Chang,S (1978)-Caris,E (1741) Sao Jose dos Campos 2012]
13...g5 14.Ne2 g4 15.Bb2 Nf3+ 16.Kh1 Bxb5 17.cxb5 Qf5 18.e4 Qd7 19.Bxf6 0.19/20
[19.a4± 0.95/19]
19...Bxf6= 20.Bxf3 gxf3 21.Nf4 Black should prevent a3-a4. And now a3-a4 would win.
[Of course not 21.Ng1 Qxb5 22.Nxf3 Qa6∓ *(22...Qd7∓)*]
21...Qxb5 22.Nd5 Qd7! 23.Nxf6+ exf6 24.Re1 Rfe8
[24...Qg4 25.Re3±]
25.Re3 Re6 0.80/19
[25...Rbd8= 0.14/23 remains equal.]
[25...d5= 0.13/20]
26.Qxf3 Rd8 27.Rc1 a4 28.Qd1 0.02/19
[28.bxa4± 0.42/20 Qxa4 29.Rc3]
28...axb3= The position is equal.
29.Qxb3 f5 30.exf5 Rxe3 31.fxe3

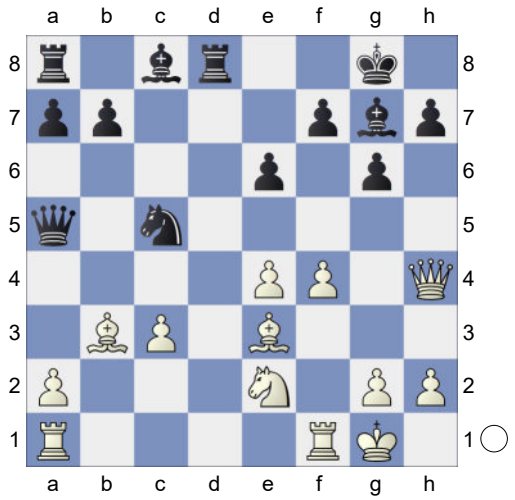
Qxf5 Endgame. KQR-KQR **32.Kg2** Prevents Qf5-f3+ **32...Rd7 33.Rc4**
[33.Rf1 simplifies Qe6 34.Qxe6 fxe6 35.Rb1]
33...Qh5 34.Re4 Qe2+ 35.Kg1 Qe1+ 36.Kg2



Re4-g4+ would now be deadly. Black must now prevent Re4-g4+. **36...Qe2+ 37.Kg1 Qe1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless) Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

176 **D87**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Ragger,M** **2615**
Bundesliga 2023-24 (1.3) 21.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line: Variations without ...cxd4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 0-0 9.0-0**
[9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ Ljubojevic,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) 48/(622) Tilburg 1989]
9...Nc6 10.Be3 e6N
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01 2003]
[10...b6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.Rad1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 Bb5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Rfd1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2401)-Koch,C (2225) corr AO-00025 LSS 2023]
11.dxc5 Ne5
[RR 11...Qa5 12.f4 Rd8 13.Qe1 Bd7 14.Bb3 Qc7 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Bb5 17.Qf2 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 Qc6 19.Qf3 Bxd4 0-1 (19) Gelfand,B (2676)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com INT 2020]
[RR 11...Qa5 12.f4 Rd8 13.Qe1 b6 14.cxb6 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Qxa6 16.bxa7 Qc4 17.e5 Nxa7 18.Nd4 Nc8 19.a4 Rxa4 20.Rxa4 Qxa4 21.Qa1 Qc4 22.Qa5 Rd5 23.Qb4 Qd3 24.Kf2 Bf8 25.Qb3 Ne7 26.Rd1 Robson,R (2687)-Lagarde,M (2616) Samarkand 2025 ½-½ (32)]
12.Bb3 Qa5 13.f4 White has an edge.
13...Rd8N 0.77/21
[13...Nd7= 0.11/19 keeps the balance.]
[RR 13...Ng4 14.Bd4 b6 15.cxb6 Bxd4+ 16.Qxd4 Ba6 17.Rae1 Rfd8 18.Qb4 Qxb4 19.cxb4 Rd2 20.Ng3 Bxf1 21.Nxf1 Rd4 22.f5 axb6 23.fxe6 Ne5 24.exf7+ Kg7 25.Ne3 Nxf7 26.Nd5 Re8 27.Nc7 Rexe4 28.Ne6+ Chojnacki,K (2407)-Tomczak,J (2574) Poznan 2013 ½-½ (39)]
14.Qe1± Nd3 15.Qh4 Nxc5
(Diagram)



16.f5! f5xg6 is the strong threat.
16...Nxb3
[16...Qc7 17.fxg6]
17.axb3 Qc7 18.Rad1↑ White has strong initiative.
[Reject 18.Rxa7?! Rxa7 19.Bxa7 *(19.fxg6 hxg6 20.Bxa7 b6∓)* 19...exf5∓ *(19...Bxc3?* loses. *20.Nxc3 Qa5 21.Be3+-)*]
18...Re8 19.f6 Bf8 Black is weak on the dark squares **20.Kh1** White has more active pieces. **20...a5 21.Rd3 e5?** 2.89/20
[21...Rd8± 0.76/21 22.Bf4 Qb6]
22.Bh6+- Black must now prevent Bh6xf8. **22...Bc5 23.Bg7** Strongly threatening Ne2-g3. **23...Qc6?** 10.35/18
[23...Rd8 1.77/18 24.Rdf3 Qd7]

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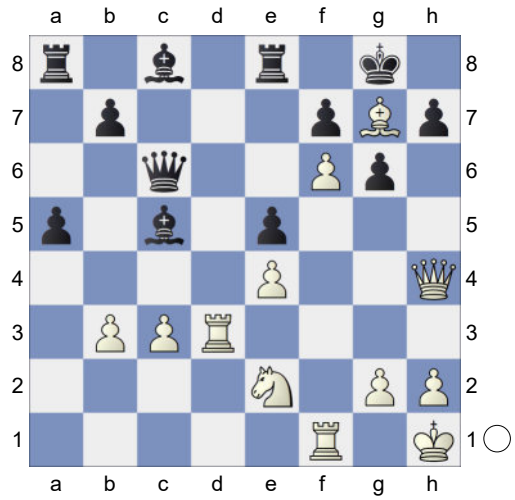

24.Rf5!! Back Rank. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.36
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177 **D34**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Kuybokarov,Temur** **2584**
Qatar Masters op (9) 20.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

D34: Tarrasch Defence: 6 g3 Nf6 7 Bg2 Be7 Arencibia Rodriguez,W: 'Inf 103/26'
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.g3 e6 4.Nf3 d5
[4...b6 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 d6 9.b3 *(9.Rd1 a6 10.b3 Nbd7 11.Bb2 0-0 12.Rac1 Rc8 13.Ne1 Qc7 14.Ne4 Ne8 15.Qe3 Qb8 16.Nd3 b5 17.c5 d5 18.Ng5 Bxg5 19.Qxg5 a5 20.Nf4 h6 21.Qe7 Nef6 22.e4 Rfe8 23.Qd6 Qxd6* ½-½ Arencibia Rodriguez,W (2534)-Wojtaszek,R (2625) La 103/26 Havana 2008*)* 9...0-0 10.Ba3 Na6 11.Rfd1 Nc5 12.b4 Nce4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.b5 Qc8 15.Bxd6 Rd8 16.c5 bxc5 17.Qe5 Bxd6 18.Rxd6 Rxd6 19.Qxd6 1-0 Slow Plan A Model Games (2610)-Persitz,R (2610) BCCA

v Sunday Referee 1929 (11)]

5.cxd5 exd5N

[5...Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 Nxc3 10.Bxc3 Bd7 11.Qc2 Rc8 12.Qb2 f6 13.d4 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Qb6 15.Rad1 Bc5 16.Nc2 Rcd8 17.b4 Be7 18.Qb3 Bc8 19.Bh3 Kf7 20.b5 1-0 Cebalo,M (2520)-Foisor,O (2404) Milano 80/10 2000 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rc1 Nb8 23.Nd4 Bc5 24.Ba5 Qxa5 25.Rxc5 Rxd4 26.Rxc8 Qe1+ 27.Kg2 Qxe2 28.Rxb8 Rd1 29.Bxe6+ Kg6 30.Bf7+ Kh6 31.Qe3+ 1-0 Cebalo,M (2515)-Zaja,I (2450) CRO-ch 6th Pula 1998 (12)]

6.d4 Nc6 7.a3 Be7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 Ne4 0.39/18

[9...c4= 0.02/17]

10.dxc5± Bxc5 11.Na4!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **11...Be7 12.Be3** White has an edge. **12...Bf6 13.Rc1 Re8 14.Nd4 Ne5N**

[RR 14...Bxd4 15.Bxd4 Bf5 16.Nc5 Qe7 17.e3 Rad8 18.b4 a6 19.Bb2 Nxc5 20.Rxc5 Be4 21.f3 Bg6 22.Re1 d4 23.e4 a5 24.Qd2 axb4 25.axb4 d3 26.Qc3 f6 27.Rd1 Ne5 28.Rc7 Rd7 29.Rxd7 Friedland,M (2200)-Vakhlamov,I (2413) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½ (67)]

15.Nb5N

[Vorgänger: 15.Nc5 -0.50/18 15.Nd4-b5 0.58 Ng4 16.Bf4 g5? 1.18/20 *(16...Nexf2∓* -0.74/19 keeps the pressure on. *17.Rxf2 g5)* 17.Bc7± Qe7 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.e3 0.76/17 *(⌓19.h3* 1.25/19 *)* 19...Nh6 1.37/19 *(⌓19...Ne5* 0.76/17 *)* 20.Qb3 Nf5 21.Nxf5 Bxf5 22.Qxb7 0-1 Roos,L (2334)-Schafranietz,S (2241) FRA-chT2O 0203 2002 (6.4)]

15...Nc4 Threatens to win with ... Nc4xe3. **16.Bf4** Hoping for Nb5-c7. **16...g5! 17.Bxe4 Rxe4 18.Bc7 Qd7 19.Nac3 Re6**

[19...Nxb2? 20.Nxe4 *(20.Qxd5 Qxd5 21.Nxd5 Bg7±)* 20...dxe4 21.Qd6 Qxd6 22.Nxd6+-]

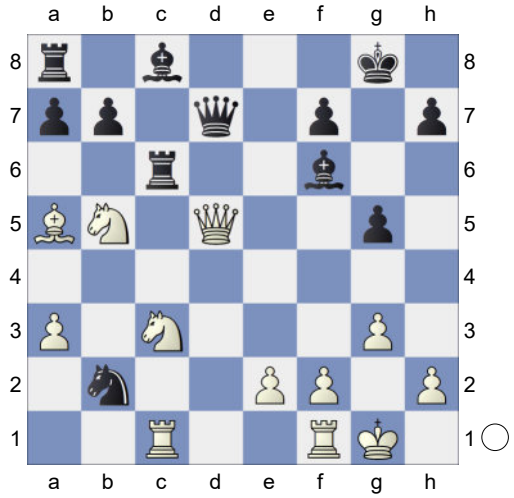
[19...Bxc3? 20.Nxc3 Qxc7 21.Nxe4 *(21.b3 Rg4±)* 21...dxe4 22.b3+-]

20.Qxd5 Nxb2 21.Ba5 0.01/17

[21.Nd6± 0.76/19 Black must now prevent Nd6xc8. Qxc7 22.Nce4]

21...Rc6 0.84/20

[21...Bxc3= 0.01/17 keeps the balance. 22.Nxc3 Qxd5 23.Nxd5 Rxe2]



22.Nc7 -0.01/21 White is more active.

22...Rb8? 3.17/20 Loses the game.

[22...Rxc7= -0.01/21 23.Bxc7 Qxc7]

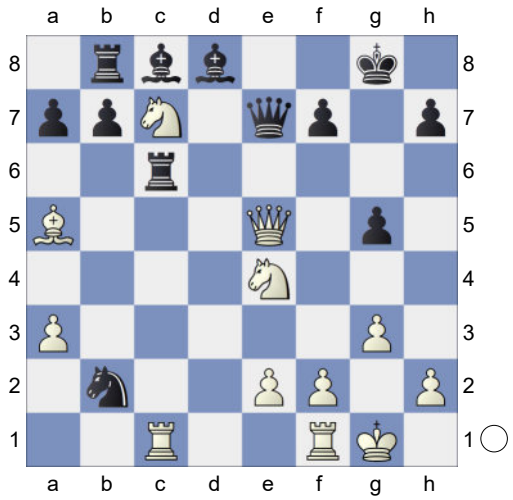
23.Ne4+- Bd8 3.85/21

[23...Bg7 2.62/21 keeps fighting. 24.Rxc6 *(24.Nxg5 Nc4∓; 24.Qxg5 h6±)* 24...Qxd5 25.Nxd5 bxc6 26.Ne7+ Kf8]

24.Qe5 Qe7

[24...Nc4 25.Rxc4 Rxc4 26.Ne8+-]

(Diagram)



25.Ne6! Discovered Attack **25...Qxe6 26.Qxb8 Bxa5 27.Rxc6 Qxc6 28.Nd6** Repels Nb2-c4

[Weaker is 28.Nxg5 f6∓]

28...Qc7 29.Qxc8+ Qxc8 30.Nxc8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.47

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178 **B12**

□ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2611**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**

Qatar Masters Open 2023 (6.5) 17.10.23

[Kitty Kat]*

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 dxc4!** now scores much better than the old 6...Ne7. punktet besser als das ältere 6...Se7. **7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Be2**

[10.Nge4 Nh6 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Qd2 Nb6 13.Be2 Nd5 14.Bf3 Qb6 15.g3 0-0-0 16.0-0 Kb8 17.Rfd1 Rhh8 18.Rac1 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 g6 20.Rc4 Rd7 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Qc7 23.Qe1 Qd8 24.b4 g5 ½-½ Adams,M (2680)-Razuvaev,Y (2555) 70/169 London 1997]

10...Qb6 11.a4N next a5! is good for White.

[11.Bxh5 Bxh5 12.Nxh5 0-0-0∓]

[11.Nxh5 0-0-0 *(11...Bxh5 12.Bxh5 g6 13.Be2 Rd8 14.Qb3 Qxd4 15.Be3 Nc5 16.Bxd4 Nxb3 17.axb3 Rxd4 18.Rxa7 Rhxh4 19.Rxh4 Rxh4 20.Rxb7 Rb4 21.Rxb4 Bxb4 22.Kd2 f6 23.exf6 Nxf6 24.Bf3 Kd7 25.Ke2 Kd6 26.g3* 1-0 Heberla,B (2503)-Cieslak,P (2391) Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (6) *)* 12.Nf4 *(12.Nxg7 Nxe5* Pin *13.Be3 Qxb2-+)* 12...Nxe5∓]

[11.Be3 Nh6 12.0-0 Bxh4 13.d5 Qc7 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Qb3 Nxe5 16.Bc5 Bf7 17.Nce4 Be7 18.Rad1 0-0 19.Bxh5 Bxc5 20.Nxc5 Rae8 21.Bxf7+ Qxf7 22.Rd6 Rd8 23.Nge4 Rxd6 24.Nxd6 Qg6 25.f4 Nef7 Chapter 9 - 4.h4 & 5.c4-Part 2023]

[RR 11.Bf4 0-0-0 12.Qd2 Nh6 13.Rd1 Kb8 14.Qc1 Ka8 15.Bg5 f6 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.0-0 Rxd4 18.Rxd4 Qxd4 19.Bf3 Nhg4 20.Nge2 Qd6 21.Nf4 Bf5 22.Bxg4 Nxg4 23.Bxe7 Qxe7 24.g3 Rf8 25.Re1 Qc5 Falkevall,A (2311)-Starosta,M (2067) Stockholm 2023 ½-½]

[RR 11.Bf4 Nh6 12.Rc1 Nf5 13.Nxf5 Bxf5 14.Qd2 Rd8 15.0-0 Bxh4 16.a3 Be7 17.b4 a5 18.Na4 Qa7 19.bxa5 h4 20.Qc3 h3 21.g4 Be4 22.Kh2 Ra8 23.Bd2 Bd8 24.Nb2 Bd5 25.a6 bxa6 Ganguly,S (2625)-Salem,A (2682) Biel 2021 ½-½ (50)]

[RR 11.Bf4 Nh6 12.Qd2 Nf5 13.Nxf5 Bxf5 14.g3 Qd8 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Bf3 Bg4 17.Bxg4 hxg4 18.Kg2 Qd7 19.Rfd1 0-0-0 20.Qe2 Rdg8 21.Qxg4 f5 22.Qf3 g5 23.hxg5 Bxg5 24.Bxg5 Rxg5 25.Ne2 Nd5

Wu,S (1981)-Li,X (2268) Bengbu 2025 1-0 (72)]
[RR 11.Be3 Nh6 12.0-0 Bxh4 13.d5 Qc7 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Qb3 Nxe5 16.Bc5 Bf7 17.Nce4 Be7 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Rad1 0-0 20.Bxh5 ½-½ (20) Zhapova,Y (2217)-Charochkina,D (2294) Nizhnij Novgorod 2024]

11...a5! Strongly threatening ...Rd8.

12.Be3
[12.Bxh5 Bxh5 13.Nxh5 0-0-0∓]
[12.Nxh5 0-0-0 13.Ng3 *(13.Nxg7? Nxe5 14.Be3 Qxb2∓)* 13...Rxh4 *(13...Bxh4 14.Bg5= Pin; 13...Nxe5 14.Be3-+)* 14.Rxh4 Bxh4-+]

12...Rd8N 0.39/18
[Vorgänger: 12...Nh6= -0.14/21 13.Bxh5 Qxb2 14.Rc1 Bb4 15.Bd2 Bxg6 is the strong threat. Bd3 16.Be2 Bh7! Hoping for ...Nb6. 17.Bf3! Nb6 Threatens to win with ...0-0-0. 18.Be4 aiming for Rb1. Nc4! White must now prevent ...0-0-0. 19.Rc2 Qb3 ...Nxd2 would now be deadly. 20.Bxh7! Rxh7 21.0-0 Na3 0.19/22 *(21...Nxd2∓ -0.34/21 22.Qxd2 Nf5 23.Nxf5 exf5)* 22.Rc1= Qxd1 23.Rfxd1 Nc4 24.Nce4 ½-½ Gappel,H-Fischer,K Liga 2015 18681-K2-G2]

13.0-0!±
[13.Bxh5 Nxe5 14.Bxg6 Nxg6=]
[13.Nxh5 Bxh5 14.Bxh5 Qxb2∓]

13...Qb4 0.70/21
[13...Bxh4 0.31/19 deserves consideration. 14.Nce4 *(14.Bxh5? Bxg3 15.Bxg6 Bh2+ 16.Kh1 Bxe5+ 17.Bh5 Qxb2-+; 14.Nxh5 Qxb2 15.Bd2 Kf8=)* 14...Bxg3 15.Nd6+ *(15.Nxg3 h4∓)* 15...Kf8]

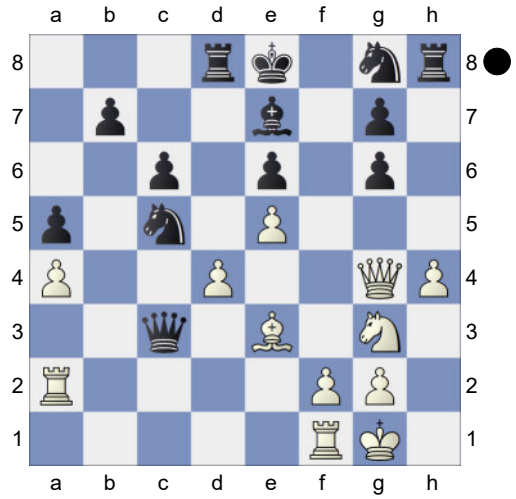
14.Ra3 0.10/19
[14.Nxh5 Bxh5 15.Bxh5 Nxe5=]
[14.Bxh5 Bxh5 *(14...Nxe5 15.Bxg6 Nxg6 16.h5=)* 15.Nxh5 g6∓]
[14.Nge4± 0.70/21]

14...Nc5!= 15.Bxh5
[15.Nxh5 Qxb2 16.Nxg7+ Kf8∓]

15...Qxb2 0.46/21
[15...Bxh5= 0.00/24 16.Nxh5 Qxb2]

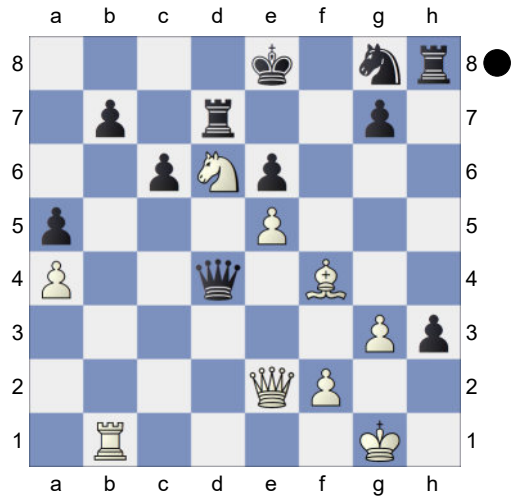
16.Ra2 -0.04/22
[16.Bc1± 0.46/21 Bxh5 17.Bxb2 *(17.Nxh5 Qb4=)* 17...Bxd1 18.Rxd1]

16...Qxc3 17.Bxg6 fxg6 18.Qg4

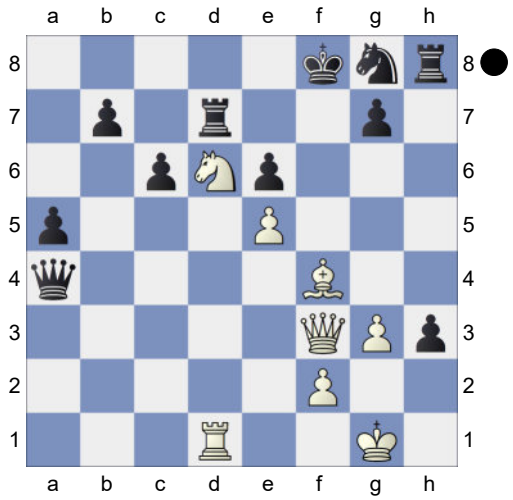


g5 0.31/20 **19.dxc5±** **Qb3** **20.Qe2↑** White is more active. **20...gxh4** **21.Ne4** **h3!** **22.g3** **Qd5** **23.Bf4** **Bxc5** **24.Rd2** **Bd4** **25.Rb1** 0.00/20
[25.Rfd1± 0.48/18 c5 26.Kh2]

25...Rd7= **26.Rxd4?** -2.30/23 **Qxd4-+** **27.Nd6+**



Kf8! 28.Rd1 Qxa4 29.Qf3



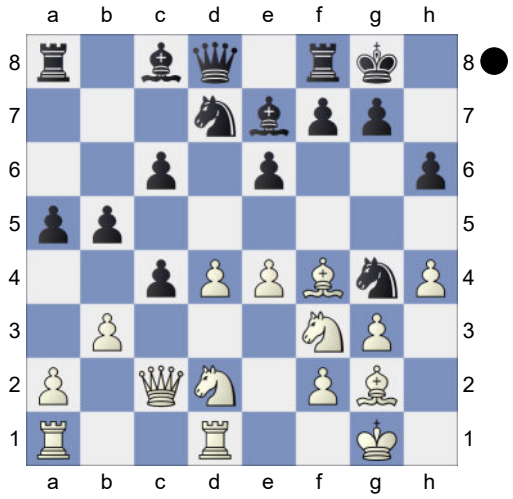
Ne7 0.21/27
[Better is 29...Rxd6!∓ -1.05/27 30.exd6 Nf6]
30.Bg5+= Nf5 31.Kh2 g6 32.g4 Prevents Rh5. Pin **32...Rhh7! 33.gxf5 gxf5 34.Rg1** Chess con chili. **34...Qd4 35.Bf6** 0.00/34 Against Rdg7
[35.Qg3!± 0.46/28 Rdg7 36.Bh6 Pin]
35...Rdg7 The position is equal.
36.Bxg7+ Rxg7 37.Rxg7
[37.Qxh3? Qxf2+ *(37...Qxe5+? 38.Rg3-+)* 38.Rg2 Rxg2+ 39.Qxg2 Qxg2+ 40.Kxg2 b5-+]
37...Kxg7 38.Qxf5 exf5 39.Nxf5+ Kf7 40.Nxd4 a4! 41.Kxh3 Endgame. KN-K3P
[41.Nc2!? b5□ *(41...Ke6? 42.f4+-)* 42.Kxh3= *(42.f4? c5-+)*]
41...a3 42.Kg4 b5 43.Nb3
[43.Nxc6? a2 44.Nd8+ Kg8-+]
[43.Nc2!? a2□ 44.Kf5=]
43...a2 44.Kf4 c5! 45.Ke4=
[45.Nxc5? a1Q *(45...a1B? 46.Ke4±)* 46.Ke4 Qa2-+]
45...c4! 46.Na1 b4 47.Kd4 b3 48.Kc3
[48.Kxc4 b2 49.Nb3 b1Q *(49...b1R? 50.Na1-+)* 50.f3 Qf1+ *(50...a1B? 51.Nc5-+)* 51.Kc3 Qxf3+ *(51...a1B+ 52.Kb4 Bxe5 53.Kc5 Qxf3 54.Na5 Ke6 55.Nc4 Qc3 56.Kb5 Qb3+ 57.Kc5 Bg3 58.Ne3 Bf2 59.Kc6 Bxe3 60.Kc7 Ba7 61.Kd8 Qb8#)* 52.Kc2 Qe4+ 53.Kc3 Qb1 *(53...Qxe5+ 54.Kc2 Qh8 55.Kd3 Qb2 56.Kc4 Kf6 57.Na1 Qxa1 58.Kd3 Qd1+ 59.Ke3 a1Q 60.Kf2 Qg4 61.Ke3 Qad4#)* 54.Kc4 Qb2 *(54...a1B 55.Nc5 Bxe5 56.Kd5 Qb4 57.Kxe5 Qxc5+ 58.Ke4 Ke6 59.Kd3 Kf5 60.Ke2 Qc3 61.Kd1 Kf4 62.Ke2 Qc2+ 63.Kf1 Kf3 64.Kg1 Qg2#; 54...Qe4+ 55.Kc3 Qb1 56.Kc4 Qb2 57.e6+ Ke7 58.Na1 Qxa1 59.Kd5 Qd1+ 60.Ke4 a1Q 61.Kf4 Qf6+ 62.Kg3 Qff3+ 63.Kh4 Qg4#)* 55.e6+ Ke7 *(55...Kxe6 56.Nc5+ Kf6 57.Ne4+ Kg6 58.Kd5 a1Q 59.Nc3 Qd2+ 60.Kc5 Qaxc3+ 61.Kb5 Qb4+ 62.Kc6 Qdd6#; 55...Kxe6 56.Nd4+ Kf6 57.Nb3 Kf7 58.Nd4 a1Q 59.Nc6 Qc3+ 60.Kb5 Qab2+* Deflection *61.Ka6 Qxc6+ 62.Ka7 Qcb7#)*]
48...Ke6 49.f4
[49.Kxc4 gets mated. b2 *(49...Kxe5 50.Kxb3 Kf4 51.Kc3=)* 50.Nb3 b1Q *(50...b1R 51.Nd4+ Kxe5 52.Nc6+ Ke4 53.f3+ Kf4 54.Ne7 a1Q 55.Nd5+ Kxf3 56.Nc3 Rc1 57.Kd5 Qxc3 58.Ke6 Qc8+ 59.Ke7 Rc6 60.Kf7 Qd7+ 61.Kg8 Rc8#)* 51.Nd4+ Kxe5 52.f4+ Ke4 *(52...Kxf4 53.Nb3 Ke5 54.Kc3 Kd5 55.Na1 Qxa1+ 56.Kb3 Qb1+ 57.Kc3 a1Q+ 58.Kd2 Qe1+ 59.Kd3 Qad1#)* 53.Nb3 Qc2+ *(53...a1B 54.Nd2+ Ke3 55.Nxb1=)* 54.Kb4 Kd5 *(54...Kxf4* is a self mate. *55.Ka3 Ke5 56.Na1 Qb1 57.Ka4 Qxa1 58.Kb3 Qb1+ 59.Kc3 a1Q+ 60.Kd2 Qe1+ 61.Kd3 Qac3#)* 55.Ka3 Kc4 56.Na1 Qc1+ 57.Ka4 Qb2 *(57...Qxa1? 58.Ka3 Qb1*

59.Ka4 a1Q#) 58.f5 Qb4#]
49...Kd5 50.Kb2 Ke6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.15 (very precise)
½-½

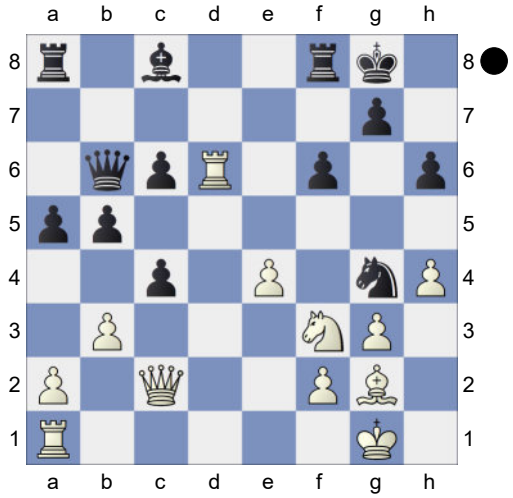
179 **E11**
□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2733**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
Asian Games tt (6.1) 04.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7**
[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Rd1 Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Kh8 20.f3 1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap Zürich rapid 2009 (6)]
6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0N
[7.Qc2 Ne4 8.0-0 c6 9.Nc3 f5 10.Bf4 Nd7 11.Ne5 Qe8 12.f3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd7 15.Rab1 b5 16.c5 Qg6 17.e4 fxe4 18.fxe4 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 Rf8 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Qe2 Be8 ½-½ Hampton,S (2426)-Kolb,W (2283) 103/229 London 2008 (3) 22.h4 Qh5 23.Bf3 Qh6 24.Bf4 Qg6 25.Kh2 h5 26.Bg5 Bf7 27.Qe3 Qh7 28.Qf4 Bg6 29.exd5 exd5 30.Qc7 Be4 31.Be2 Qf5 32.Qf4 Qg6 33.Kg1 Bd3 34.Bf3 Bc4 35.a3 Qb1+ 36.Kf2 Qc2+ ½-½ Grigorjev,I (2426)-Filgueira,H (2283) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (3)]
7...c6 8.Qc2 h6 9.Bf4 Nbd7 10.Rd1 a5 10...b6 is not played anymore. 10...b6 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. White is slightly better. **11.h4N**
[RR 11.Nc3 dxc4 12.e4 Nb6 13.Ne5 Bd7 14.Qe2 Rc8 15.Nxc4 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 b5 17.Qe2 Re8 18.Rac1 Bf8 19.h4 Qb6 20.Rc2 a4 21.a3 c5 22.Be3 c4 23.e5 Nh7 24.Ne4 Bc6 25.Qg4 Qb7 Tyagi,K (2060)-Bazeev,G (2380) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (68)]
[RR 11.b3 b6 12.Nc3 Ba6 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.Qb2 Rc8 16.Rac1 Qe8 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.e4 d4 19.Rxd4 g5 20.Qd2 Rc7 21.Be3 Nxe5 22.Na4 Rxc1+ 23.Qxc1 Qc8 24.Qd1 b5 25.Nb6 Qc7 Duda,J (2725)-Abdusattorov,N (2771) Riyadh 2025 ½-½ (40)]
[RR 11.Ne5 a4 12.Nd3 Qa5 13.Bd2 Qa6 14.Na3 Re8 15.Rac1 Bxa3 16.bxa3 Nb6 17.Ne5 Nfd7 18.c5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Nc4 20.Qc3 b6 21.Be3 Nxe3 22.Qxe3 bxc5 23.Qxc5 Bd7 24.Bf1 Reb8 25.e3 Qb6 Labussiere,V (2303)-Tari,A (2623) Florianopolis 2025 0-1 (65)]
[RR 11.Nbd2 Nh5 12.Be3 Nhf6 13.h3 b6 14.Bf4 Nh5 15.Be5 Bb7 16.cxd5 exd5 17.e4 Rc8 18.exd5 cxd5 19.Qf5 g6 20.Qd3 Re8 21.Nf1 Nf8 22.g4 Nf6 23.Bf4 h5 24.Ne5 hxg4 25.hxg4 Ne4 Karthik,V (2562)-Maghsoodloo,P (2702) Duesseldorf 2023 0-1]
11...Ng4 12.e4N
[Vorgänger: 12.Nc3 f5 13.Rac1 Qe8 14.Qb3 Kh8 15.Na4 Qh5 16.Nb6 a4 17.Nxa4 g5 18.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½ Rallabandi,P (2503)-Tsitsulin,A (2398) Webchess op7 final email 2020]
12...dxc4
[12...dxe4 with more complications. 13.Qxe4 e5 14.dxe5 Bc5]

13.Nbd2 b5 14.b3 -1.25/18
[14.e5= 0.08/22]



14...e5!∓ 15.Nxe5 Ndxe5 16.Bxe5 f6 -0.38/17
[Black should try 16...Nxe5∓ -1.27/22 17.dxe5 Qc7]
17.Bf4∓ Qxd4 18.Nf3 -0.93/21
[18.Nxc4!= -0.12/23 Qxf2+ 19.Qxf2 Nxf2 20.Kxf2 bxc4 21.Bd6]
18...Qb6 Hoping for ...c4-c3! Black is more active. **19.Bd6?** -2.35/22 This move loses the game for White.
[19.bxc4∓ -0.74/18 keeps fighting. b4 20.Qe2]
19...Bxd6-+ 20.Rxd6



c3 21.a3
[21.Rad1 Qc5]
21...Ra7 22.Rad1 b4 Strongly threatening ...Ng4-e5. **23.Nd4** -3.53/19
[23.Bf1 -2.06/16 might work better.]
23...Rd7
[23...bxa3 24.Nxc6 Qxf2+ *(24...Rc7? 25.Ne7+* Discovered Attack *Kf7 26.Rxb6+-)* 25.Qxf2 Nxf2 26.Kxf2= *(26.Nxa7?* is the wrong capture. *Nxd1 27.Rxd1 c2-+)*]
24.Rxc6 Qa7 25.axb4 Rxd4 26.Rxd4 Qxd4 27.bxa5 Rd8 White must now prevent ...Qd4-d2. **28.Bf1 Bb7 29.Rc4 Qd1 30.Qxc3 Ba6 31.Kg2 Rd2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
0-1

180 **D49**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2758**
Asian Games Men Team 2023 (5.1)
[Kitty Kat]*

D49: Semi-Slav: Meran System: Main line with 9 e4 c5 10 e5 cxd4 11 Nxb5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 a6 9.e4 c5 10.e5 cxd4 11.Nxb5 axb5 12.exf6 Bb4+ 13.Bd2 Bxd2+ 14.Qxd2 Qxf6 15.Bxb5 e5N
[15...0-0 16.Qxd4 Qf5 17.Bxd7 Bxd7 18.Qxd7 Qe4+ 19.Kf1 Qc4+ 20.Kg1 Rfd8 21.Qe7 Qe2 22.h4 Qxb2 23.Rf1 Re8 24.Qd7 Red8 25.Qc7 Rdc8 26.Qf4 Rxa2 27.Rh3 Rd8 28.Ng5 Qb7 29.Rf3 Ra7 30.Qg4 1-0 Becker,A-Sacconi,A Tatatovaros 1935 (15)]
16.0-0 0-0 White has an edge. **17.Rfe1 Rd8**
[RR 17...Re8 18.Nxd4 Qd6 19.Rad1

Ba6 20.Bxa6 exd4 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Bb5 h6 23.h3 Qd5 24.a4 Re5 25.Kh2 Qd6 26.g3 Nf6 27.Bd3 Ne4 28.Bxe4 Rxe4 29.a5 Qf6 30.Kg1 Qf3 31.a6 d3 32.Qxd3 Weng,W (1911)-Xu,L (1709) Wellington 2025 1-0 (40)]

18.Qe2N

[RR 18.Bxd7 Bxd7 19.Nxe5 Be6 20.b4 Rd5 21.Nd3 Rg5 22.Nf4 Bc4 23.Re4 Rd8 24.Rc1 Ba6 25.h4 Rg4 26.Nd5 Qxh4 27.Ne7+ Kh8 28.Rxg4 Qxg4 29.b5 Bb7 30.Nc6 Bxc6 31.bxc6 d3 32.c7 Rc8 Gentes,K (2274)-Lipnowski,S (2276) Winnipeg 2007 1-0 (50)]

18...Ba6 19.Bxa6 Deflection

[19.a4 seems wilder. Bxb5 20.Qxb5 Rab8 21.Qd5]

19...Qxa6 20.Qxa6 Rxa6 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Rxe5= Endgame KRR-KRR. White is a pawn up. **22...d3** Prevents Re2 **23.Kf1 g6 24.Ree1 Rc8! 25.Rec1**

[25.Rad1]

25...Re8

[25...Rxc1+ 26.Rxc1 Rxa2 27.Rd1∓]

26.b4 0.13/23 **Ra3 27.Rcb1 Rb8** 1.68/20

[27...Re2± 0.39/24]

28.b5+- Kf8 29.Ke1 Ke7 30.Kd2 1.41/24

[30.b6+- 1.90/24]

30...Kd6 31.Rb2 h5 2.37/23

[31...Rb6± 1.08/22 32.Re1 Ra5]

32.h4 1.23/24

[White should play 32.Re1+- 2.37/23]

32...Re8 33.Re1 Prevents Re2+.

[33.Rb3 Re2+ *(33...Rxb3 34.axb3 Re5 35.Ra8=)* 34.Kxd3 Rxb3+ 35.Kxe2 *(35.axb3 Rxf2 36.Rc1 Rxg2±)* 35...Rxb5]

33...Rea8 2.40/23

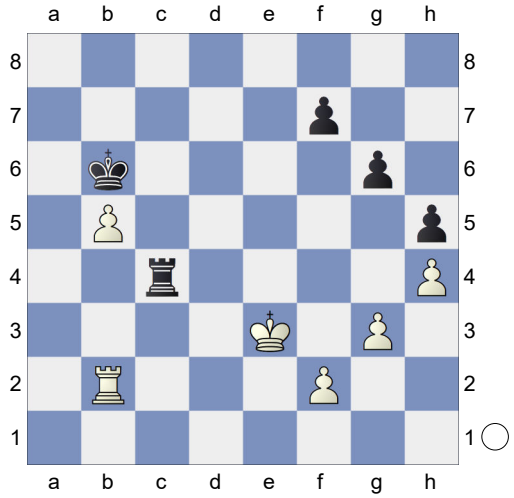
[33...Rxe1± 1.21/23 34.Kxe1 Kc7]

34.Re3 Rxa2 35.Rxd3+ Kc5 36.Rc3+! Kd6 37.Rxa2 Rxa2+ KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **38.Rc2 Ra4 39.Rb2! Kc7 40.g3** 0.09/24

[White has to play 40.b6+!+- 1.93/30 Kb7 41.Ke3]

40...Kb6= 41.Ke3 Rc4? 2.52/26

[41...f6!= 0.13/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]

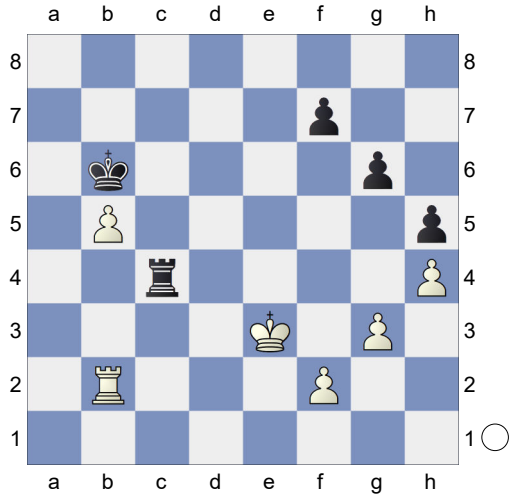


42.Kf3? 0.09/25 **Rd4** 0.76/22

[42...f6= 0.09/25 keeps the balance.]

43.Ke3 Rc4 1.93/23

[Black should try 43...Ra4!± 0.45/19]



44.Kd3? 0.07/24

[44.Rd2!+- 1.93/23]
44...Ra4! 45.Kc3 Re4 46.Rb4 Re2 47.Rf4 f5 48.Kc4 Rc2+ 49.Kd5 Re2 50.Kc4 Rc2+ 51.Kd3 Rb2 52.Ke3 Rb3+ 53.Kd4 Rxb5 54.Rf3 Kc7 55.Ra3 Rb6 Wards off Ra6 **56.Ke5 Kd7 57.Kf4 Rb2 58.f3** and Kg5 should not be overlooked **58...Rb6 59.Kg5 Ke7 60.f4 Kf8 61.Kh6 Rc6 62.Ra8+ Kf7 63.Ra7+ Ke6?** 5.82/26
[63...Kf8= 0.18/33]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.38 **64.Rg7?** 0.13/38 Loss on time!?
[64.Kxg6+- 5.82/26 Rc3± 65.Ra6+ *(65.Kxh5 Rxg3 66.Ra6+ Kf7=)* 65...Ke7 66.Kxf5 *(66.Kxh5 Rxg3 67.Rg6 Rc3±; 66.Ra7+ Ke6±)*]
1-0

181 **E06**
□ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2716**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
Asian Games Men 2023 rapid (5.2)
[Kitty Kat]*

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6**
[7...b6 8.Qxc4 Bb7 9.Nc3 c5 10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Ne5 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Qc8 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.dxc5 Qc6+ 15.f3 Qxc5 16.Qxc5 Bxc5 17.Bf4 Rfd8 18.e4 Ne8 19.Kf1 Kf8 20.Ke2 Ke7 21.Nb5 Rdc8 22.Rac1 ½-½ C 06/32 (2794)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2809) WYCC U16 Open 2013 (9) ½-½ C 06/32 (2794)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2809) WYCC U16 Open 2013 Al-Ain UAE (9)]
8.a4 Nc6N
[8...Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Rd1 *(10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Nc3 a5 12.Rfe1 Nb6 13.Qd3 h6 14.Bd2 Nbd5 15.e4 Nb4 16.Qb1 b6* 8) Catalan-Dessaules,P 1… e6 Against Everything 2024*)* 10...Nbd7 11.Nc3 a5 12.Qd3 Bb4 13.b3 Nc5 14.Qc2 Nce4 15.Na2 Ng4 16.Nxb4 axb4 17.Rf1 Ngxf2 18.Rxf2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bxf3 20.Kxf3 Qf6+ 21.Ke3 e5 22.Bf3 exd4+ 23.Kf2 0-1 Vangsgaard,C (2490)-Lund,H Cesme 92/105 2004 (2) d3 24.Qb2 Qf5 25.exd3 Rfe8 26.Bd2 Rad8 27.Re1 Rxe1 28.Bxe1 Rxd3 29.Qe2 Qc5+ 30.Kg2 Re3 31.Qd2 Qe7 32.Bf2 Rxb3 33.Qd5 Rb2 34.Qxb7 g6 35.Qa8+ Kg7 36.Qa7 Rd2 37.a5 b3 38.a6 0-1 Speelman,J (2490)-Li,Z WchT U26 02 prel-1 1980 (2) 0-1 Speelman,J (2490)-Li,Z WchT U26 02 prel-1 Mexico City 1980 (2)]
9.Qxc4 Na5 is more profitable than 9...Qd5 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 9…Dd5. **10.Qc2 b6 11.Ne5 Bb7** White is slightly better. **12.Bxb7 Nxb7 13.Nc6 Qe8 14.Rd1 Bc5 15.Ne5 Bd6 16.Nd2 Nd5N**
[Vorgänger: 16...c5 17.Ndc4 Black must now prevent Nc4xd6. Bc7 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Be3 Nd5 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.Rd2 f6 22.Nd3 Qe7 ½-½ Soham,K (2367)-De Silva,L (2521) Commonwealth-ch 2022 (6)]
17.Ndc4
[17.Nd3 simplifies Rc8 18.e4 Nb4 19.Nxb4 Bxb4 20.Nc4]
17...b5 18.Ne3
[18.axb5 simplifies axb5 19.Nxd6 cxd6 20.Rxa8 Qxa8 21.e4]
18...Nb4 19.Qe4N
[RR 19.Qc3 bxa4 20.N3c4 Qb5 21.Nd3 a5 22.Bd2 Ra6 23.Nxd6 Nxd6 24.Nxb4 axb4 25.Qxb4 Qxe2

26.Re1 Qb5 27.Rec1 Rb8 28.Qxb5 Nxb5 29.Rc4 Rba8 30.Bf4 c6 31.Rac1 Na7 32.Kg2 f6 33.h4 Kf7 Sargissian,G (2626)-Mamedyarov,S (2746) Samarkand 2025 ½-½ (47)]

19...Na5 20.axb5 f5 21.Qb1 Qxb5 22.b3! Bxe5 23.dxe5 Nbc6↑ Black is more active. **24.b4 Nxb4 25.Ba3** -1.12/21

[25.Bd2∓ -0.51/20 c5 26.Bxb4 cxb4 27.Nc2 *(27.Qa2 b3∓)*]

25...c5!∓ 26.Rd6 Rfe8

[26...Qxe2? 27.Bxb4 Nb7 28.Rd2+- *(28.Rxe6 f4±)*]

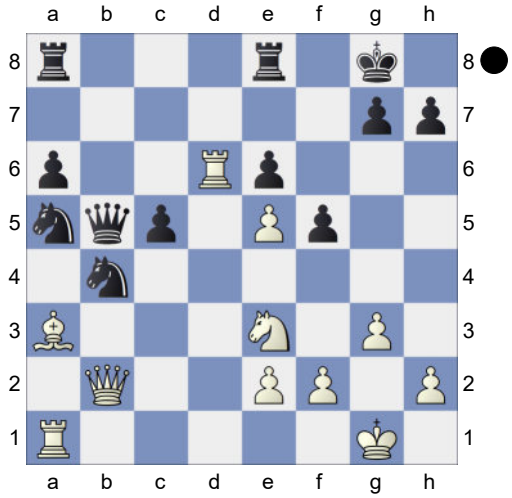
[26...f4 seems wilder. 27.gxf4 Rxf4 28.Rxe6 Qxe2 29.Qf1 Qxf1+ 30.Rxf1 Nb3]

27.Qb2 Black should playBlack should play **27...Nac6!∓** -1.16/19 And now ... Nc6-d4 would win. aiming for ...Nc6-d4. **28.Ng2** -1.19/20

[28.Rc1 Nd4]

[28.Bxb4!∓ -0.49/23 cxb4 29.Rxc6 Remove Defender Qxc6 30.Qxb4]

28...Na5 Threatens to win with ...Na5-c4. Excellent horsemanship. **29.Ne3**



Rac8 -0.56/19 **30.Rc1∓ Nb7** -0.24/22

[30...Rb8∓ -0.63/20]

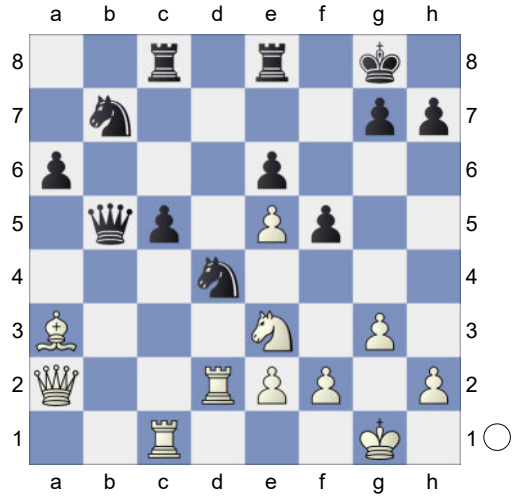
31.Rd2= Nc6 0.00/24

[31...Na5∓ -0.62/19]

32.Qa2 Rd2-b2 would now be deadly. **32...Nd4?** 3.80/21

[32...Nxe5? 33.Rb1+- *(33.Nxf5 Rc7±)*]

[32...a5= 0.00/24 and Black is okay.]



33.Rxd4!+- cxd4

[33...Kh8 34.Rd3]

34.Rxc8

[34.Nxf5? is the wrong capture. Rxc1+ *(34...Qxe5? too greedy. 35.Ne7+ Kh8 36.Nxc8+-)* 35.Bxc1 Qxe5 36.Nxg7 Qxg7-+ *(36...Kxg7? 37.Qxa6 Re7 38.Qd3-+)*]

34...Kf7 35.Rc7+ Kg6 36.Ng2 Strongly threatening Ng2-h4+. **36...Na5 37.Nh4+ Kh6 38.Rc5** 6.94/17

[⌓38.Bc1+ #8/15 f4 39.Bxf4+ g5 40.Bxg5+ Decoy Kxg5 41.Rg7+ *(41.Rxh7 Qxe5 42.Qd2+ Qe3 43.fxe3 Rh8 44.exd4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kg4 45.Qf4+ Kh3 46.Rxh8 Nc6 47.Ng6#)* 41...Kh6 42.Qxe6+ Kxg7 43.Nf5+ Kh8 44.Qf6+ Kg8 45.Nh6#]

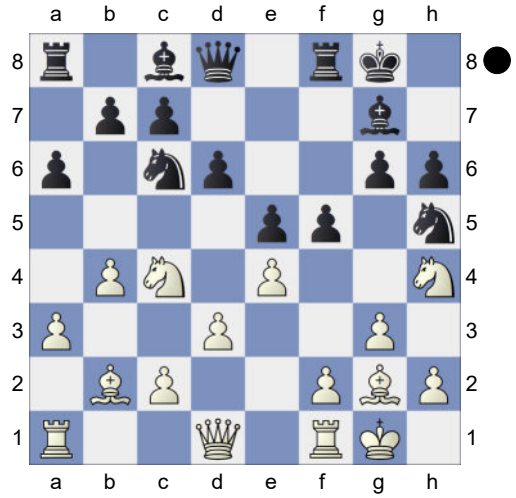
38...Qb3 White is clearly winning. **39.Qd2+ g5 40.Rxa5 f4 41.Nf3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.61

1-0

182 **A00**
□ **Balaji,Aaravamudhan** **2345**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
Titled Tue 19th Sep Late blitz (8) 19.9.23
[Kitty Kat]*

A00: Irregular Openings
1.b4 a6 2.Bb2 h6
[RR 2...Nf6 3.Nf3 g6 4.g3 b6 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.0-0 Bg7 7.c4 0-0 8.d3 d6 9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.a3 e5 11.Qc2 Re8 12.e4 Nf8 13.c5 Ne6 14.c6 Bc8 15.a4 a5 16.b5 Nc5 17.Rfe1 Gumularz,S (2591)-Carlsen,M (2833) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (42)]
[RR 2...Nf6 3.Nf3 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.c4 0-0 6.Be2 d6 7.0-0 e5 8.d3 Nbd7 9.Nc3 b6 10.Nd2 Bb7 11.Bf3 c6 12.b5 axb5 13.cxb5 d5 14.bxc6 Bxc6 15.Nb3 Rc8 16.a4 Re8 17.h3 Zhang,E (2275)-Patel,M (2106) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0]
3.e4 d6N
[RR 3...c5 4.bxc5 Nf6 5.Nc3 b6 6.e5 Ng8 7.cxb6 Qxb6 8.Rb1 Bb7 9.Nf3 e6 10.Ba3 Qc7 11.Bxf8 Kxf8 12.Be2 Ne7 13.0-0 g5 14.Bd3 Nbc6 15.Ne4 Ra7 16.h3 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Re1 Baradaran Tamadon,A (2323)-Wu,D (2225) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0]
4.Nf3 Nc6 5.a3 Nf6 6.d3 g6 7.Nbd2 Bg7 8.g3 White has an edge. **8...0-0 9.Bg2 e5 10.0-0 Nh5 11.Nc4 f5** 1.52/22
[Black should play 11...Re8± 0.40/21]
12.Nh4? -0.04/23
[White must play 12.exf5± 1.52/22 Rxf5 13.Nh4]

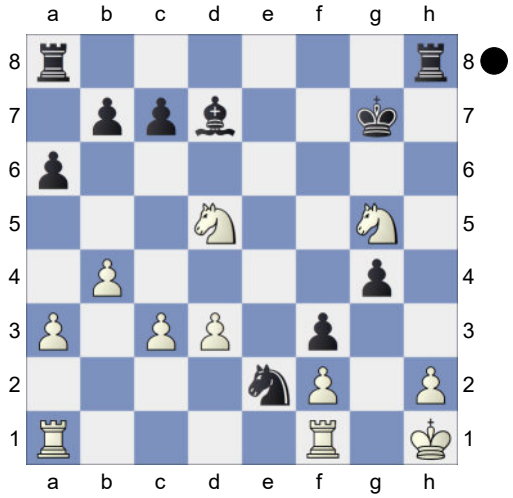
(Diagram)



12...Nf4= ...Nxg2 would now be deadly. Deflection **13.exf5! gxf5** 0.99/22
[13...Nxg2= 0.00/23 14.Nxg6 Rf7 15.Kxg2 Bxf5]
14.Ne3? -0.92/23
[14.gxf4± 0.99/22 Qxh4 15.Qd2]
14...Nxg2∓ 15.Nexg2 f4 16.gxf4 exf4 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 White does not recover from this. **18.Qh5** -5.63/23
[18.f3∓ -0.78/21]
18...Qg5? -2.17/21
[18...Ne5 -5.63/23 19.f3 Qg5 20.Qxg5+ hxg5]
19.Qxg5+ -3.57/23
[⌓19.Qd1 -2.17/21]
19...hxg5-+ 20.Nf3 g4 21.Ng5 -4.64/21
[21.Nd2 -2.96/20 was the only defense. a5 22.f3]
21...Nd4 22.Ne1? -7.22/21 White is weak on the light squares
[22.Kh1 -3.81/20 Kh6 *(22...Nxc2 23.Rac1∓)* 23.Ne4]
22...d5 23.c3 -7.86/20
[⌓23.f3 -4.37/21 Kg6 Trapped Piece 24.c3]
23...Ne2+ 24.Kh1 f3 25.Nc2 Rh8 (-> ...Rxh2+!) **26.Ne3 Bd7** -13.59/33
[⌓26...Rxh2+ -#10/22 27.Kxh2 Bd7 28.Nxf3 gxf3 29.Rg1+ Kf7 *(29...Nxg1 30.Rxg1+ Kf7 31.Rg3±)*

30.Rg7+ Decoy Kxg7 31.Rg1+ Kf7 *(31...Nxg1? 32.Kxg1 d4 33.cxd4-+)* 32.Rg7+ Decoy Kxg7 33.Nf5+ Bxf5 34.Kh1 Rh8#]

27.Nxd5



Rxh2+!! Decoy, Clearance **28.Kxh2**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.55/ Black=0.81
28...Rh8+ Loss on time!?
0-1

183 **B70**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Zakhartsov,Vladimir** **2526**
AI Cup Play-In 2023 rapid (8) 18.09.2023
[Chris Ward,TA]*

B70: Sicilian Dragon: 6 g3 and 6 Be2 (without a later Be3) **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 g6 6.h4?!** I miss my good old Dragon days when the occasional opponent would try an offbeat approach like this. Actually the young Iranian GM clearly has a penchant for the unusual as this month he also tried

[6.h3 Bg7 7.g4 in another game. Regular subscribers will know that we have scrutinised that approach before with 0-0 8.Bg2 Nc6 9.Nde2 obviously being a fianchetto system but with White's g-pawn slightly more advanced!]

6...h5N

[One certainly couldn't argue with 6...Nc6 or 7.Bc4 Bg7 8.Nde2 a6 9.f3 b5 10.Bb3 Qb6 *(10...Bb7 11.Bg5 Na5 12.Qd2 Rc8 13.Bh6 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Nxb3 15.cxb3 Qb6* 29. Other Systems:-6. h4,7 Other Systems *)* 11.h5 Nxh5 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.g4 Nf6 14.Nxf6+ exf6 15.Qd5 Ne5 16.Qxa8 Nxf3+ 17.Kf1 0-0 18.Bf4 Qd7 19.Rd1 Qxg4 20.Qa7 Ng5 21.Qe3 Re8 Ivanovic,B (2500)-Georgiev,K (2615) Jugoslavija 66/186 1996 CI1-130 [Georgiev,Kiril] 0-1 (51)]

[6...Bg7 but I rather like the text, grasping the g4-square. Indeed I think that's why I'm not enamoured with White's 6th move which arguably shows his hand a little early. We see so many systems these days where Black flicks in an early ...h5 and doing it after White has committed themself to h2-h4 makes the advance super justified.]

[RR 6...Nc6 7.Bc4 Bg7 8.Nde2 a6 9.f3 b5 10.Bb3 Qb6 11.h5 Nxh5 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.g4 Nf6 14.Nxf6+ exf6 15.Qd5 Ne5 16.Qxa8 Nxf3+ 17.Kf1 0-0 18.Bf4 Qd7 19.Rd1 Qxg4 20.Qa7 Ng5 21.Qe3 Ivanovic,B (2500)-Georgiev,K (2615) Budva 1996 0-1 (51)]

[RR 6...Nc6 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.f3 h5 9.Be3 Bg7 10.Qd2 Ne5 11.Be2 Rc8 12.0-0-0 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.Kb1 Qc7 15.Nde2 a6 16.Bd4 Be6 17.Qe3 0-0 18.Nf4 Rc6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Ncd5 Bxd5 21.Nxd5

Maghsoodloo,P (2699)-Djokic,M (2194) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (48)]

7.Bc4 The downside is that Black is a little weaker around g6 and White immediately targets the base of that.

[RR 7.Bg5 Bg7 8.f3 Nc6 9.Bd3 Nxd4 10.0-0 Ne6 11.Be3 0-0 12.Qd2 Bd7 13.f4 Ng4 14.Kh1 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Qb6 16.Qg3 Nc5 17.Nd5 Qd8 18.Qg5 e6 19.Ne7+ Kh7 20.f5 exf5 21.exf5 Nxd3 Mogirzan,M (2086)-Rodriguez Lopez, A (2002) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0]

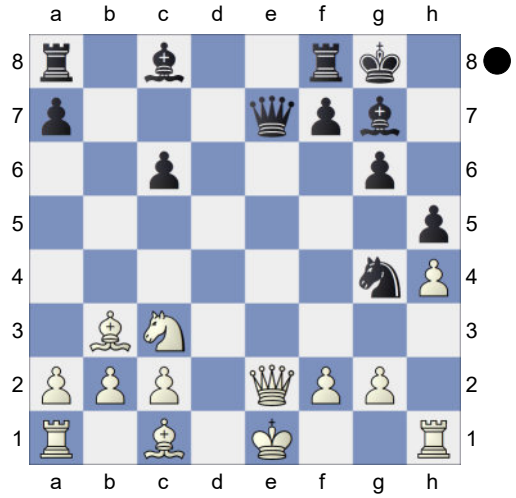
7...Bg7 8.Bb3N

[RR 8.Bg5 Nc6 9.Nde2 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bd7 11.0-0 Rc8 12.Bb3 Ne5 13.Rad1 Qd8 14.Nf4 Rxc3 15.bxc3 Nxe4 16.Qe3 Nxg5 17.hxg5 Ng4 18.Qxa7 Be5 19.Nd5 Bh2+ 20.Kh1 h4 21.Rfe1 Kf8 22.Rxe7 h3 Fauvet,E (2245)-Le Flao,P Toulon 1996 1-0 (40)]

[RR 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Qd2 Nc6 10.Nde2 Ne5 11.Bb3 Bg4 12.0-0-0 Rc8 13.f3 Bd7 14.Kb1 Re8 15.Rhf1 Qa5 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.Qxd6 Red8 18.Rd5 b5 19.a3 Bc6 20.Qb4 Qxb4 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.axb4 Bf8 Schneider,J (1906)-Gervinskas,V (1745) Bad Wiessee 2012 1-0 (41)]

8...Nc6 Black could just castle but instead is deliberately delaying doing so, confident that standard punishing tactics don't work here. **9.Be3**

[For example then 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.e5 could happily be met by 10...Nh7 or even 10...Nd5 but here Ng4! taking advantage of that post just looks good, especially in the case of *(* Note as in similar circumstances we've investigated recently not *10...dxe5* 0.70/18 10...Ng4 0.08 *11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.Bxf7* as the bishop doesn't get trapped on f7 because the black h-pawn has moved leaving g6 loose.*)* 11.exd6 0-0! 12.dxe7? -2.89/25 *(12.Bg5=* 0.04/17 *Qxd6 13.Qe2)* 12...Qxe7+-+ 13.Qe2



Re8! Okay so perhaps White's been a tad greedy but certainly 14.Qxe7 Rxe7+ 15.Kf1?? -7.00/24 *(⌓15.Be3* -3.57/23 *Nxe3 16.fxe3)* 15...Ba6+-+ 16.Kg1 Re1# is nice work if you can get it!]

9...Ng4! Anyone that has followed this site or read any of my Dragon books will know why this is such an appealing move. White can't afford to lose his dark-squared bishop for a knight. **10.Nxc6** White would rather not bring a black pawn to c6 to control d5 but this is the only real option open to him. **10...bxc6 11.Bg5**

[Yes although 11.Bd4 -0.52/20 11.Bg5 -0.05 e5 12.Be3 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Bf6 -0.47/21 *(13...Bg4∓* -0.79/20 *14.Qd3 0-0)* 14.g3 might offer some f-file compensation, really this bishop needs to be preserved.]

11...Ba6

[Physically preventing castles

although 11...Qb6 feels natural too with 12.0-0 -0.46/19 *(12.Qd2=* 0.01/20 *)* 12...Ba6∓ 13.Ne2 (obviously this pin is a poor situation for White.) Bxb2 14.Rb1 simply bagging a pawn because of the cute Qc5! 15.Rxb2 -1.29/22 *(White should play 15.c4* -0.87/18 *)* 15...Qe5 forking the rook and mate on h2.]

12.Qd2 White instead over=protects f2 and clears the path for the option of long castles. **12...Qb6 13.f3 Ne5** Of course the game could go either way but for me Black has been for preference for a while. **14.Na4**

[14.0-0-0 would be met by Rb8 and so with the d5-square unavailable to the steed (a key point in my own preference) White tries something else.]

14...Qb7 (nor of course the c5-square)

15.Rd1

[15.0-0-0 would pile a lot of pressure on the b3-bishop to remain in view of the protection required for b2.]

15...Bb5 I'm not a great fan of this and Black's next move which between them deserve a '?!'. Threatens to win with ... Bxa4.

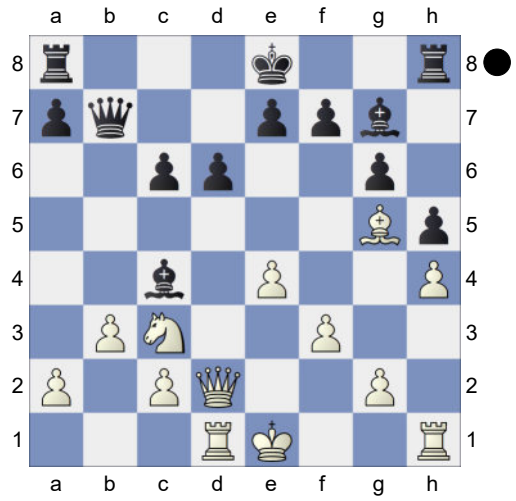
[15...0-0 just looks good to me but the text does of course simply threaten to take the offside knight to facilitate a knight invasion on c4.]

[15...Rb8]

16.Nc3 Nc4

[I'd far prefer keeping the tension say through 16...a5 rather than alleviating it through the text.]

17.Bxc4 Bxc4 Although this is an open board where the bishop pair should be attractive, the threat of the knight landing on c4 was awesome. **18.b3**



Qb4 19.Nb1

[19.Ne2 looked more natural but either way the queens are coming off.]

19...Qxd2+

[19...a5 is interesting. 20.c3 Qb6 21.bxc4 Rb8]

20.Bxd2 Ba6 21.c4 Not the usual type of Maroczy bind we get on the site but certainly fulfilling a job oof shutting out one of Black's pair. **21...f5** 0.37/20

[21...Bc8= -0.06/19 deserves consideration.]

22.Bc3!± And halving that pair is the logical call as typically a bishop for knight advantage isn't as big as 2 bishops Vs bishop and knight. **22...0-0 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Nc3** With the black bishop on a6 blocking a potential ...a5-a4 plan, now it is White who holds a small advantage. **24...fxe4 25.Nxe4 c5 26.Kf2 Bc8**

[Played in preference to 26...Bb7 in order to cover the hole on e6. Either way the ...a5-a4 plan is now on the menu.]

27.Rhe1 a5 28.Ng5

[28.Re3!? might have kept more options open with Bf5 29.Nc3 Ra7 30.Rde1 Strongly threatening Nb5.

Rf7 and if 31.Nd5 then Kf8 being a case of all hands to the pump!]

28...Ra7 29.Re3 Rf4 Correctly seeking some activity of his own. **30.g3 Rd4** Offering to mix things up a little with this is the point. **31.Ke1** -0.49/22

[Upon Better is 31.Rxd4= 0.01/25 cxd4 32.Re4! Black could support with *(32.Re1)* 32...e5 and stand just fine. However in the game Black is happy to trade a pair of rooks even without that central pawn structure being altered as of course he still has his main plan...]

31...a4!∓ 32.f4 -1.20/23

[32.Rxd4∓ -0.45/21 cxd4 33.Rd3]

32...axb3 33.axb3 Bf5 -0.28/26 Black is once again for preference with suddenly him having the active pieces.

[33...Kf6∓ -0.78/23]

34.Rxd4 cxd4 35.Ne6+ Bxe6 36.Rxe6 Endgame At the end of the day though we still have a rook and pawn ending and we all know that they're all drawn!? KR-KR **36...Rb7** And now ...Kf7 would win. **37.Re2** -1.02/24

[37.Re4∓ -0.37/26]

37...Kf6 -0.53/24

[37...Rxb3∓ -1.02/24 38.Rxe7+ Kf6]

38.Rb2 Kf5 39.b4 Ke4 aiming for ... Kd3. **40.Kd2 Rc7 41.Rc2**

[41.b5 Rxc4 42.b6 Rc8 43.b7 Rb8 44.Rb5 e5 would maybe be a more exciting route to a draw!]

41...Rb7 42.Rb2 Rc7 43.Rc2 Rb7 44.b5 The position is equal. **44...d5 45.c5 Rxb5 46.c6** Although we're getting a similar scenario. **46...Rb8 47.c7 Rc8 48.Rc6 Kf3 49.Kd3 Kxg3** Though less about connected passed pawns and more about volume! **50.Kxd4 Kxf4 51.Kxd5** Black must now prevent Ke6. **51...g5 52.Rc4+ Kf5 53.Kc6 gxh4 54.Kd7 Rxc7+ 55.Kxc7=** KR-K3P **55...Kg5 56.Kc6 h3 57.Kd5 h2 58.Rc1 Kf4 59.Ke6 Kg3 60.Kxe7 Kg2 61.Rc2+ Kg1 62.Rc1+ Kg2 63.Rc2+ Kg3 64.Rc1 Kg2** Fair enough! Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

½-½

184 **C50**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2702**

■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**

World-chT Rapid (11) 28.08.2023

[Kitty Kat]*

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 GM Boris Avrukh **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6**

[RR 5...0-0

A) RR 6.h3 Re8 7.c3 h6 8.b4 *(*RR *8.Re1 d6)* 8...Bb6 9.a4

A1) RR 9...a5 10.b5 Ne7 *(* RR *10...Nb8)* 11.Nxe5 d5 12.exd5 Nexd5 13.Re1;

A2) 9...a6 10.Qb3 Re7 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.fxe3 d6 13.Nh4 Be6 14.Nf5 Re8 15.Nd2;

B) 6.a4

B1) RR 6...a6 7.c3 d6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Ba7 11.Nbd2 Nh7 12.Kh1 Kh8 13.b4 h5 *(*RR *13...f5 14.exf5 Bxf5)* 14.h4 g4 15.Nh2 f5 16.exf5 Ne7;

B2) 6...a5 7.h3 h6 8.Nc3 d6 9.Ne2 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Ng3 Qd7 12.c3 Rf7]

6.a4

[RR 6.c3

A) RR 6...a6 7.Bb3 h6 8.Re1 0-0 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.Nf1 Ba7 11.h3 Be6 12.N3h2 d5 13.Qf3 d4 *(RR 13...dxe4 14.dxe4 Bxb3 15.axb3 Qe7)* 14.Ng3 Bc5 15.Nf5 Bf8 16.Ng4 Nxg4 17.hxg4 Bxb3 18.axb3 Re6

A1) RR 19.g3 g6 20.Nh4 *(RR 20.Nxh6+ Bxh6 21.Bxh6 g5)* 20...Qd7;

A2) 19.Qg3 Be7 20.f4 Bf6 21.c4;

B) 6...h6 7.Re1 0-0

B1) RR 8.h3 a5 9.Nbd2 Be6 *(RR 9...a4)*

B1a) RR 10.a4 Bxc4 11.Nxc4 Re8 12.Qb3 *(RR 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Qd7 14.Qb3 Ne7)* 12...Qd7 13.Qb5 Ne7 *(RR 13...Nd8 14.Bd2 Ne6)* 14.Nxa5 c6 15.Qxb7 Rxa5 16.Qxd7 Nxd7 17.b4 Ra6 18.bxc5 Nxc5 19.Ba3;

B1b) 10.Bb5 Qb8 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.d4 exd4 13.cxd4 Bb6 14.b3 d5 *(RR 14...a4)* 15.e5 Nd7 16.Nf1 c5 17.Ng3 Kh8 *(RR 17...cxd4 18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.Qd2 Kh7 20.Qd3+ Kh8 21.Qd2)* 18.Nh4;

B2) 8.Nbd2 a5 9.Nf1 Be6 10.Bb5 *(RR 10.Bxe6 fxe6)* 10...Bb6 *(RR 10...Ne7 11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 Bb6)* 11.Ng3 Ne7 12.d4 c6 *(RR 12...Ng6)* 13.Bd3 Ng6 14.h3 Bc7 *(RR 14...Re8 15.a4 Bc7 16.Be3 d5 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Bxg6 fxg6 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Rxe5 21.Qc2 Bf7 22.c4 b5 23.Qc3 Re6 24.cxb5)* 15.Be3 a4 16.Qc2 b5]

6...a6 6...h6 is the hot move. 6...h6 ist der hippe Zug.6...h6 is the hot move. 6...h6 ist der hippe Zug. **7.c3**

[RR 7.h3 h6 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 0-0 10.c3 Be6 11.Bxe6 *(RR 11.Nbd2 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Qe2 Re8 14.Ne4 Nce7 15.Nxe5 Nf5 16.Nc5 Ng3 17.Qf3 Nxf1 18.Rxf1)* 11...fxe6 12.Qb3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 b6 14.Rf2 Rf7 15.Raf1 Raf8 16.Qc4 a5 17.g4 Nh7 18.h4 Ne7 19.d4 exd4 20.exd4 Ng6 21.Kh2 Qe7 Sarquis,M (2175)-Khamdamova,A (2330) FIDE Online Arena INT 2024 0-1 (31)]

7...Ba7

[RR 7...h6 8.Re1 0-0

A) RR 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.b4 Ba7 12.Nf1 Qe8 *(RR 12...Nh5 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Qe8 15.Ra2 Nf6)* 13.Ra2 b5 *(RR 13...Nh5 14.Be3 Qg6)* 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Nxe3 Qg6 16.g3;

B) 9.h3

B1) RR 9...a5 10.Nbd2 Be6 11.Bb5 Na7 12.d4 Nxb5 13.axb5 exd4 14.Nxd4 Re8 15.Nf1 Bd7 16.Ng3 c6 17.bxc6 Bxc6 18.Qf3 *(RR 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Bf4 Qb6 20.Qc2 a4 21.Rad1 d5)* 18...d5 19.e5 Ne4 *(RR 19...Bxd4 20.cxd4 Ne4 21.Ra3)* 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Nxe4 Rxe5 22.Bg5 Qe8 23.Nf6+ gxf6 24.Rxe5;

B2) 9...Re8 10.Nbd2 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 Ba7 13.Qc2 Qd7 *(RR 13...d5 14.Nb3 dxe4 15.dxe4 Nh5 16.Be3 Rg6 17.Bxa7 Rxa7 18.Kh2 Qf6 19.Re3)* 14.Nf1 Ne7 *(RR 14...Rd8 15.b5 Ne7 16.d4 exd4 17.cxd4 d5 18.e5 Ne4 19.N1d2 axb5 20.axb5 Bb6 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Qxe4*

Qxb5 23.Qxb7 Qc6 24.Qxc6 Nxc6 25.Be3 Nxd4) 15.Ng3 d5 *(*RR *15...Ng6 16.c4 c6 17.a5 d5)* 16.exd5 Nfxd5 17.Bd2 *(* RR *17.Nxe5 Qd6 18.d4 Nxc3 19.Bb2 Ncd5)* 17...Ng6 18.c4 Ndf4 19.Bxf4 Nxf4 20.Rad1 Rae8 21.c5 c6]

8.Nbd2

[8.h3 h6 9.Nbd2 g5 10.Re1 g4 11.hxg4 Nxg4 12.Re2 Qf6 13.Nf1 Rg8 14.Rc2 Bd7 15.b4 Qg6 16.Be3 Nxe3 17.fxe3 a5 18.Rf2 Rg7 19.Qb3 0-0-0 20.Bd5 Ne7 21.Rb1 Nxd5 22.bxa5 Nb6 Quinn,R (2133) -Keller,P (2358) Dublin Irish New Year IM 2023 (6) 1-01-0 Quinn,R (2133)-Keller,P (2358) Dublin Irish New Year IM 2023 (6)]

8...0-0 The position is equal. **9.h3**

[9.b4 h6 10.h3 Ne7 11.Re1 Ng6 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 d5 14.Bf1 Bxd4 15.cxd4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Be6 18.d5 Qxd5 19.Rd4 Qf5 20.Bb2 c6 21.Rc1 Bd5 22.Bd3 Qe6 23.Rg4 Rae8 Nikitenko,M (2484) -Sjugirov,S (2709) RUS-chT Blitz 2022 (11.10) 0-10-1 Nikitenko,M (2484)-Sjugirov,S (2709) RUS-chT Blitz 2022 (11.10)]

9...Re8N

[RR 9...Kh8 10.Re1 Ng8 11.Nf1 f5 12.exf5 *(*RR *12.Be3 fxe4 13.dxe4 Qf6)* 12...Bxf5 13.Be3 Qf6 14.N1h2 *(*RR *14.Bxa7 Rxa7 15.N3h2)* 14...Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Nge7 Italian Game-4.0-0 2018 Italian Game-N,N [GM Boris Avrukh]Italian Game-4.0-0 2018]

[RR 9...h6 10.b4 Ne7 11.Re1 Ng6 12.Nf1 c6 13.Bb3 Re8 14.Ng3 d5 15.Qc2 Be6 16.a5 dxe4 17.dxe4 c5 18.Ba4 Bd7 19.Nf5 cxb4 20.Rd1 Bxa4 21.Rxa4 Qc7 22.Rxb4 Bc5 23.Rb1 Ne7 24.N3h4 Oparin,G (2660)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2758) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½ (43)]

10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4N

[RR 12.a5 d5 13.Qb3 Rb8 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.Qxd5 Nxd5 16.Nc4 Rbe8 17.Be3 Nxe3 18.fxe3 e4 19.Ng5 Rg6 20.Nxe4 f5 21.Nf2 Bxe3 22.Rxe3 1-0 (22) Shvedova,A (2065)-Von Buelow,G (2361) Chess.com INT 2022]

12...d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 Threatens to win with ...Nh5-f4. **15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3N** -0.08/20

[Vorgänger: 19.Qxc7⩲ 0.54/21 Rf6 20.Rf1! *(20.Qxb7? Qxf2+ 21.Kh2 Qf4+ 22.Kg1 Rf8-+; 20.Nf3 Rxf3 21.gxf3 Nf4=)*

A) 20...axb5 21.axb5 *(21.Qxb7 Qd8±)*;

B) 20...Nf4 21.Nf3 -0.01/24 *(21.Nb3⩲* 0.46/21 *Qd6 22.Qxb7)* 21...Nxh3+!= 22.Kh2 Rxf3! 23.gxf3 Nf4 24.Qxb7? -7.15/24 *(24.bxa6=* -0.01/23 *bxa6 25.Rad1)* 24...Qd8-+ (-> ...Qd8-h4+) (⟶ ... Qd8-h4+) 25.Rfc1 Mons,L (2530)-Schroeder,J (2568) Hobbits Invitational blitz 2021 (1.5) 1/2-1/2 ½-½ Mons,L (2530)-Schroeder,J (2568) Hobbits Invitational blitz 2021 (1 . 5)½-½ Mons,L (2530)-Schroeder,J (2568) Hobbits Invitational blitz 2021 (1.5)]

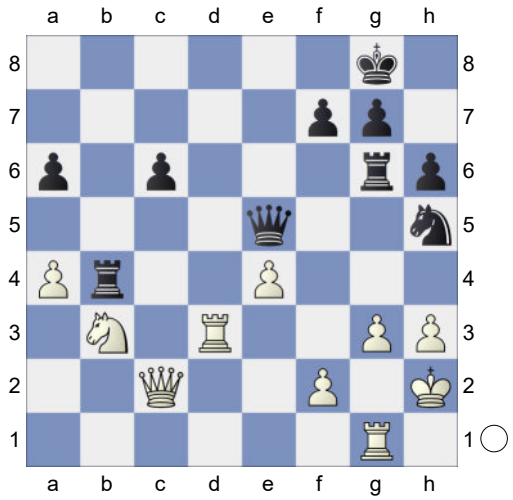
19...Qd8 20.g3! Rh6 White must now prevent ...Qd8-c8. **21.Kg2?** -1.25/22

[21.bxa6= 0.26/20 Raxa6 22.Qc5]

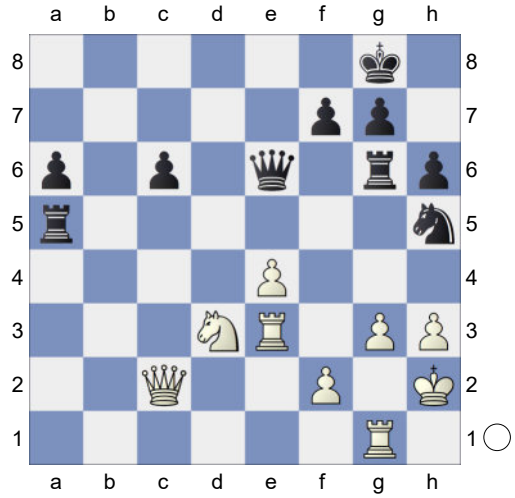
21...Qg5!∓ 22.Rh1 Rd8 -0.14/21

[22...Nf4+∓ -1.13/21 23.Kf1 Ne6 *(23...Nxh3 24.bxa6 bxa6 25.a5∓; 23...Rxh3 24.Rxh3 Nxh3 25.Qxc7=)*]

23.d4 -0.64/20
[23.h4= -0.14/21 Qf6 24.Qxc7]
23...Rg6 0.01/21
[23...exd4∓ -0.64/20 24.Qxc7 Rhd6 *(24...axb5 25.h4=)*]
24.Kh2 c6
[24...Nxg3!? 25.Rhg1□ Pin Nf1+ 26.Raxf1 Qf4+ 27.Kh1 Qf3+ 28.Kh2 Qf4+ 29.Kh1 Qf3+ 30.Kh2 Qf4+=]
25.bxa6 bxa6
[25...Nxg3!? 26.Rhg1□ Pin Nf1+ 27.Raxf1 Qf4+ 28.Kh1 Qf3+ 29.Kh2 Qf4+ 30.Kh1 Qf3+ 31.Kh2 Qf4+=]
26.dxe5 Qxe5 0.76/22
[26...Nxg3!= 0.01/24 27.Rhg1 Pin Nf1+ 28.Raxf1 Qf4+ 29.Kh1 Qf3+ 30.Kh2 Qf4+ 31.Kh1 Qf3+ 32.Kh2 Qf4+]
27.Rad1 Rb8 28.Rhg1 h6 29.Rd3 0.39/21
[29.Rd2!± 0.75/23]
29...Rb4 1.03/21
[29...Qxe4? perishes. 30.Rd8+ Rxd8 31.Qxe4+-]
[29...Rd6± 0.39/21]

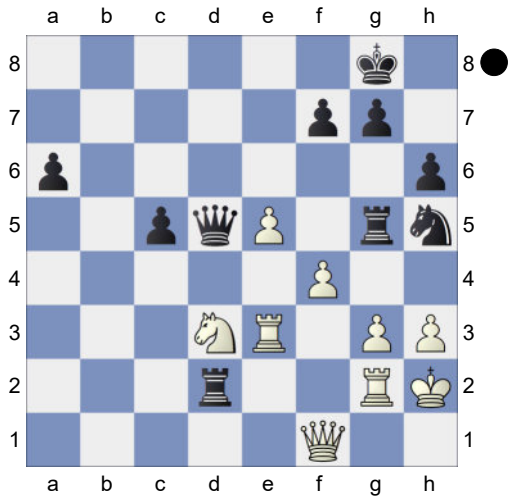


30.Re3 -0.01/21
[30.Re1!± 1.03/21]
30...Rxa4 0.44/23
[30...Nf6!= -0.01/21]
31.Nc5± **Ra5** **32.Nd3** White has compensation. **32...Qe6** 2.21/22
[Black should play 32...Qc7!± 0.32/21]



33.e5!+- **Ra2** **34.Qd1** 0.81/23
[34.Qc1+- 2.12/22 has better winning chances.]
34...Rg5± **35.Rg2** g3-g4 would now be deadly. **35...Qd5!** Strongly threatening ... Nh5-f4! **36.Qb1 Rd2 37.Qf1** -0.85/23
[37.Ne1= 0.26/24 keeps the balance. Rd1 *(37...Rxe5?* is the wrong capture. *38.Qb8+ Qd8 39.Qxd8+ Rxd8 40.Rxe5+-)* 38.Qc2]
37...c5→ Black has some attack. Black is much more active. **38.f4?** -6.32/24
[38.Qb1∓ -0.70/22]

(Diagram)



38...Rxg3!-+ Pin. Black is clearly winning. **39.Rxd2**
[39.Rexg3 Nxg3]
39...Rxe3 40.Qd1 Ng3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.27 (precise)
0-1

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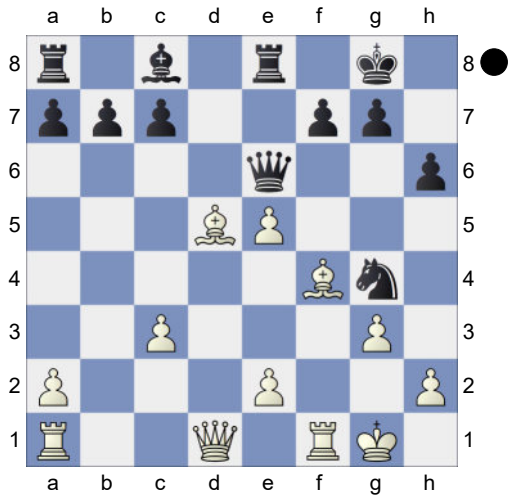
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2702**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2723**
World-chT Rapid (7.1) 27.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3
[4.a3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 *(5...d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.dxc3 0-0 10.Bg5 Qxd1 11.Rfxd1 h6 12.Be3 a5 13.Bc5 Re8 14.e4 a4 15.Bf1 Bg4 16.Kg2 Na5 17.Be3 c6 18.h3 Be6 19.Bb6 Nc4 20.Bxc4* ½-½ Locci,D-Romanishin,O Bratto op 2009 (1) *)* 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxe5 Nxc3 10.Nxc6 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 bxc6 12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.d3 Bh3 14.Re1 Rb6 15.Qc2 Be6 16.Be4 Qd7 17.Qc5 Bd4 18.Qa5 Rb5 ½-½ Dragon Variation,Y (2550)-Stamnov,A (2561) USSR 45/(175) 1988 (3)]
4...Bb4N
[4...d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Rc1 f5 10.Na4 e4 11.Qb3+ Kh8 12.dxe4 fxe4 13.Nd2 Nd4 14.Qd1 Nf5 A 29/15 2000]
[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Re1 h6 10.Bb2 Be6 11.Rc1 Qd7 12.a3 a5 13.Nb5 Rac8 14.e4 Bh3 15.d4 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 exd4 17.Nbxd4 Nxe4 0-1 Livanez-Litvin,A (2425) (m/1) 96/87 Khanty Mansiysk 2005]
5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 e4 7.Ng5 Bxc3 8.bxc3 Re8 9.f3 exf3 10.Nxf3 d5
[RR 10...Qe7 11.e3 Ne5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.Rb1 Rb8 14.Rb5 Qe7 15.d3 d6 16.e4 Bg4 17.Bf3 Bh3 18.Bg2 Bg4 19.Bf3 Bh3 20.Bg2 ½-½ (20) Aronian,L (2780)-Anand,V (2804) Stavanger 2015]
11.d4! **h6!** Prevents Bc1-g5.now scores much better than the old 11...Ne4. punktet besser als das ältere 11...Se4.
[RR 11...dxc4 12.Bg5 Bg4 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Ne5 Qg5 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Nxf7 Qe3+ 17.Rf2 Rf8 18.Qf1 Rxf7 0-1 (18) Matlak,O (2235)-Altini,N (2350) Chess.com INT 2025]
12.cxd5
[RR 12.Qc2 dxc4 13.Bf4 Bg4 14.Rae1 Bh5 15.Nh4 g5 16.Nf5 gxf4 17.Nxh6+ Kf8 18.Rxf4 Bg6 19.Qd2 Nd5 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.e4 Qd7 22.Ref1 Nd8 23.d5 Rxe4 24.Rf6 Ke8 25.Qg5 Qe7 26.Rxg6 fxg6 Svidler,P (2683)-Vidit,S (2731) Nagpur 2023 0-1 (33)]
12...Qxd5 The position is equal.
13.Ne5N was the old line (13.Nh4).

war die alte Variante (13.Sh4).
[RR 13.Bf4 Qc4 14.Qd3 Qxd3 15.exd3 Nd5 16.Bd2 Bg4 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxd5 c6 19.Be4 f5 20.dxe5 fxe4 21.d4 Be6 22.Rf4 Bd5 23.a4 Rf8 24.a5 g5 25.Rxf8+ ½-½ (25) Langrock,H (2383)-Pacher, M (2358) Olomouc 2009]
[RR 13.e3 Bf5 14.Nd2 Qd7 15.Nb3 Ne4 16.c4 b6 17.Rf4 Rad8 18.Qf1 Bg6 19.Ba3 Na5 20.Bb4 Nxb3 21.axb3 c5 22.Bxe4 Rxe4 23.Rxe4 Bxe4 24.Bc3 Bc2 25.b4 cxb4 26.Bxb4 a5 27.Bc3 Rc8 Aronian,L (2777)-Adams,M (2738) Baden-Baden 2015 ½-½ (56)]

13...Qe6 **14.Bf4N**
[Vorgänger: 14.Nd3 Qxe2 15.Bxh6 Qxd1 16.Raxd1 Bg4 17.Rd2 Be2 18.Rxf6 gxf6 19.Nc5 Bc4 White must now prevent ...Re8-e1+. 20.Nxb7 ½-½ Morley,P (2365)-Zemlyanov,S (2389) LAT jub25/B email 2017]

14...Nxe5 15.dxe5 Ng4 16.Bd5 -1.31/22
[16.Qd4!= -0.29/20]



16...Qb6+ -0.43/19
[Black should try 16...Qg6!∓ -1.31/22 Strongly threatening ...Qg6-h5! 17.Bg2 Bf5 *(17...Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Rxe5 19.Qd8+ Kh7 20.Qxc7±)*]

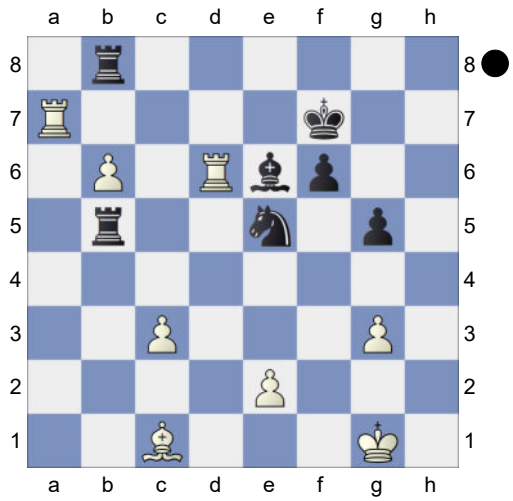
17.Qd4∓ Be6
[Of course not 17...Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Rxe5 19.Bxf7+ Kh8 20.Rf2=]

18.Qxb6 cxb6 -0.14/23
[18...axb6∓ -0.89/26 19.Bxb7 Ra5 *(19...Rxa2 20.h3±)*]

19.Bxb7= This pair of bishops is nice. **19...Rab8 20.Ba6** aiming for h2-h3. **20...g5 21.Bc1 Nxe5** next ...Be6-c4 is good for Black. **22.h4 Bh3 23.Rd1 f6 24.hxg5 hxg5 25.a4 Be6 26.Bb5 Rec8 27.Rd6 Kf7 28.a5 Rc5 29.axb6?** -2.69/23 This move loses the game for White.
[29.Bd3!∓ -0.63/20]

29...Rxb5-+
[29...axb6 30.Ra7+ Kg6 31.Re7=]

30.Rxa7+ -3.61/21
[30.bxa7 -2.39/19 was forced. Ra8 31.Kf1]



30...Kg6! 31.Rxe6 Rb1!
[And not 31...R5xb6 32.Rxb6 Rxb6 33.Kf2=]

32.Kg2 Rxc1 33.b7 Rb1 Prevents Re6-b6 **34.Raa6 Nd7 35.e4** -5.36/19
[⌓35.Rad6 -3.42/20 Kf7

(35...R1xb7? 36.Re7-+) 36.Re4 R1xb7 37.Rdd4]

35...R8xb7 Black is clearly winning. **36.e5 R7b2+ 37.Kf3 Rf1+ 38.Kg4 Re2** Threatens to win with ...Rf1-f2! **39.exf6 Nxf6+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.12 (very precise)

0-1

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□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

FIDE World Cup (4.4) 11.08.2023

[Mon Hokmome]*

C92: Closed Ruy Lopez: 9...Be6, Karpov and Flohr-Zaitsev Variations C92: Closed Ruy Lopez: 9...Be6, Karpov and Flohr-Zaitsev Variations Kitty Kat: 'C92: Closed Ruy Lopez: 9...Be6, Karpov and Flohr-Zaitsev Variations

' **1.e4** Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Bb7 10.d4 Re8 11.a3 Bf8N**

[11...Na5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d5 Nd7 14.b3 c4 15.b4 Nb3 16.Bxb3 cxb3 17.Nfd2 f5 18.Nxb3 fxe4 19.Na5 2 Chapter 17-Game 2 Game]

[11...h6 12.Ba2 Bf8 *(12...Qd7 13.d5 Na7 14.b3 c6 15.c4 Bd8 16.Nc3 Bb6 17.Be3 Nc8 18.Qd3 Bxe3 19.Qxe3 cxd5 20.cxd5 Qd8 21.b4 Qb6 22.Nd2 Qxe3 23.Rxe3 Nb6 24.Bb3 Rec8 25.a4 bxa4 26.Nxa4 Nxa4 27.Bxa4* Levchenko,M (2655)-4.a3Ba6/ 10.Be2 (2559) Cande 2023 CT-0832 [John Watson] ½-½ (41) *)* 13.d5 Ne7 14.b3 c5 15.c4 bxc4 16.bxc4 Ng6 17.Bb3 Bc8 18.Ba4 Bd7 19.Nc3 Rb8 20.Bd2 Nh5 21.g3 Re7 22.Kg2 Qc8 23.Bxd7 Rxd7 24.Nh2 Nf6 25.Qf3 Rb3 Gazi,M (2759)-Persse,D (2709) Rethymnon 88/(230) 2021 200 Traps In The Opening [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721]]

12.d5! now scores much better than the old 12.Nbd2. punktet besser als das ältere 12.Sbd2. now scores much better than the old 12.Nbd2. punktet besser als das ältere 12.Sbd2. now scores much better than the old 12.Nbd2. punktet besser als das ältere 12.Sbd2.

Kitty Kat: 'now scores much better than the old 12.Nbd2.'Kitty Kat: 'punktet besser als das ältere 12.Sbd2.' **12...Na5 13.Ba2** White is slightly better. **13...c6 14.dxc6 Bxc6 15.Bg5! h6**

[RR 15...Nc4 16.Nbd2 Nb6 17.Nh2 h6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Re3 d5 20.Ng4 Qe7 21.Rg3 g6 22.Qf3 Bg7 23.exd5 Bxd5 24.Bxd5 Nxd5 25.Qxd5 Rad8 26.Qc6 Rxd2 27.b4 Rd6 28.Qc5 f5 29.Ne3 f4 30.Nd5 Hakobyan,A (2620)-Esipenko,A (2695) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (50)]

16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nfd2 Prevents Na5-c4. Prevents Na5-c4. Kitty Kat: ' Repels Na5-c4' **17...d5 18.Bxd5N**

[Vorgänger: 18.exd5 Bd7 19.Qh5 Bf5 20.Ne4 Kitty Kat: '!' Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Bc5 22.Qh4 Qxh4 23.Rxh4 Be7 0.95/21 *(23...Nb7± 0.33/20; 23...Bb6± 0.38/20* Kitty Kat *)* 24.Re4 1-0 Dvirnyy,D (2514)-Sonis,F (2547) ITA-ch 81st Cagliari 2022 (6) 1-0 Dvirnyy,D (2514)-Sonis,F (2547) ITA-ch 81st Cagliari 2022 (6) 1-0 Dvirnyy, D (2514)-Sonis,F (2547) ITA-ch 81st Cagliari 2022 (6) Nb7 Kitty Kat 25.Nd2 Bg5 26.Nf3 Bf4 27.g3 Nd6 28.Re2 e4 29.Nd4 Bg5 30.Rae1 Bf6 31.Nc6 Bd8 32.Kg2 Bb6 33.Bb1

f5 34.f3 e3 35.f4 g6 36.Bd3 Kg7 37.Kf3 Kf6 38.Nd4 Bxd4 39.cxd4 1-0 Dvirnyy,D (2447)-Jouneau,Q (2025) Rohde op 09th 2009 (1)]
[RR 18.exd5 Bd7 19.Qh5 Bf5 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Bc5 22.Qh4 Qxh4 23.Rxh4 Be7 24.Re4 Nb7 25.Nd2 Bg5 26.Nf3 Bf4 27.g3 Nd6 28.Re2 e4 29.Nd4 Bg5 30.Rae1 Bf6 31.Nc6 Bd8 32.Kg2 Bb6 Dvirnyy,D (2514)-Sonis,F (2547) Cagliari 2022 1-0 (41)]

18...Bxd5 19.exd5 Rad8
[19...Bc5? 20.Ne4 Bxf2+ 21.Nxf2+-]

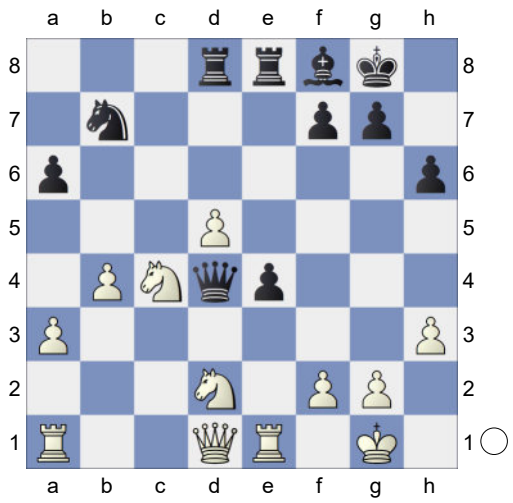
20.b4 Nb7 21.c4 Strongly threatening Nb1-c3. Strongly threatening Nb1-c3. Kitty Kat: '↑' Kitty Kat: ' White has some pressure.'
[21.Ne4!? Qg6 22.a4=]

21...bxc4 0.47/22
[21...e4!= 0.12/21 22.Ra2 Qd4]

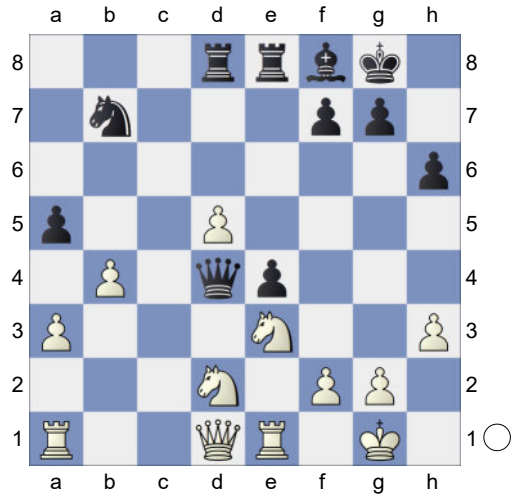
22.Nxc4 next Nb1-c3 is good for White.

22...e4 0.64/20
[22...a5!= 0.20/22 is superior. is superior. Kitty Kat: '=']

23.Nbd2± Qd4 1.43/21 White leaves nothing to chance now. White leaves nothing to chance now. Kitty Kat: '
[23...Qg6± 0.67/23]



Black is now going downhill.' **24.Ne3↑** White is really pushing. White is really pushing. Kitty Kat: '±!' **24...a5**



25.Ndc4! Kitty Kat: ' Discovered Attack'

25...Qxd1 2.24/21
[25...Qf6± 1.36/19 is a better defense.]

26.Rexd1+-
[26.Raxd1 axb4 27.axb4 *(27.Rb1 Nc5=)* 27...Bxb4±]

26...axb4 27.axb4
[Much less strong is 27.Rab1?! Kitty Kat g6 28.axb4 Kg7]

27...g6 Kitty Kat: ' Black is weak on the light squares' **28.Ra6 Kg7 29.Rc6**
[Less strong is 29.d6 Re6±]

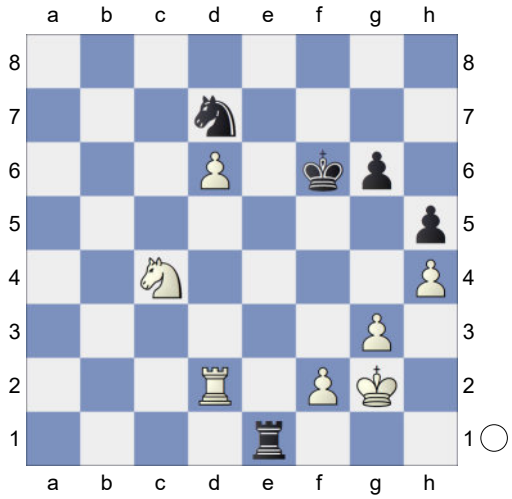
29...Rb8 30.b5 Nd8 31.b6 Kitty Kat: ' Strongly threatening Rc6-c7.'
[31.Rb6 Kitty Kat Rxb6 32.Nxb6 Nb7+-]

31...Nb7 3.84/20
[⌓31...Nxc6 2.38/19 Kitty Kat 32.dxc6 Rec8]

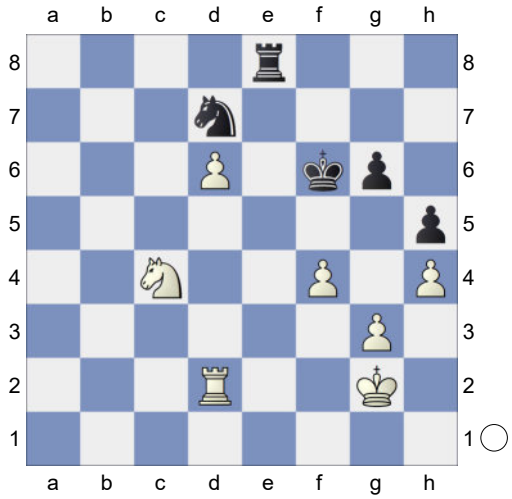
32.h4 h5 33.g3 Bc5 34.Rc7 Red8 35.Ne5 Bxb6 36.Rxf7+ Kg8 37.N3c4 Bc5 38.Rf6 Rf8 39.Nd7 Pair of Knights! Pair of Knights! Kitty Kat: ' A dynamic duo of knights.'
[Less strong is 39.Rxg6+ Kitty Kat Kh7 40.Rf1 Rg8 41.Rxg8 Rxg8+-]

39...Rxf6 40.Nxf6+ Kg7 41.Nxe4 Re8 42.Nxc5 Nxc5 Endgame KRN-KRN Endgame KRN-KRN Kitty Kat: 'Endgame. KRN-KRN' **43.Rd2 Re1+ 44.Kg2 Kf6 45.d6 Nd7?** 5.50/26

[45...Re8 3.10/24 46.d7 Rd8 47.Rd6+ Ke7 48.Rxg6 Nxd7]



46.f4 White is clearly winning. **46...Re8** Kitty Kat: '



' **47.Ne5** Kitty Kat: '!' **47...Rd8**

[47...Nc5 Kitty Kat 48.d7]

48.Nxd7+ Rxd7 49.Kf3 Ke6 50.Ke4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.36 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.36 Kitty Kat: '

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.32'

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**

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[Duda,Jan]*

It may seem a bit surprising to annotate the lost game, but I think the very game was the most interesting one, from my match against Parham Es mag ein wenig überraschend erscheinen, die verlorene Partie zu kommentieren, aber ich denke, dass gerade diese Partie die interessanteste war, aus meinem Match gegen Parham **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Bf5 7.0-0 Be7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Nbd2** is now debated instead of 9.c4. Possibly the most challenging line in this variation. wird nun anstelle von 9.c4 disktutiert. Vielleicht das schwierigste Abspiel in dieser Variante. **9...Nd6 10.Nf1 c6 11.Bf4 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Na6**

[12...Nd7 is definitely a playable alternative, but 12... ♘a6 has clearly become the main line. ist definitiv eine spielbare Alternative, aber 12... ♘a6 ist eindeutig die Hauptvariante geworden.]

13.h4!? the most direct Das direkteste. **13...Nc7 14.Ng5 Bxg5** a calmer alternative, which I had prepared for this rapid stage Eine ruhigere Alternative, die ich für diese Rapid-Phase vorbereitet hatte.

[14...g6 is more principled, and I had played it just a day before: ist prinzipieller, und ich hatte es erst

einen Tag zuvor gespielt: 15.Qh3!? *(15.Ne3; 15.Nh2)* 15...Nf5 16.Ne3 Nxd4 17.Be5 Nce6 *(17...Bf6!?)* 18.Ng4 Nf5 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.h5 gxh5 21.Qxh5 Qe8 22.Qh6! Qg6 23.Qxg6+ hxg6 24.Bc3 and the interesting endgame arose, which I held with a big difficulty; 1/2 (58) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Duda,J (2732) Baku 2023 und es entstand ein interessantes Endspiel, das ich mit großer Schwierigkeit hielt; 1/2 (58) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Duda,J (2732) Baku 2023]

15.Bxg5 f6 16.Bf4 Qd7 17.Ne3 Rfe8

More accurate than Genauer als

[17...Rae8 which was played in the stem game after 13.h4!? der in der Stammpartie nach 13.h4!? gespielt wurde. 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Nf5 Qd7 20.Qh3± 1-0 (43) Nepomniachtchi,I (2774)-Wang,H (2762) Ekaterinburg 2020]

18.h5!N A top novelty. Here White has many options. In general I find it difficult to believe that Black can have a hard time in this position, but as some games (this included) have shown, it's not easy at all. Eine Top Neuerung. Hier hat Weiß viele Möglichkeiten. Im Allgemeinen finde ich es schwierig zu glauben, dass Schwarz in dieser Stellung eine schwere Zeit haben kann, aber wie einige Partien (einschließlich dieser) gezeigt haben, ist es überhaupt nicht einfach.

[Vorgänger: 18.Re2 was played earlier in Baku, and the game was interesting: wurde zuvor in Baku gespielt, und die Partie war interessant: Re4? natural, but bad natürlich, aber schlecht 19.Bxd6! Qxd6 20.Nf5

A) after nach 20...Qf4 21.g3! wins the exchange mit Qualitätsgewinn Qxf5 22.f3 Rae8 *(22...Rf4!?; 22...Rxe2 23.Qxf5 Rae8)* 23.fxe4 dxe4 24.Qb3+ Nd5 25.c4 White is better Weiß steht besser;

B) 20...Qe6 21.Nxg7! Kxg7 22.Rxe4 Qxe4 23.Qg3+ Kh8 24.Qxc7 1-0 Vitiugov,N (2720)-Fridman,D (2586) FIDE World Cup Baku 2023 (2.1) Rg8 25.g3 Qxd4? 26.Re1 Qxb2 27.Re7 Qxc2 28.Qxb7+- a fascinating position - Black is a pawn up and not encoutering any direct threats, but the king safety makes the difference. White won in 1-0 (49) Vitiugov,N (2720)-Fridman,D (2586) Baku 2023 eine faszinierende Stellung - Schwarz hat einen Bauern mehr und keine direkten Drohungen, aber die Königssicherheit macht den Unterschied. Weiß gewann in 1-0 (49) Vitiugov,N (2720)-Fridman,D (2586) Baku 2023]

[18.b3 was played in a later stage of the match, and deserves attention as well wurde in einer späteren Phase des Matches gespielt und verdient ebenfalls Aufmerksamkeit Ne6 19.Bh2 Nf7 *(19...Rad8* could be an improvement könnte eine Verbesserung sein*)* 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.a4± and White is pressing, but I managed to win after many adventures; 0-1 (65) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Duda,J (2732) Baku 2023 und Weiß macht Druck, aber ich konnte nach vielen Abenteuern gewinnen; 0-1 (65) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Duda,J (2732) Baku 2023]

[RR 18.b3 Ne6 19.Bh2 Nf7 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.a4 Nh6 22.c4 dxc4 23.Nxc4 Nf7 24.Re3 Nc7 25.Bxc7 Qxc7 26.d5 Rxe3 27.Qxe3 cxd5 28.Rxd5 g6 29.Qd4 Kg7 30.g3 Rxd5 31.Qxd5 Qe7 32.Kg2 h5 Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Duda,J (2732) Baku 2023 0-1 (65)]

18...Ne6 19.Bxd6N

[19.Bh2]

[RR 19.Bh2 Nf7 20.Ng4 Neg5 21.f3 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Re8 23.Rxe8+ Qxe8 24.Kf2 Qd7 25.Ne3 Ne6 26.c3 Nf8 27.Qf5 Qxf5 28.Nxf5 Ne6 29.a4 Kf8 30.Bb8 a6 31.a5 g6 32.hxg6 hxg6 33.Ne3 Ke7 Volokitin,A (2617)-Petriashvili,N (2489) Batumi 2025 ½-½ (44)]

19...Qxd6 20.Nf5 I remembered that ♕f4 is an option, but I didn't quite appreciate the occuring problems during the game after the retreat Ich habe mich daran erinnert, dass ♕f4 eine Option ist, aber ich habe die Probleme, die während der Partie nach dem Rückzug auftraten, nicht ganz verstanden. **20...Qd7**

[20...Qf4 is far more forcing, but ok for Black ist viel zwingender, aber ok für Schwarz]

21.Qg3 Ng5 22.Qf4 Re6? A poor move, because it allows the game continuation. After the better Ein schlechter Zug, weil er die Partiefortsetzung ermöglicht. Nach dem besseren

[22...Rad8

A) 23.a4!? Re6 24.h6 *(24.Rxe6 Nxe6 25.Qg4 Ng5!* importantly the queen on d7 is defended in this case Wichtig ist, dass in diesem Fall die Dame auf d7 verteidigt wird *26.Re1 g6□=)* 24...Rde8 25.Rxe6 Nxe6 26.Qd6± here White has some pull as well Auch hier hat Weiß eine gewisses Plus;

B) 23.h6 White is of course not forced to play this, and can play a waiting game Weiß ist natürlich nicht gezwungen, dies zu spielen, und kann abwartend agieren 23...Ne6 *(23...g6? 24.Ng7 Ne6 25.Nxe8!+-)* 24.Rxe6 *(24.Qh4 g6)* 24...Rxe6 and White has compensation after both captures, but he isn't better und Weiß hat nach beiden Schlägzügen Kompensation, aber er steht nicht besser 25.hxg7 *(25.Nxg7)*]

23.Rxe6! Qxe6

[23...Nxe6 24.Qg4 Re8□ 25.Re1 Kh8□ 26.h6 gxh6□± is hardly an improvement ist kaum eine Verbesserung]

24.h6 g6?! The lesser evil was to get rid of the h6-pawn at once. Das geringere Übel war, den h6-Bauern sofort loszuwerden.

[24...gxh6!]

25.Ng7! Qe7 26.Kf1± When allowing the knight on g7, I considered that it would just limit my g5-pony. Of course I saw that the e-file would be lost in the upcoming future, but having in control all of the entry squares, I thought it wasn't a big deal. I didn't realize however, that Black's position is stuck, with no improvement in sight, while White on the other hand, can create targets on the queenside. In a higher sense I think Black's position is already beyond saving Als ich den Springer auf g7 ließ, dachte ich, dass dies nur mein g5-Pony einschränken würde. Natürlich sah ich, dass die e-Linie in der nächsten Zeit verloren gehen würde, aber da ich alle Eingangsfelder unter Kontrolle hatte,

dachte ich, dass dies keine große Sache sei. Mir war jedoch nicht klar, dass Schwarz' Stellung festgefahren ist, ohne dass eine Verbesserung in Sicht ist, während Weiß andererseits Ziele am Damenflügel schaffen kann. In einem höheren Sinne denke ich, dass die Stellung von Schwarz bereits nicht mehr zu retten ist. **26...Kf7 27.Re1 Qd7 28.f3** restricting the knight Schränkt den Springer ein. **28...a5?!**

[28...b5 is much better according to engine, but until my opponent played c4 later in the a game, I didn't even consider this idea at all. ist laut Engine viel besser, aber bis mein Gegner später in der Partie c4 spielte, habe ich diese Idee nicht einmal in Betracht gezogen.]

29.Qe3

[29.c4! My opponent will come up with this pawn push, but here it is mathematically winning, which is impossible to figure out over the board. Mein Gegner wird mit diesem Bauernvorstoß noch aufwarten, aber hier führt er mathematisch zum Gewinn, was man unmöglich am Brett herausfinden kann.

A) 29...dxc4 30.Qe3 Kf8 31.d5! *(31.a4!?)* 31...cxd5 32.Qd4 Ra6 33.f4! Nf7 34.Re8+ Qxe8 35.Nxe8 Kxe8 36.Qxd5 Rc6 37.Qxa5+- and White breaks through und White bricht durch;

B) 29...b5 30.c5 Rd8 here in contrast to the game, White can start playing for a zugzwang Hier kann Weiß, im Gegensatz zur Partie, auf einen Zugzwang spielen. 31.Qd2 Qc7 32.Qe3 Qd7 33.Qf4 Qb7 34.Re2 Qd7 35.Qd2 Ra8 36.Kg1 Kg8 37.Qe1 Kf7 38.Kf2⊙ the first zugzwang position. Black is forced to make a conncesion on the queenside, and White will bring up his king there Die erste Zugzwangstellung. Schwarz ist gezwungen, ein Zugeständnis am Damenflügel zu machen, und Weiß wird seinen König dorthin bringen. a4 *(38...Qc7 39.Ne8+-; 38...Kf8 39.Ne6+ Nxe6 40.Rxe6 Kf7 41.Rd6 Qc8 42.Qe3 Ra7 43.Qf4+-)* 39.Kf1 Rf8 40.Qg3 Rd8 41.Qf4 Qc8 42.Qe3 Qd7 43.Ke1 Rc8 44.Qf4 Rd8 45.Kd2 Qb7 46.Qe3 Qd7 47.Kc3 Rb8 48.Qf4

B1) 48...Rd8 49.Kb4 Qc8 50.Qg3 Qd7 *(50...Kf8 51.Qe1 Qd7 52.Ne6++-; 50...Qb7 51.Qg4!)* 51.Qd6! Qxd6 52.cxd6 Rxd6 53.Kc5+-;

B2) 48...b4+ 49.Kd2 mission accomplished, time to fly home Sir Mission erfüllt, Zeit für den Heimflug, Sir. Rf8 50.Ke1 Kg8 51.Kf2 Rd8 52.Kg1 Kf7 53.Qh4 Rb8 54.Qe1⊙ Kf8 55.Ne6+ White can play further for another zugzwang, but this one is winning too :) Weiß kann auf einen weiteren Zugzwang spielen, aber das gewinnt auch :) Kf7 56.Nxg5+ fxg5 57.Re5 g4 58.fxg4+- and White is winning. Of course these are the computer variatons possible only to find in a correspondence game. Nonetheless it's fun to analyze, and also have some educational element, I suppose. Obviously this game being a nervous rapid, whatever White plays, it's always going to be challenge for Black und Weiß

gewinnt. Natürlich sind das die Computervarianten, die man nur in einer Fernpartie finden kann. Nichtsdestotrotz macht es Spaß, sie zu analysieren, und sie haben auch ein lehrreiches Element, nehme ich an. Da diese Partie ein nervöses Schnellschach ist, wird es für Schwarz immer eine Herausforderung sein, was auch immer Weiß spielt.]

29...b5 **30.Qa3** Probing for a new weakness Sucht nach einer neuen Schwachstelle. **30...b4** compromising, but at least I wanted to chase the queen away, and continue pushing a4-a3, should White choose to move his king to the Q-side Kompromittierend, aber zumindest wollte ich die Dame verjagen und a4-a3 weiter vorantreiben, falls Weiß sich entscheiden sollte, seinen König auf den Damenflügel zu ziehen.

31.Qe3 Rf8 32.c4?! decent, but White could improve his position first, moving his pawn to a4 anständig, aber Weiß könnte zuerst seine Stellung verbessern, indem er seinen Bauern nach a4 zieht

[32.a4 Rb8 33.c3 bxc3 34.Qxc3 Qc7 35.b3+- is very bad for Black ist sehr schlecht für Schwarz]

[or oder 32.a3]

[The idea of bringing the king was also decent: Die Idee, den König rüberzubringen, war auch anständig: 32.Re2 Qd6 33.Ke1 a4 34.Kd1 a3 35.b3 Kg8± at least White's king is not fully covered zumindest ist der weiße König nicht vollständig gedeckt]

32...bxc3? Allowing the queen to recapture on c3 is a bad news, it's the least stubborn defence. Der Dame das Zurückschlagen auf c3 zu erlauben ist eine schlechte Nachricht, es ist die am wenigsten hartnäckige Verteidigung.

[32...Kg8! is good, trying to bring back the knight to the game ist gut, um den Springer wieder ins Spiel zu bringen 33.c5 *(33.Qc1)* 33...Nf7 34.Ne8 *(34.Qe7? Qxe7 35.Rxe7 Nxh6 36.Ne6 Nf5!=; 34.Kf2!? Nxh6 35.Qxh6 Qxg7 36.Qxg7+ Kxg7 37.Re6* looks like a tough endgame, but perhaps defensible for the 2nd player sieht nach einem schwierigen Endspiel aus, aber vielleicht für den Nachziehenden haltbar.*)* 34...Nxh6 35.g4 Kh8± White is better, but Black's position has clearly improved Weiß steht besser, aber die Stellung von Schwarz hat sich deutlich verbessert.]

[after a no-move like Nach einem Nicht-Zug wie 32...Rd8 we know that 33.c5 is winning, while White has also other tries wissen wir, dass 33.c5 gewinnt, während Weiß auch andere Versuche hat.]

33.bxc3?!

[33.Qxc3 I think would be more practical, when White has easy targets Ich denke, das wäre praktischer, wonach Weiß leichte Ziele hat]

33...Rb8 34.Qf4! Rd8 35.Qe3

[35.c4! it's important to push this with the queen on f4, but quite difficult to see why OTB Es ist wichtig, dies mit der Dame auf f4 spielen, aber es ist am Brett ziemlich schwierig zu sehen warum. a4 *(35...dxc4 36.Qe3+-)* 36.c5+- reaching the game position erreicht die Partiestellung.]

35...Rb8

[35...Qd6! 36.Ne8 Qe6

A) 37.Qf4?! Ne4 I think I missed this defence, combined with ♕d6 next Ich glaube, ich habe diese Verteidigung verpasst, in Kombination mit ♕d6 als nächstes. 38.Ng7 Qd6 White's queen is put to a worse position Die weiße Dame wird in eine schlechtere Position gebracht 39.Qg4 *(39.Qe3?! Ng3+! 40.Kf2 Nf5±)* 39...Ng5±;

B) 37.Qf2! Qf5□ *(37...Qd7 38.Nxf6! Kxf6 39.Qh4+-)* 38.Qg3 Qd3+ 39.Kg1 Ne4 40.Qc7+ Kxe8 41.Qxc6+ Rd7 42.fxe4 Qd2±]

36.c4?! a4? Somehow, I underestimated this idea with ♕d6 in general, which is strange, because it's Black only active option at his disposal Irgendwie habe ich diese Idee mit ♕d6 im Allgemeinen unterschätzt, was seltsam ist, denn es ist die einzige aktive Option, die Schwarz zur Verfügung steht.

[36...Qd6! 37.Ne8 *(37.c5 Qh2□* Black is holding Schwarz hält *38.Qe7+ Kg8* e.g. z.B.. *39.Nf5 Qh1+ 40.Kf2 Rb2+ 41.Re2 Ne4+! 42.fxe4 Rxe2+ 43.Kxe2 Qxg2+* and it's perpetual, as White can't escape: und es ist ein Dauerschach, da Weiß nicht entkommen kann: *44.Kd1 Qf1+ 45.Kd2 Qf2+ 46.Kc3 Qe1+ 47.Kb3 Qd1+ 48.Ka3 Qc1+ 49.Ka4?? Qc4+ 50.Kxa5 Qb5#)* 37...Qd8□ 38.Qa3 Qd7□ 39.Nd6+ *(39.Ng7 Qc7=)* 39...Kg8 now ♘f7 chopping off the knights is the idea, releasing my position considerably Jetzt ist die Idee ♘f7 mit Springertausch, was meine Position erheblich verbessert. 40.c5 *(40.f4 Nf3!?)* 40...Nf7±]

[36...Qc7? 37.Ne6 doesn't work funktioniert nicht.]

37.c5+- now it's winning again, but getting lower and lower on time, we both didn't see a breakthrough Jetzt ist es wieder gewonnen, aber bei immer knapper werdender Zeit sahen wir beide keinen Durchbruch. **37...Rf8 38.Re2 Rb8 39.Qf4 Rd8 40.Kf2 Qc8 41.Qe3**

[41.a3 Qd7 42.Rb2! Conquering the b-file is the only way to win, And this is the most accurate version of it, with the ♔ on f2 and ♙ on a3 Die Eroberung der b-Linie ist der einzige Weg zum Sieg, und dies ist die genaueste Version davon, mit ♔ auf f2 und ♙ auf a3. Ne6 *(42...Rc8 43.Qd6!?+-; 42...Qc8 43.Rb4+-)* 43.Nxe6 Qxe6 White even has a choice of a type of the endgame. Both ♖-endgame and ♕-endgame are lost for Black e.g. Weiß hat sogar die Möglichkeit, einen Endspieltyp zu wählen. Sowohl ♖-Endspiel als auch ♕-Endspiel sind für Schwarz verloren, z.B.

A) 44.Rb7+ Rd7 45.Qb8

A1) 45...Qe7 46.Rxd7 *(46.Rb6!?)* 46...Qxd7 47.Qh8 Ke6 48.g4+-;

A2) 45...g5 46.Qc8 Re7 47.Rxe7+ Kxe7 48.Qa6 Qf5 49.Qa7+ Qd7 50.Qxa4+-;

B) 44.Qc7+ Rd7 45.Qc8 Re7 46.Qxe6+ Kxe6 47.Rb8 Rc7 48.g4 g5 49.Ra8 Kf7 50.Rxa4 Kg6 51.Ra8 Kxh6 52.a4 Rb7 53.a5 Rb2+ 54.Ke3 Rb3+ 55.Ke2 Rb2+ 56.Ke1 *(56.Kd1?? Rb4!=)* 56...Ra2 57.Ra6 Kg6 58.Rxc6 Rxa5 59.Rd6 Ra3 60.Rxd5+-]

41...Qd7 42.Qf4 Qc8 43.Kf1 Qd7 44.Kg1 Qc8 45.Qc1 Qc7 46.Qe1 Qd7 47.a3 Ra8 48.Qb1 Kg8 49.Qe1 Kf7

50.Qg3 Rd8 51.Qf4 Qc8 As explained the only way to win is to play ♖b2 at some point. It's easy to understand however, that Parham was reluctant to trade knights, and not quite seeing the win, his position went south. Wie erklärt, ist der einzige Gewinnweg, an irgendeiner Stelle ♖b2 zu spielen. Es ist jedoch leicht zu verstehen, dass Parham zögerte, die Springer zu tauschen, und da er den Gewinn nicht ganz sah, ging seine Stellung den Bach runter, **52.Qe3 Qd7 53.Qd2 Ra8 54.Qe1 Rb8 55.Qa5 Kg8 56.Qxa4?** Finally he tried something, but the capture of the a4-pawn lets the advantage out. What's more it becomes a three result game now. Schließlich versuchte er etwas, aber das Schlagen des a4-Bauern lässt den Vorteil aus. Außerdem wird es jetzt ein Spiel auf drei Ergebnisse. **56...Nf7** Probably the most pleasant move of the game :) Wahrscheinlich der angenehmste Zug der Partie :)

[56...Qc7 was basically drawing at once, but I didn't quite see it remisierte im Grunde sofort, aber ich habe es nicht richtig gesehen 57.Qd1 *(57.Re8+ Rxe8 58.Nxe8 Qe7 59.Qxc6 Qe1+ 60.Kh2 Qh4+=)* 57...Qg3 58.Kf1 Nxf3⇄]

57.Qd1

[57.Kf2 Nxh6 58.Ne6= was more precise war genauer]

57...Nxh6⇄ Now when I got rid of this obtrusive pawn, I realized I was taking over. I played well for a while, but unfortunately the heat got better of me in the end Als ich diesen aufdringlichen Bauern loswurde, merkte ich, dass ich die Führung übernahm. Ich habe eine Weile gut gespielt, aber leider hat mich am Ende die Hitze übermannt **58.Ne6 Nf5 59.Qd2 h5 60.Kf2 h4!** Stabilising the knight on f5, and introducing ♘g3 jumps Stabilisiert den Springers auf f5 und ermöglicht ♘g3-Sätze **61.a4 Rb3?** A random move, caused by the zeitnot. I quickly estimated that after Ein zufälliger Zug, verursacht durch Zeitnot. Ich kam rasch zu der Einschätzung, dass nach

[61...Rb1 he has Weiß 62.Re1 and chose in a spare of seconds this (too) mysterious ♖b3 move, hoping to confuse him somewhat. Needless to say, I was the one getting confused soon! Instead, Black had many good ideas: hat und wählte in Sekundenschnelle diesen (zu) mysteriösen ♖b3 Zug, in der Hoffnung, ihn etwas zu verwirren. Unnötig zu sagen, dass ich bald derjenige war, der verwirrt war! Stattdessen hatte Schwarz viele gute Ideen:]

[61...g5! and with the attack coming, the computer is screaming White is lost. It feels quite counterintuitive to me in time scramble though. The other idea was to attack the a4-pawn: und wenn der Angriff kommt, schreit der Computer, dass Weiß verloren ist. In der Zeitnotphase kommt mir das allerdings ziemlich kontraintuitiv vor. Die andere Idee war, den a4-Bauern anzugreifen:]

[61...Re8 62.Nf4 Ra8! is very good too, because White can't take on g6 ist auch sehr gut, weil Weiß nicht auf g6 nehmen kann 63.a5 *(63.Nxg6 Qg7 64.Nf4 Qg3+ 65.Kf1 Rxa4-+)* 63...Qc7-+]

[61...Qa7 this would never cross my mind, but it's working as well Das wäre mir nie in den Sinn gekommen, aber es funktioniert auch 62.a5 Ra8

63.Qf4 *(63.a6 Qb8!)* 63...Kf7 64.Qg4 Re8 65.Nf4 Rxe2+ 66.Nxe2 *(66.Kxe2 Qe7+)* 66...Qxa5-+]

[I had no time to appreciate these options, but Ich hatte keine Zeit, diese Optionen zu prüfen, aber nicht 61...Kf7 is rather difficult not to play, even if it's not as strong as previous alternatives. Black is quite a bit better, and what's important his upcoming play would be straightford zu spielen, fällt ziemlich schwer, auch wenn es nicht so stark ist wie die vorherigen Alternativen. Schwarz steht ein ganzes Stück besser, und was wichtig ist, sein anschließendendes Spiel wäre geradlinig.]

62.Qf4 Kf7 63.a5 What could be simpler than that. What is this ♖b3? :) Was könnte einfacher sein als das. Was soll dieser ♖ b3? :) **63...Ng3??** It's quite a difference to pretend to think during the game, feeling all of these blazing emotions, and making up the sense of the moves in the postmortem. This move is just not working tactically Es ist ein ziemlicher Unterschied, während der Partie so zu tun, als ob man denkt, wenn man all diese aufflammenden Emotionen fühlt, und im Nachhinein den Zügen Sinn einzuhauchen. Dieser Zug funktioniert taktisch einfach nicht-

[63...Qc8! 64.Qg4 *(64.a6 Ra3 65.Qg4 Rxa6 66.Nf4 Qg8 67.Rb2 Ra7 68.Rb6* is some random equilibrium ist ein zufälliges Gleichgewicht.*)* 64...Qh8! After this cool move, Black is holding on. Nach diesem coolen Zug hält sich Schwarz.]

64.Ng5+?

[64.Qd6!+- I totally missed this idea. Diese Idee ist mir völlig entgangen.]

64...Kg7? 65.Ne6+?

[65.Qxh4!+- was an unpleasant find, but luckily he didn't play that war ein unangenehmer Fund, aber zum Glück hat er das nicht gespielt]

65...Kf7 66.Ng5+? Kg8! 67.Qd6! A stunner, and while it's not as devasting as it would have been with the knight on e6, it's still the best move in the position Ein Knaller, und obwohl er nicht so verheerend ist, wie es mit dem Springer auf e6 gewesen wäre, ist er immer noch der beste Zug in der Stellung

[I was only praying there wasn't any checkmate after Ich habe nur gebetet, dass es kein Schachmatt gibt nach 67.Qxf6 Nxe2 68.Qxg6+ Qg7□ but Black is holding on , aber Schwarz hält sich.]

67...Qxd6 68.cxd6 Nxe2 69.d7 Rb8 70.Ne6 Kf7?? A pity to spoil the game like this Schade, die Partie auf diese Weise zu verderben.

[I rejected the following option: Ich verwarf die folgende Option: 70...Nxd4 71.Nxd4! Rd8 72.Nxc6 Rxd7 73.a6 Surprisingly, I can't stop the pawn now. I may play Überraschenderweise kann ich den Bauern jetzt nicht mehr aufhalten. Ich kann spielen Kf7 *(73...Rf7 74.a7 Rf8 75.Nb8+-)* 74.a7 Rxa7 75.Nxa7 Ke6 but it's just hopeless for me. aber es ist einfach hoffnungslos für mich.]

[Then I switched my attention to Dann lenkte ich meine Aufmerksamkeit auf 70...Nf4□ which is indeed holding, but not as easy as I initially thought. Unfortunately then I saw the 'brilliant' 70...♔f7, thinking I was in time to stop the a5-pawn. was tatsächlich hält, aber nicht so einfach, wie ich

zunächst dachte. Unglücklicherweise sah ich dann das 'brillante' 70... ♔f7 und dachte, dass ich den a5-Bauern rechtzeitig aufhalten könnte. 71.d8Q+ Rxd8 72.Nxd8 Nd3+ 73.Ke3 Nb4 this is the idea das ist die Idee

A) after nach 74.Kf4 both sollte sowohl Na6 *(and als auch 74...c5 75.dxc5 Kf8!* should be enough for a draw sollte für ein Unentschieden ausreichen *)*;

B) 74.Ne6 Na6☐ 75.Nc5 Nc7☐ 76.a6 Nb5☐ obviously natürlich

B1) 77.Ne6 Na7 *(77...g5!?* an extra option eine zusätzliche Option *78.f4 Kf7 79.Nd8+ Kg6 80.Nxc6 Kf5 81.fxg5 fxg5 82.a7 Nc7=)* 78.Kf4 Kf7 79.Nc5 Ke7 transposes to the main variation führt zur Hauptvariante.;

B2) 77.Kf4 Kf7 78.Kg4 Ke7 79.Kxh4 Kd6 80.g4 Kc7 Black must go after the a6-pawn Schwarz muss sich um den a6-Bauern kümmern. 81.g5 fxg5+ 82.Kxg5 Kb6 83.Ne6 Kxa6 84.f4 and the important und das wichtige Ka5! is drawing, with the idea of c5. remsiert, mit der Idee c5. 85.Kxg6 c5☐ 86.dxc5 d4= I'm not sure I would have found especially this c5 idea, but nevertheless it was a way to go. Now it's just game over. Ich bin mir nicht sicher, ob ich vor allem diese c5-Idee gefunden hätte, aber trotzdem war es ein gangbarer Weg. Jetzt ist einfach Feierabend.]

71.d8Q Rxd8 72.Nxd8+ Ke7 73.a6 As I can't stop the pawn, I resigned. Da ich den Bauern nicht aufhalten kann, gab ich auf.

1-0

188 **C42**

☐ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**

FIDE World Cup 2023 (4.2) 10.08.2023

[Kitty Kat]*

C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Bf5 7.0-0 Be7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Nbd2** seems to push 9.c4 aside. setzt sich inzwischen gegen 9.c4 durch. seems to push 9.c4 aside.setzt sich inzwischen gegen 9.c4 durch. **9...Nd6 10.Nf1 c6 11.Bf4** White is slightly better. **11...Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Na6 13.h4 Nc7 14.Ng5 g6**

[RR 14...Bxg5 15.Bxg5 f6 16.Bf4 Qd7 17.Ne3 Rfe8 18.b3 Ne6 19.Bh2 Nf7 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.a4 Nh6 22.c4 dxc4 23.Nxc4 Nf7 24.Re3 Nc7 25.Bxc7 Qxc7 26.d5 Rxe3 27.Qxe3 cxd5 28.Rxd5 g6 29.Qd4 Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Duda, J (2732) Baku 2023 0-1 (65)]

15.Qh3N

[Vorgänger: 15.Nh2 Qd7 Prevents Nh2-g4. 16.h5 h5xg6 is the strong threat. Bxg5 17.Bxg5 Rfe8 Wards off Re1-e7 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Bf6 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Re8 21.Rf1 1-0 Caruana,F (2786)-Mamedyarov,S (2759) Bucharest Superbet Classic 2nd 2022 (5)1-0 Caruana,F (2786)-Mamedyarov,S (2759) Bucharest Superbet Classic 2nd 2022 (5) Qf5 22.Qxf5 gxf5 23.Be5 #2 5. Petroff | 5...d5 6...Bf5 &-15...Qd7]

15...Nf5

[RR 15...Nce8 16.Re2 Ng7 17.Rae1 Bf6 18.c3 h6 19.Nf3 h5 20.Be5 Ndf5 21.Ne3 Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Nf5 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Re5 Kg7 25.Ng5 Rad8 26.Qf3 Rh8 27.Qf4 Nd6 28.Qh2 Rd7 29.b3 Nf5 30.Qf4 Albornoz Cabrera,C (2548)-Nesterov, A (2587) Havana 2025 ½-½ (66)]

16.Ne3N

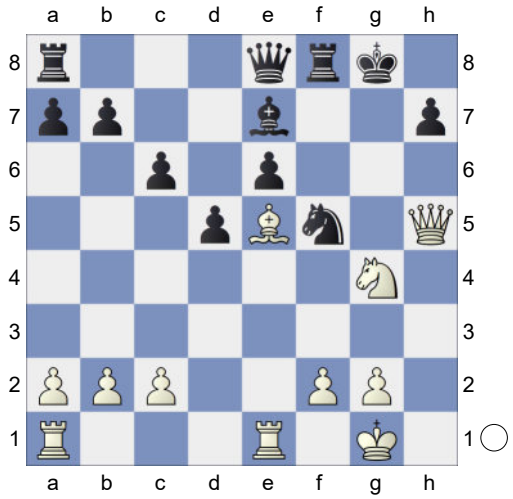
[16.Qh2 simplifies Ne8 17.Ne3 Neg7 18.Nxf5 Nxf5 19.c3]

[RR 16.c3 h6 17.Bxc7 Qxc7 18.Nf3 h5 19.g4 hxg4 20.Qxg4 Nh6 21.Qg2 Bf6 22.h5 Kh7 23.hxg6+ fxg6 24.Re6 Rae8 25.Rae1 Rxe6 26.Rxe6 Qf7 27.Qh3 Kg7 28.Ne3 Bg5 29.Kg2 ½-½ (29) Sargsyan,S (2637)-Gurel,E (2578) Sharjah 2024]

16...Nxd4 17.Be5

[17.c4 simplifies Nce6 18.Nxe6 Nxe6 19.Bh6]

17...Nce6 18.Ng4 Nf5 Wards off Ng4-h6+ **19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.h5 gxh5 21.Qxh5 Qe8**



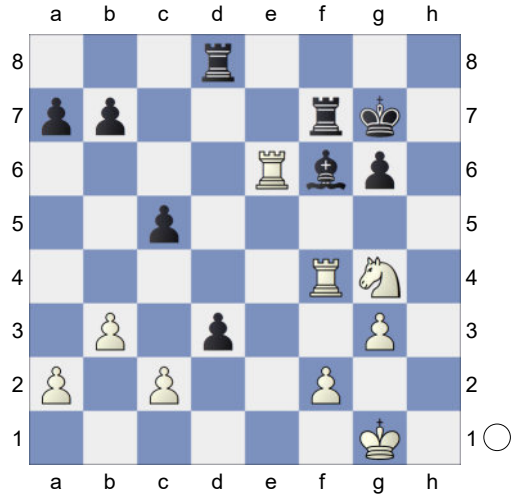
22.Qh6 Qg6⇄ Black is not keeping still

[22...Nxh6 23.Nxh6#]

23.Qxg6+ hxg6 24.Bc3 Ng7 0.67/20

[24...Rae8= 0.23/19 should be considered.]

25.g3± Rad8 26.Bxg7 Remove Defender **26...Kxg7 27.Rxe6 Bf6 28.Rae1! c5 29.b3 d4** Prevents Re1-e3. **30.R1e4** White is more active. **30...Rf7 31.Rf4 d3**



32.cxd3

[32.Rexf6 Rxf6 33.cxd3 Rxf4 34.gxf4 Rxd3-+]

[32.Nxf6? d2 *(32...dxc2? 33.Rc4-+)* 33.Ne8+ Rxe8 34.Rxe8 d1Q+-+ *(34...d1R+ 35.Kg2±)*]

[32.Rfxf6? Rxf6 33.Re7+ Kf8-+]

32...Bc3 33.Ne5 Rxf4 34.gxf4 Bxe5 35.fxe5 Endgame. KR-KR **35...Kf7** Wards off Re6-e7+ **36.Rf6+ Kg7 37.Rf3** 0.27/23

[37.Kf1± 0.69/21 feels stronger.]

37...Re8!= 38.Re3 g5! 39.Kg2 Kf7 40.Kg3 aiming for Kg3-g4. **40...Ke6 41.Kg4 Rf8** 1.14/22

[41...Rg8± 0.49/24]

42.f3±

[Weaker is 42.Kxg5 Rxf2 43.a3 a5∓]

42...Rf5 43.a4 0.01/25

[White should play 43.Kh5± 0.91/23]

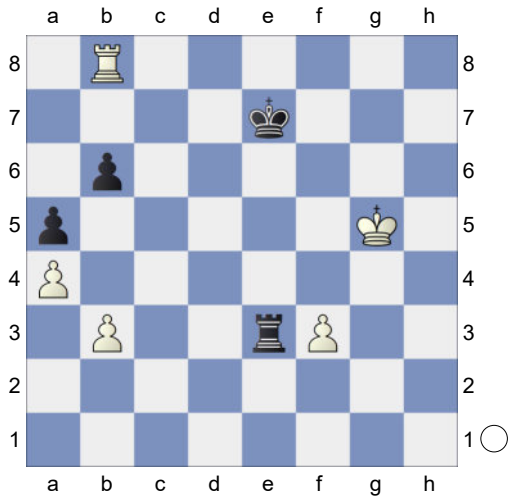
43...b6!= 44.Re4 a6 45.d4

[45.Re3!?]

45...cxd4 46.Rxd4 Rxe5 47.Rd8! Ke7 Prevents Rd8-e8+ **48.Ra8 a5** 0.92/25

[48...Re3± 0.52/26]

49.Rb8± Re6 50.Kxg5 Re3



51.Rxb6 0.00/28
[51.Rb7+!± 0.88/24 Kd8 52.f4 *(52.Rxb6 Rxf3 53.Kg4 Rd3±)* 52...Rg3+ 53.Kf6 Rxb3 54.f5]
51...Rxf3= The position is equal. **52.Kg4 Rf8 53.Rb5 Kd6 54.Kg5 Kc6 55.Kg4 Kd6 56.Rxa5** And now Ra5-b5 would win. **56...Rb8 57.Rb5 Rxb5 58.axb5 Kc5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

189 **E97**
□ **Donchenko,Alexander** **2668**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
FIDE World Cup (3.2) 06.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not Ne1 E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1 E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4! now scores much better than the old 9.Bc4. punktet besser als das ältere 9.Lc4. now scores much better than the old 9.Bc4.punktet besser als das ältere 9.Lc4. **9...Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.a4**
[11.Ng5]
11...Nf4
[11...Nf6 12.a5 h6 *(12...Nxe4 13.Nxe4 fxe4 14.Ng5 e3 15.Bxe3 Nf5* ...Nf5xe3 would now be deadly. ... Nf5xe3 would now be deadly. ... Nf5xe3 would now be deadly. *16.Bd2 Bh6 17.Qc1)* 13.exf5 0.35/19 *(Better is Better is Better is 13.Nd2± 1.05/19)* 13...Bxf5 1.12/21 *(13...Nxf5± 0.35/19 14.Nd2 e4)* 14.Ra2 g5 15.h3 Qe8 16.Nh2 a6 17.Ng4]
[11...a5 12.bxa5 Rxa5 13.Ra3 *(13.Ng5)*]
12.Bf1N fxe4
[12...h6]
13.Nxe4 White is better. **13...h6N**
[13...Bg4 14.Ra3! a5 15.bxa5 Rxa5 16.h3 Bf5 *(16...Bxf3 17.Rxf3 Qd7 18.g3 Nh5 19.Rxf8+ Kxf8 20.g4 Nf4 21.Bxf4 exf4 22.Qd2 Rxa4 23.Qxf4+ Kg8 24.Nf6+ Bxf6 25.Qxf6 Nc8 26.Re6* #5 2) 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.a4-11.a4 Nf4 12.Bf1 fxe4*; 16...Bc8 17.Bd2 Ra8 18.c5 dxc5 19.Bc4 Nfxd5 20.Nxc5 Kh8 21.Qc1 c6 22.Bh6 Bxh6 23.Qxh6 Nf5 24.Qc1* #6 2) 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.a4-11.a4 Nf4 12.Bf1 fxe4*)* 17.Bd2 Ra8 18.a5 h6 19.Nh4 Bc8 20.g3 g5 21.gxf4 gxh4 22.fxe5 dxe5 23.Bb4 #7 2) 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.a4-11.a4 Nf4 12.Bf1 fxe4]
[RR 13...Bg4 14.Ra3 Nf5 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Rxf3 Nd4 17.Ra3 Qd7 18.a5 c6 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Bb2 Nfe6 21.Rg3 Qf7 22.Qd2 d5 23.cxd5 cxd5 24.Ng5 Nxg5 25.Rxg5 Bh6

26.Rexe5 Bxg5 27.Rxg5 Ne6 28.Rxd5 Royal,S (2493)-Price,G (2192) England 2025 1-0 (36)]

14.Ra3

[14.a5]

14...g5N

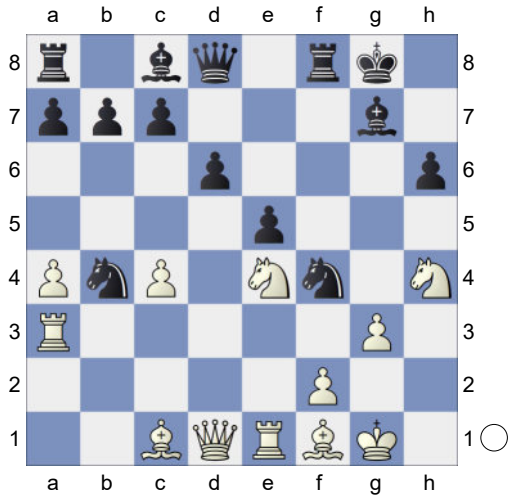
[RR 14...Kh8 15.a5 g5 16.h3 g4 17.hxg4 Bxg4 18.g3 Nh5 19.Be2 Nf6 20.Nfd2 Bf5 21.Bf3 Neg8 22.Kg2 Qe8 23.Rh1 Qg6 24.Rh4 Rae8 25.Qe2 Re7 26.Nxf6 Nxf6 27.Ne4 Nxe4 28.Bxe4 Kh7 29.Rf3 Braun,V (2343)-Weber,U (2333) Germany 2023 1-0 (58)]

15.h4

[15.g3 Nh3+ 2.13/19 *(15...Nfg6± 1.40/19* was necessary. was necessary. was necessary. *16.a5 Bf5)* 16.Bxh3+- Bxh3 17.Nfxg5! hxg5 3.23/19 *(⌓17...Bd7 2.14/23)* 18.g4!]

15...gxh4 16.Nxh4 Nexd5 17.Ng6 0.83/22

[17.g3 1.05/19 17.c4xd5 1.60 17.c4xd5 1.60 17.c4xd5 1.60 Nxb4



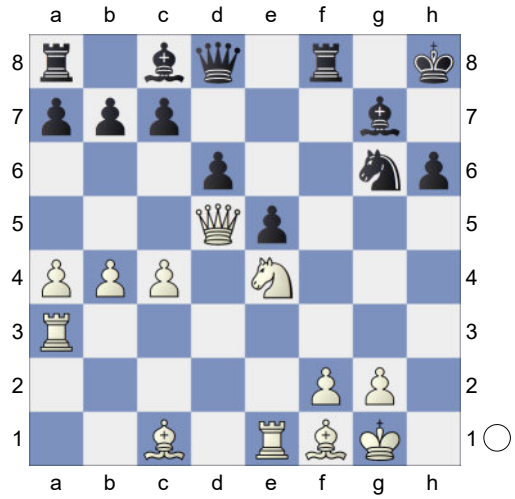
18.Bxf4! exf4 19.Ng6 Prevents f4xg3 Prevents f4xg3 Prevents f4xg3 Re8 20.Nxf4]

[17.cxd5+- 1.62/24 aiming for g2-g3. aiming for g2-g3. Qxh4 18.g3! *(18.Rg3 Bf5=)* 18...Nh3+ Deflection Deflection 19.Kh2 Qxe4 Decoy Decoy 20.Rxe4 Nxf2 21.Qc2! Nxe4 22.Be2! *(22.Bg2 Nf6±)* 22...Ng5 23.Bxg5! Bf5 *(23...hxg5* 3.10/18 23...Bc8-f5 2.18 23...Bc8-f5 2.18 23...Bc8-f5 2.18 *24.Rf3!)* 24.Qxc7 hxg5 25.Qxd6]

17...Nxg6 18.Qxd5+

[18.cxd5 Qd7=]

18...Kh8



19.c5! White has strong compensation. White has strong compensation. White has strong compensation. **19...Ne7**

[19...dxc5 20.Qxc5 b6 21.Qc6 Bf5 22.Ng3]

20.Qd1 White is much more active. White is much more active. White is much more active. **20...d5** 1.59/20

[Black should play Black should play Black should play 20...Be6 1.13/20]

21.Ng3± e4 2.09/19

[21...Kh7 1.70/19 was called for. was called for. was called for.]

22.Nh5+- Black must now prevent Nh5xg7. Black must now prevent Nh5xg7. Black must now prevent Nh5xg7. **22...Nf5 23.Nxg7 Kxg7 24.Rh3** Hoping for g2-g4. Hoping for g2-g4. Hoping for g2-g4. **24...Be6 25.f3** 1.81/19

[⌓25.g4 3.12/22 Nh4 And now ...Nh4-f3+ would win. And now ...Nh4-f3+ would win. And now ...Nh4-f3+ would win. 26.Qd2 Rh8 *(26...Qf6? 6.67/23 26...Rf8-g8 2.89 26...Rf8-g8 2.89 26...Rf8-g8 2.89 27.Bb2)* 27.Bb2+]

25...Kh7? 3.32/19

[25...Kg8 1.81/19 26.Bxh6 *(26.fxe4 dxe4 27.Qh5 Qd4+ 28.Be3 Qf6=)* 26...Rf7 27.fxe4 dxe4]

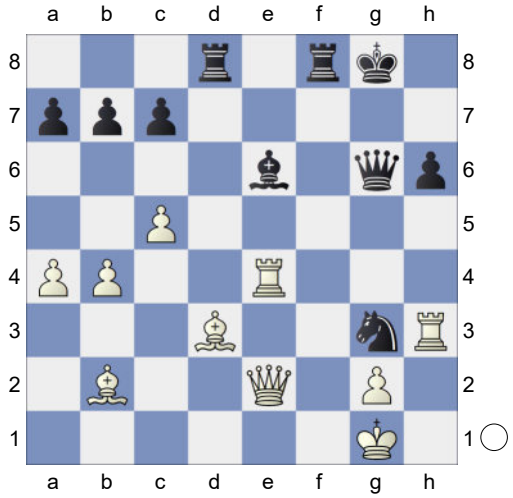
26.Qd2

[But not But not But not 26.fxe4?! Nh4+-]

26...Qf6 27.fxe4 dxe4 28.Rxe4 Rad8 29.Bd3 Kg8 30.Bb2 Qg6 31.Qe2

[31.Qc3]

31...Ng3



32.Rxg3 Qxg3 33.Re3 Qg4 34.Rxe6 Qxe2 35.Bxe2 This pair of bishops is nice. This pair of bishops is nice. This pair of bishops is nice. **35...Rd2 36.Bc3** White is clearly winning. **36...Rc2 37.Rg6+ Kh7 38.Rg7+ Kh8 39.Rg3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.36. An unexpected result. Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.36. An unexpected result.

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[Less strong is Less strong is Less strong is 39.Rxc7+ Rxc3 40.Rxb7 h5+-]

½-½

190 **D35**

□ **Donchenko,Alexander** **2668**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

FIDE World Cup (3.2) 06.08.2023

[Kitty Kat]*

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 c5 7.Rb1 Be7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.h4!** now scores much better than the old 9. Bc4. punktet besser als das ältere 9.Lc4. now scores much better than the old 9. Bc4. punktet besser als das ältere 9.Lc4.

9...b6N White is slightly better.

[9...Nd7 10.e5 cxd4 11.cxd4 b6 12.Bd3 h6 13.Rh3 Kh8 14.Bxh6 f5 15.Bf4 Qe8 16.Ng5 Bxg5 17.hxg5+ Kg8 18.g4 g6 19.gxf5 exf5 20.Qf3 Rb8 21.Bc4+ Kg7 22.Rh7+ Kxh7 1-0 13.f4 ♗g7 14.0-0 e6_13114 (2645)-Probsthain,H (2558) 103/40 Belgrad 2008 (5)]

[9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.h5 f5 12.exf5 Qa5+ 13.Bd2 Qxf5 14.Bc3 h6 15.Bd3 Qg4 16.Kf1 e5 17.d5 e4 18.dxc6 exf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3 20.Be2 Rxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Bc5+ 22.Kf1 Qf4+ 23.Bf3 bxc6 24.Be1 1-0 10.♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5_7469 (2763)-Hantel,T (2800) W-ch22 q03 corr 2003 (9) Be6 25.Bh4 Rf8 26.Kg2 Kh8 27.Rc1 Rf5 28.Rc3 Rd5 29.Bxd5 Bxd5+ 30.Rf3 Qg4+ 31.Bg3 Bd6 32.Rh3 Be7 33.Qe2 Be4 34.Qf2 a5 35.a4 c5 36.Rh1 Bf6 37.Re1 Bc6 38.Ree3 c4

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10.h5! h6 11.Rh3!

[RR 11.Bd3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nc6 13.Be2 Bb7 14.Rh3 Rc8 15.Rg3 Kh8 16.a3 Na5 17.Bd3 Nc4 18.Kf1 Nd6 19.d5 exd5 20.Bb2 dxe4 21.Bxg7+ Kh7 22.Bxf8 Bxf8 23.Rg4 exd3 24.Rd4 Rc3 25.Qd2 Qc7 Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-So,W (2770) chess24.com INT 2021 0-1 (40)]

11...Nd7 12.Rg3N

[Vorgänger: 12.Bd3 cxd4! 13.cxd4 e5! 14.Rg3 Kh8 15.Bb2 exd4 16.Bxd4 Bf6 0.46/22 *(Better is 16...Nf6=* -0.20/24 *17.Qd2 Bb7)* 17.e5± Re8 18.Be2 ½-½ Petkov,M (2512)-Ghimpu,S (2465) Jupiter FISCA 2023 (1)]

12...Kh8 13.Qd2 Rg8N

[13...cxd4 with more complications. 14.Rxg7 Kxg7 15.Qxh6+ Kg8]

[RR 13...cxd4 14.cxd4 Bb7 15.Rxg7 Kxg7 16.Qxh6+ Kg8 17.Rb3 Rc8 18.Bf4 Bxe4 19.Nd2 Rc1+ 20.Ke2 Bh4 21.Nxe4 Rc2+ 22.Kd1 Rxa2 23.Bd3 Ra1+ 24.Kc2 Re8 25.Ng5 Bxg5 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Bd6+ 1-0 (27) Toncheva,N (2332)-Kulon,K (2336) Batumi 2025]

[RR 13...cxd4 14.cxd4 Bb7 15.Bd3 Rc8 16.Kf1 Nf6 17.Qe3 Rc3 18.Rb3 Qc8 19.Rxc3 Qxc3 20.Bd2 Qa3 21.Bc1 Qc3 22.Bd2 Qa1+ 23.Ke2 Qxa2 24.Rxg7 Kxg7 25.Qxh6+ Kg8 26.Qg5+ Kh8 27.Qh6+ Kg8 28.Qg5+ Zuferi,E (2351)-Kuegel,T (2362) Munich 2025 0-1 (33)]

14.Qf4 Qf8 15.e5 Bb7 Wards off Qf4-e4 **16.Bd3 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rc8 18.Kf1 Rc3 19.Qd2 Qc8 20.Kg1! Nf8 21.Bb2 Rc7 22.Re1 Bd5 23.a3 Nh7 24.Bb1 Qa6! 25.Qf4 Qb5!**

[25...Bxa3? 26.Bxh7 Kxh7 27.Ra1+-]

26.Qd2 Rgc8 27.Kh2 Nf8 -0.05/21

[27...a5∓ -0.55/19]

28.Bd3→ White attacks. **28...Qa5 29.Qe3 Nh7 30.Bc1 Rg8** 0.10/19

[30...Bxa3 31.Bd2 *(31.Rxg7 f5+-)* 31...Bb4 32.Rxg7+-]

[⌓30...Ng5! -0.28/18]

31.Bb1 Bxf3 0.58/21

[31...Qa4= 0.10/19]

32.Rxf3± Bg5! 33.Qd3 Nf8 1.29/23

[33...f5!± 0.55/22 34.exf6 Discovered Attack gxf6 *(34...Rxc1 35.Qxh7#; 34...Nxf6? 35.Re5+-)* 35.Bxg5 Qxg5]

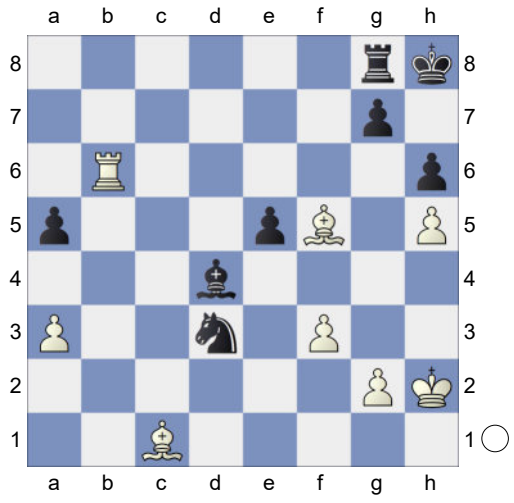
34.Qf1± f5 35.exf6 0.70/21

[White should try 35.Rd3± 1.20/20]

35...Bxf6± 36.Bf4 Rc3 37.Rxc3 Qxc3 38.Qe2 Bxd4 39.Rc1 Qb2 40.Qxb2 Bxb2 41.Rc7 a5 42.Rb7 White has strong compensation. **42...Bd4 43.f3** 0.32/20 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.

[43.Kg3± 0.85/19]

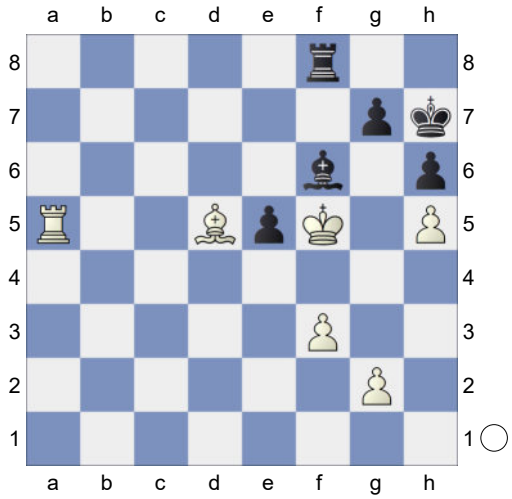
43...e5 44.Bc1 Bb1-a2 would now be deadly. **44...Ne6 45.Bf5 Nc5 46.Rxb6** And now Rb6-b5 would win. **46...Nd3**



Discovered Attack **47.Rc6**

[47.Bxd3? too greedy. Bxb6 48.Bb5 Rd8-+]

47...Nxc1 48.Rxc1= Endgame. KRB-KRB **48...Bb2 49.Rc5 Bxa3 50.Rxa5**
[50.Rxe5? is the wrong capture. Bd6 51.f4 Bxe5 52.fxe5 Re8-+]
50...Be7 51.Kh3
[Reject 51.Rxe5 Bd6 52.f4 Bxe5 53.fxe5 Re8∓]
51...Bf6 52.Kg4 Rd8 53.Be4 Kg8 54.Kf5 Rf8 55.Bd5+ Kh7

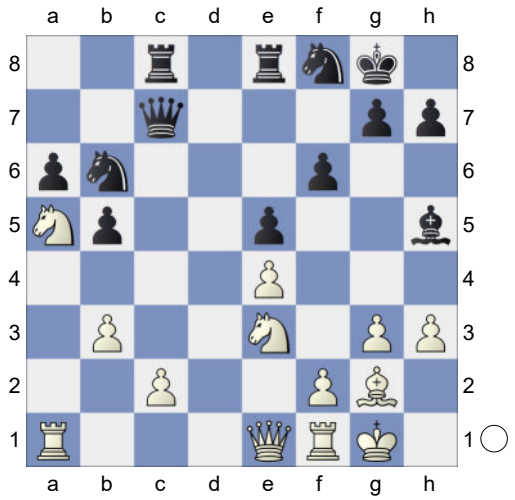


Hoping for ...Bf6-d8+. **56.Ra7 Rd8 57.Be4 Rf8 58.Rb7 Kh8 59.Bd5 Kh7 60.Bf7 Rd8 61.g4 Rf8** The position is equal. **62.Ke6 Kh8 63.Bg6 Kg8 64.Ra7 Kh8 65.Ra6 Kg8 66.Kd7 Rd8+ 67.Kc7** Black must now prevent Ra6xf6! **67...Rf8 68.Re6 Kh8 69.Be8 Kg8 70.Kd6 Kh8 71.Kd5 Kg8 72.Ke4 Kh8 73.Bg6 Kg8 74.Rb6 Kh8 75.Rb7 Kg8 76.Bf5 Kh8 77.Be6 Kh7 78.Kf5 Rd8 79.Bf7 Rf8 80.Ra7 Rd8 81.Ra6 Rb8 82.Re6 Rd8 83.Rb6 Rc8 84.Bd5 Rd8 85.Be4 Rf8 86.Rb7 Kh8 87.Bd5 Kh7 88.Be6 Rd8 89.Bd7 Rf8 90.Ba4 Kh8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

191 **A07**
□ **Praggnanandhaa,R** **2690**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
ch-HUN Rapid 2023 (8.1) 22.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems
1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Bg4 4.h3 Bh5 5.0-0 Nd7 6.d3 e5 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bc5 9.Nbd2 Ngf6 10.Qe1 0-0 11.Nc4 is the legacy move (11.Nh4). ist old school (11.Sh4). **11...Re8 12.a4 b5**
[12...Nb6 13.Na5 Rb8 14.Nh4 Nc8 15.b4 Bb6 16.Nb3 Nd6 17.a5 Bc7 18.Nc5 Nd7 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Ra3 f6 21.Be3 a6 22.Bc5 Rbd8 23.Rd3 Qe6 24.Qd2 Nc4 25.Qc3 Rxd3 26.cxd3 Nd6 27.Bxd6 0-1 (50) Hosmer,H (2655)-Caulkett,P (2665) (ol) 86/170 Bled 2002 (11)]
13.Na5 Qc7 The position is equal.
14.Bd2 Nb6N
[14...Bf8 15.Nh4 Nc5 16.axb5 cxb5 17.Bg5 Nfd7 18.Be3 f6 19.c4 bxc4 20.Qc3 Nb6 21.Nxc4 Nca4 22.Bxb6 Nxb6 23.Rfc1 Qxc4 24.Qxc4+ Nxc4 25.Rxc4 Reb8 26.Rc2 Rb7 27.Nf5 Rab8 28.Bf1 Bf7 29.Ne3 ½-½ (34) Ivitza,P (2507)-Condie,A (2443) ICCF XI Olympiad Final 2000 (8)]
15.b3 Nfd7 16.Nh4 f6 0.34/18
[16...bxa4= -0.05/17 17.Nf5 Bf8]
17.axb5± cxb5 18.Nf5 Bf8 19.Ne3 Nc5N
[Predecessor: 19...Rac8 0.37/18 19...Nc5 -0.01 20.Bb4 -0.07/19 *(20.c4± 0.37/18)* 20...a6 0.77/20 *(20...Nc5= -0.07/19* remains equal.*)* 21.Bxf8 Nxf8

(Diagram)



22.c4 0.21/21 *(22.Nd5!± 0.83/19 Qd6 23.c4)* 22...Ne6= 23.g4 -0.21/21 *(⌓23.Qb4 0.19/18)* 23...Bf7 0.24/20 *(⌓23...Bg6 -0.21/21)* 24.Nd5= Qb8 0.52/21 *(24...Qa7= 0.01/19)* 25.Qe3 0.01/21 *(25.Qb4± 0.52/21)* 25...Nd4= 26.Rfc1 Nd7 27.Bf1 -0.28/20 *(⌓27.b4 0.13/19)* 27...bxc4 28.Bxc4 Nb6 29.Nxb6 Qxb6 ½-½ Abramovic, B (2274)-Vishwa,V (2047) Belgrade Radnicki IM T2 12 2021 (3)]

[RR 19...Rac8 20.Bb4 a6 21.Bxf8 Nxf8 22.c4 Ne6 23.g4 Bf7 24.Nd5 Qb8 25.Qe3 Nd4 26.Rfc1 Nd7 27.Bf1 bxc4 28.Bxc4 Nb6 29.Nxb6 Qxb6 ½-½ (29) Abramovic,B (2274)-Vishwa,V (2047) Belgrade 2021]

20.Nd5 Qd7 21.Bb4 -0.41/19

[21.g4= -0.01/19 Bg6 22.c4]

21...Rac8 0.14/20

[Black should try 21...f5∓ -0.41/19]

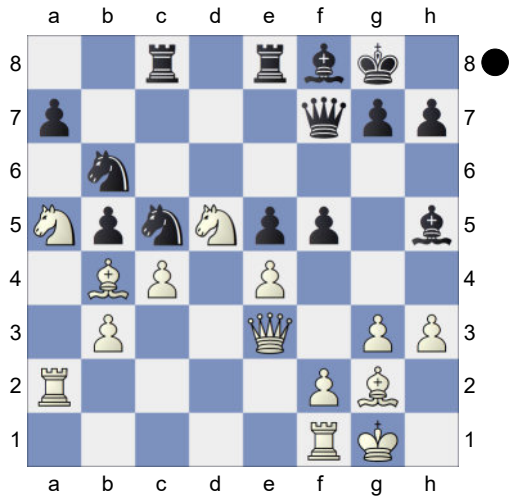
22.Qe3= Qf7 23.Ra2 -1.07/20

[23.c4= 0.16/19]

23...f5∓ This move loses the game for White. **24.c4?** -3.12/19

[24.Bxc5∓ -1.00/19 Bxc5 25.Qd3]

(Diagram)



24...f4!-+ 25.Qd2

[25.Qe1 Nxd5]

25...f3 26.Bh1 Nxe4 27.Qe3 Nxd5 28.cxd5 Nf6 29.Bxf8 Nxd5

[Not 29...Rxf8 30.Bxf3 Nxd5 31.Bxh5 Qxh5 32.Qd3-+]

[29...Qxf8 30.Bxf3 Bxf3 31.Qxf3∓]

30.Qd3 Rxf8

[30...Kxf8? 31.Rd2 Nc3 32.Qxh7 Ne2+ 33.Kh2∓]

31.Rd2 Nc3 32.Qe3 e4 33.Kh2 Bg6 34.b4 Nd5 35.Qd4 Nf6 Black is clearly winning. **36.Rfd1** -6.17/20

[⌓36.Qe5 -4.27/17]

36...h6 ...Bf5 is the strong threat. **37.Qe3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.17 (very precise)

37...Bf5

0-1

192 **E18**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

■ **Kozak,Adam** **2571**

Budapest Hetenyi Memorial (8) 18.07.23

[Kitty Kat]*

E18: Queen's Indian: Old Main Line (4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Be7 6 0-0 0-0 7 Nc3) **1.c4** Roiz,Michael **1...Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.d4 e6**

4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 Na6 8.Nc3 Ne4 9.Bf4 Recently 9.Bd2 got a lot of attention. 9.Ld2 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. Recently 9.Bd2 got a lot of attention. 9.Ld2 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **9...Nxc3**

[RR 9...d6 10.Qc2 Nb4 *(RR 10...Nxc3 11.bxc3)* 11.Qb3

A) RR 11...c5 12.dxc5 dxc5 13.Ne5 Nd6 *(RR 13...Nd2 14.Bxd2 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Qxd2 16.Red1 Qg5 17.f4)* 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.a3;

B) 11...Nxc3 12.Qxc3 c5 13.e4 Nc6 *(RR 13...Bf6 14.Rad1 Qc7 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.e5 Bxe5 17.Nxe5)*

B1) RR 14.Rad1

B1a) RR 14...cxd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Rxd4 Qb8 17.e5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 *(RR 18.exd6 Bf6 19.Kxg2 Qb7+ 20.Kg1 Bxd4 21.Qxd4 Qd7 22.b4)* 18...Qb7+ 19.Kg1 dxe5 20.Bxe5 f6 21.Bd6 e5 22.Rd5 Bxd6 23.Rxd6 Rad8 24.Red1;

B1b) 14...g5 15.Bd2 g4 16.d5 Bf6 17.e5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 exd5 *(RR 18...Bxe5 19.Rxe5 dxe5 20.Qxe5 exd5 21.Bc3 f6 22.Qe6+ Rf7 23.Qxg4+ Rg7 24.Qe6+ Rf7 25.cxd5)* 19.Bf4 d4 20.Qd3 dxe5 21.Bxb7 Rb8 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Be4 Re8;

B2) 14.d5 Bf6 15.Qd2 *(RR 15.e5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 exd5 19.cxd5* RR *19...Qd7 20.Rae1 Rae8 21.f4)*

B2a) RR 15...exd5 16.exd5 Nd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Bg5 Bf6 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Bh3 Rae8 *(*RR *20...Rfe8 21.Bd7 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1)* 21.Bd7 Re7 22.Rxe7 Qxe7 23.Ba4;

B2b) 15...Nd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.e5 dxe5 *(*RR *17...Re8 18.dxe6 Bxg2 19.exf7+ Kxf7 20.e6+ Kg8 21.Kxg2 Qf6)* 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.Rxe5 exd5 20.Rae1 Qd6 21.Re7 *(* RR *21.cxd5 Rad8 22.Qe2)* 21...Bc6 22.Bxd5

B2b1) RR 22...Bxd5 23.Qxd5 Qxd5 24.cxd5 Rad8 *(*RR *24...Rfd8 25.d6 Kf8 26.d7 b5 27.Kf1)* 25.Rd1 Rfe8 26.Rxa7 Kf8 27.Ra6 Rd6 28.Rd2;

B2b2) 22...Rad8 23.Rxa7 *(*RR *23.R1e5 Bxd5 24.cxd5 b5)* 23...Bxd5 24.Qxd5 Gelfand,B (2748)-Grischuk,A (2797) Baku 2014 CBM 163 [Roiz, Michael] 1-0 (60) *(* RR *24.cxd5 Qxd5 25.Qxd5 Rxd5 26.Rb7)* RR 24...Qf6 25.Qe5 Rd1 26.Kg2 Rxe1 27.Qxe1 Qxb2 28.Qe4 g6 29.a4 Kg7]

[RR 9...f5 10.Qb3 c5 11.d5 Nxc3 12.Qxc3 Bf6 13.Qb3 Qe7 14.e4 fxe4 15.Nd2 Bd4 16.Nxe4]

[RR 9...d5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Rc1 c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.e3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qe7 15.Nd4]

[RR 9...f5 10.Ne5 d6 11.Nf3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bf6 13.h4 Qe8 14.Bg5 Nb8 15.Bxf6 Rxf6 16.c5 dxc5 17.dxc5 Nd7 18.cxb6 axb6 19.Qd4 Nc5 20.Red1 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Rc8 22.Qc4 Qa4 23.Qb4 Rff8 24.Rd4

Keymer,V (2751)-Xue,H (2553) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (77)]

10.bxc3 Be4 White is slightly better.

[10...Nb8 11.e4 d6 12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Bd6 15.Qf3 Nd7 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.Nc6 Qf6 18.Re4 Kh8 19.Qe2 Qg6 20.Bc1 Nf6 21.Rh4 Qf5 22.Rd3 g5 23.Rf3 Qg6 24.Ne5 Qg7 25.Rxf6 1-0 4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2707)-Chitrit,N (2610) II 100/368 Sarajevo 2007 (1)]

[RR 10...d6 11.e4 Nb8 12.Qc2 Nd7 13.Rad1 g6 14.h4 Bf6 15.e5 dxe5 16.dxe5 Bg7 17.h5 Qe8 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.Ng5 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Nc5 21.Be3 Qc6+ 22.f3 Rf5 23.Bxc5 Rxg5 24.Bd4 Rf8 25.Qe4 Postny,E (2661)-Kozak,A (2385) Tallinn 2019 0-1 (47)]

11.h4

[11.a4 c5 12.d5 Bf6 13.Qd2 exd5 14.cxd5 Re8 15.Rad1 d6 16.Bf1 h6 17.h4 Nc7 18.c4 Na6 19.Nh2 Nb4 20.Rc1 g5 21.hxg5 hxg5 22.Be3 Bf5 23.Bg2 a6 24.Bf3 b5 25.a5 Rxe3 0-1 Svane,R (2646)-McShane,L (2626) Bundesliga 2324 2023 (5.2)]

[RR 11.Nd2 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 d6 13.e4 Nb8 14.a4 Nc6 15.Nb3 Rb8 16.h4 Qd7 17.Qg4 Rfd8 18.h5]

[RR 11.Bf1 Nb8 12.Nd2 Bb7 13.e4 d6]

11...h6N An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

[Predecessor: 11...d6 12.Bf1 Bxf3 0.90/18 *(12...Nb8± 0.33/17 13.Nd2 Bb7 14.e4 Nd7 15.a4 e5 16.Be3 a5 17.Rb1 Bc6 18.Bh3 Nf6 19.Qc2 Qe8 20.Ra1 Bd7 21.Bxd7 Qxd7 22.Nf1 Nh5 23.Qd1 Nf6 24.f3 Qe6 25.Qd3 Nh5 26.g4 Nf4 27.Bxf4 exf4* 0-1 Semi Slav Cxd5 (2606)-Chitrit,N (2574) Chicago op 19th 2010 (7.10)*)* 13.exf3± Nb8 14.Qc2 Nd7 15.Bh3 -0.15/19 *(*Better is *15.Bd3±* 0.84/17 *)* 15...Nf6 0.62/16 *(15...Bxh4!=* -0.15/19 *16.Be3 Bf6)* 16.Re2 c5 0.87/20 *(16...c6±* 0.36/16 *)* 17.Rae1 -0.01/20 *(17.d5±* 0.87/20 *e5 18.Bd2)* 17...cxd4!= 18.cxd4 1-0 Xiong,J (2679)-Wei,Y (2736) chess.com Speed U20 blitz 2019 (4.30)]

[RR 11...d6 12.Bf1 Bxf3 13.exf3 Nb8 14.Qc2 Nd7 15.Bh3 Nf6 16.Re2 c5 17.Rae1 cxd4 18.cxd4 Qc7 19.Qb3 Kh8 20.Rc1 Qb7 21.Bg2 Rac8 22.Be3 Nd7 23.f4 Qc7 24.Bd2 Nf6 25.a4 Qd7 26.a5 Xiong,J (2679)-Wei,Y (2736) Chess.com INT 2019 1-0 (39)]

[RR 11...c5 12.d5 d6 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.Ng5 Bxg2 15.Nxe6 Qc8 16.Nxf8 Qh3 17.f3 Rxf8 18.Qd5+ Kh8 19.Qe4 Bf6 20.Bxd6 Rg8 21.Rac1 Nb8 22.Bf4 Nd7 23.Red1 Nf8 24.Rd8 0-1 (24) Vidit,S (2689)-Inarkiev,E (2709) Doha 2016]

12.h5 0.01/19

[12.Ne5± 0.38/18 Bxg2 13.Kxg2]

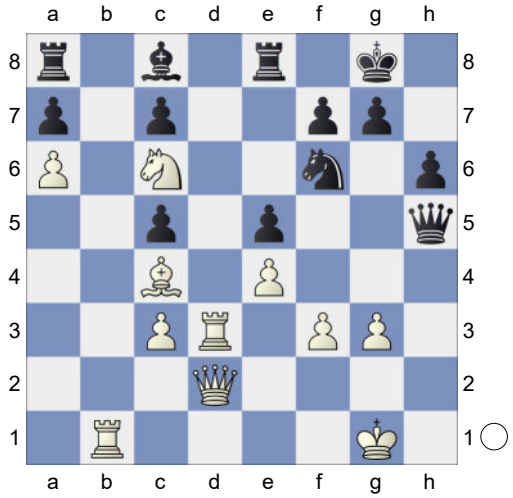
12...Nb8 13.Bf1 d6 14.Nd2 Bb7 15.e4 Bg5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 e5 18.a4 Nd7 19.a5 Nf6 20.c5 bxc5 21.dxe5 dxe5 22.a6 Bc6 23.Nc4 Qe7 24.Na5 Bd7 25.Rb1 Bc8 0.01/17 Wards off Rb1-b7

[Black should play 25...c4∓ -0.54/17]

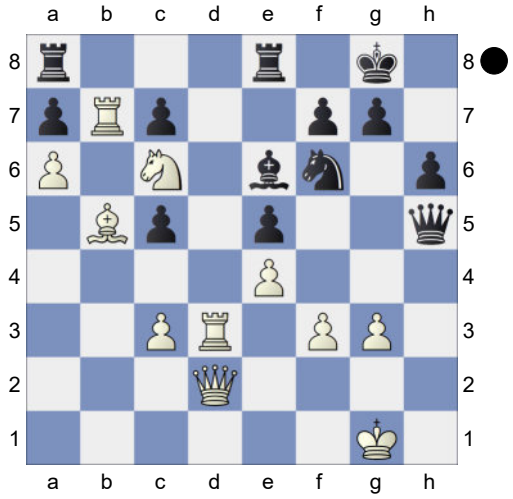
26.Bc4 Ng4 27.Rd3 Qg5 28.Qd2 Qxh5 ...Qh5-h2+ is the strong threat.

29.f3 Nf6 30.Nc6 Re8

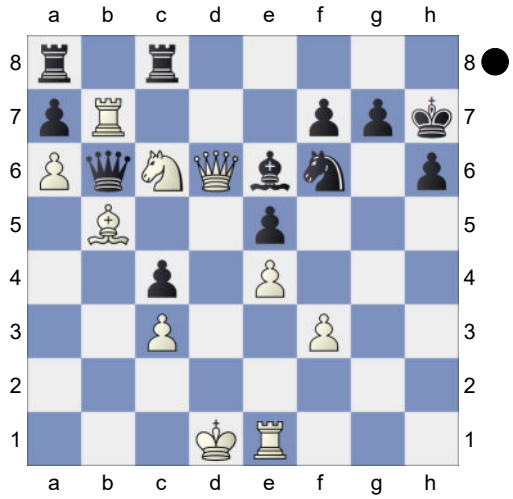
(Diagram)



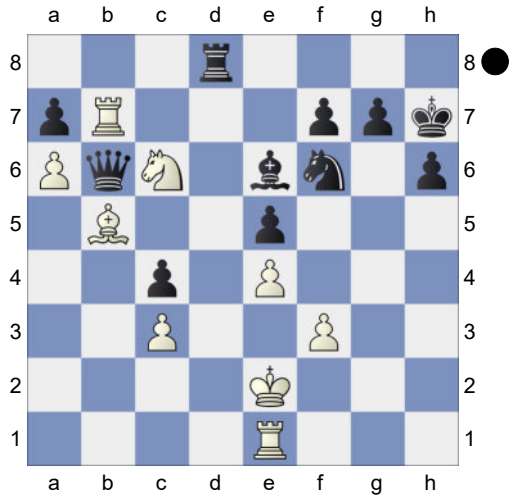
Threatens to win with ...Bc8-e6. **31.Rb7?** -2.55/21 White is now going downhill.
31...Be6-+ 32.Bb5 -3.09/19
[32.Bxe6 -2.15/19 keeps fighting. Rxe6 33.Rxc7]



32...c4! 33.Re3 Qg5 34.Rxc7 Qxg3+ 35.Kf1 -5.35/21
[35.Qg2 -3.56/19 was called for. Qf4 36.Re2]
35...Kh7 36.Ke2 Rec8 37.Re7 -5.89/22
[37.Rb7 -3.93/19 was worth a try.]
37...Qg1 Hoping for ...Nf6-g4! **38.Qd6=** -0.01/20 **Qg2+** -4.94/21
[38...Ng4
A) 39.Qd2 Rd8 *(39...Qxe3+? 40.Qxe3 Nxe3 41.Kxe3-+; 39...Qf2+? 40.Kd1-+)*;
B) 39.Rd3]
39.Kd1 Qg1+? -0.01/20
[39...Ng4-+ -5.02/21 40.fxg4 Bxg4+ 41.Kc1 Qg1+ 42.Kc2 Qxe3]
40.Re1 -7.21/20 **Qb6** Black is clearly winning. **41.Rb7**



Rd8! 42.Qxd8
[42.Qd4 Qxc6]
42...Rxd8+ 43.Ke2



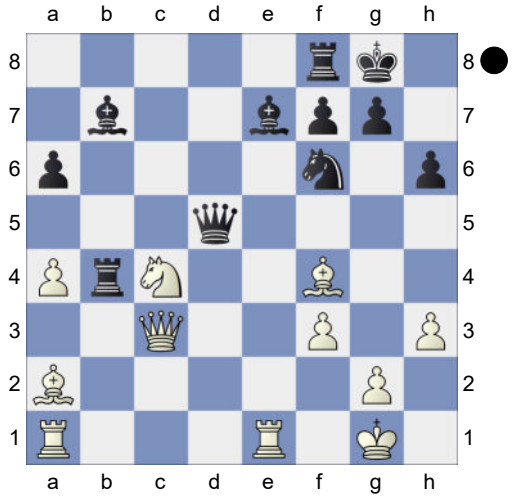
Rd2+!! 44.Kxd2 Qf2+ 45.Re2 Qxf3 46.Nb4 Prevents Qf3-d3+ **46...Nxe4+ 47.Rxe4 Qxe4 48.Ba4 Qf4+ 49.Kc2 Qf2+ 50.Kc1 h5 51.Bc2+ Kh6 52.Nc6 Bd5 53.Nd8 Bxb7 54.axb7 Qg1+ 55.Kd2 Qg5+** Weighted Error Value:

White=0.82/Black=0.53
0-1

193 **C88**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Wojtaszek,Radoslaw** **2676**
Budapest Hetenyi Memorial (5) 15.07.23
[Mon Hokmome]*

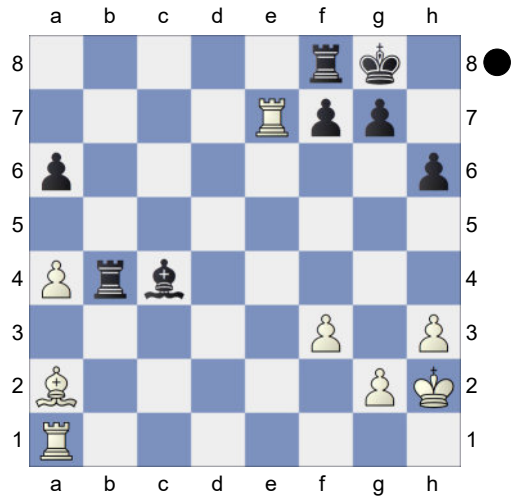
C88: Closed Ruy Lopez: Anti-Marshall Systems **1.e4** MH **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.a4 b4 9.d3 d6 10.c3 Rb8 11.Nbd2 Na5 12.Ba2 c5 13.Nc4**
[13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Qc7 15.Nb3 Nxb3 16.Bxb3 Bg4 17.Bg5 exd4 18.Qxd4 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Molina,R (2815)-10.♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5_7469 (2776) Margate 2011 Telechess CBM 89 [John Watson]]
[RR 13.d4 Qc7 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Nc4 Nxc4 16.Bxc4 a5 17.Bg5 bxc3 18.bxc3 Bb7 19.Qc2 Bc6 20.Nd2 Ng4 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Nf1 Rfd8 23.f3 Nf6 24.Ne3 g6 25.Bf1 Bd7 26.Red1 Be6 27.Bc4 Kg7 Grischuk,A (2682)-Tomashevsky,E (2681) Moscow 2025 1-0 (42)]
13...Nc6 14.h3
[RR 14.d4 cxd4 15.cxd4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Be6 18.Ne3 b3 19.Bb1 Re8 20.Bd3 Qa5 21.Rd1 Rb4 22.Bd2 Rxd4 23.Bxa5 Nxe4 24.Bb6 Rb4 25.Ba5 Rd4 26.Bb6 Rb4 27.Ba5 Rd4 28.Bb6 ½-½ (28) Yu,Y (2713)-Vitiugov,N (2726) Berlin 2022]
14...h6 0.44/22
[14...Be6= 0.10/19 was preferrable. 15.Ng5 Bc8 16.Ne3 h6 17.Nf3 Be6 18.Bc4 Qc8 19.Bd5 Bd8 20.Bxc6 Qxc6 21.c4 Kh7 22.Kh2 Ng8 23.g4 Ne7 24.Nd5 Ng6 25.b3 Qd7 26.Rg1 Rh8 27.Be3 Kg8 28.Rg3 Be7 29.Qe2 Re8 11.f3 f4 12.♗f2 g5_9453 (2208)-Draskovic,L (2259) Banjaluka 22/14 2020 CYB 12 [BCM 1921 pp. 289-90] 0-1 (76)]
15.d4!± White is slightly better.
15...bxc3N An important novelty. Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung. MH: 'N!' MH: 'An important novelty. Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung. An important novelty. Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung.' 'N!'An important novelty. Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung.
[Predecessor: 15...cxd4 16.cxd4 Nxd4 *(16...exd4 17.Bf4 b3 18.Bxb3 Be6 19.Ba2 d3 20.Qxd3 Nb4 21.Qe2 Nxa2 22.Rxa2 Rc8 23.b3 Nxe4 24.Rc2 Bf6 25.Qxe4 d5 26.Qe2 dxc4 27.bxc4 Qa5 28.Be5 Bxe5 29.Qxe5 Qxa4 30.Nd4 Bxh3 31.Qf4* 10.♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5_7469 (2780)-C 06/32 (2802) England 2013 CBM 89 [FS 106] ½-½ (55) *)* 17.Nxd4 exd4 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxe5 Hoping for Ne5-c6. Bb7 Against Ne5-c6 20.Bf4 Ne5xf7 is the strong threat. Rc8 21.Ng6 Re8! 22.Nxe7+ Rxe7 23.Rxe7 Qxe7 24.Qxd4 ½-½ Nguyen,T (2653)-Keymer,V (2690) Prague Masters 5th 2023 (2) MH: '½-½ Nguyen,T (2653)-Keymer,V (2690) Prague Masters 5th 2023 (2) ½-½ Nguyen,T (2653)-Keymer,V (2690) Prague Masters 5th 2023 (2)']
[RR 15...cxd4 16.cxd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 exd4 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxe5 Bb7 20.Bf4 Rc8 21.Ng6 Re8 22.Nxe7+ Rxe7 23.Rxe7 Qxe7 24.Qxd4 Rd8 25.Qe3 Qd7 26.Qc5 b3 27.Bxb3 Bxg2 28.Kxg2 Qb7+ 29.Kh2 Qxb3 30.Rg1 Nguyen,T (2653)-Keymer,V (2690) Prague 2023

½-½ (31)]
16.bxc3 cxd4 17.cxd4 exd4 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 d5 0.62/22
[19...Be6= 0.22/21]
20.Bf4 0.01/22 **Rb4⇄** Black is not keeping still **21.exd5 Qxd5 22.Qc3** -0.42/20
[22.Qd2= 0.08/22 Be6 23.Ne5 Qxd2 24.Bxd2 Bxa2 25.Rxa2]
22...Bb7!∓ 23.f3 -1.06/20
[23.Ne3!∓ -0.34/21 Qe4 24.Qe5]



23...Qc5+!∓ 24.Be3 Nd5 25.Qd3 Nxe3 26.Qxe3 -3.26/24 White does not recover from this.
[26.Nxe3∓ -1.27/24 Bg5 27.Rac1]
26...Bd5-+ A strong pair of Bishops.
[And not 26...Rxa4 27.Qxc5 Bxc5+ 28.Kh1∓]
27.Kh2 Bxc4 28.Qxe7 Qxe7 29.Rxe7

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening Re7-e4. **29...Rxa4 30.Bxc4 Rxa1** Endgame KRR-KRB **31.h4 h5 32.g4?** -5.65/23
[32.Kg3 -2.72/26]
32...hxg4 33.fxg4 g6 34.Ra7 a5 35.g5 Ra4 Black is clearly winning. **36.Rc7 Kg7 37.Kg2 Rb4 38.Kg3 a4 39.Be6 Re4 40.Ba2 Re3+ 41.Kg4** -5.93/23
[⌓41.Kf2 -4.21/23 Rh3 42.Be6 Rxh4 43.Ra7]
41...Re2 42.Bd5 Rd2 43.Be6 a3 44.Ra7 Kg8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.17 (very precise)
0-1

194 **A13**
□ **Matlakov,M** **2673**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
Geza Hetenyi Mem 2023 (4.4) 14.07.2023
[Cummings,D, TA]*

A13: English Opening: 1...e6
1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 d4 With this move order, Black delays ...Ng8-f6, or indeed omits it entirely.. **4.Nf3 Nc6 5.0-0 Nh6N** A fresh idea. The mainline arises after
[5...Bc5 6.d3 Nf6 7.Nbd2

which is covered in Nepomniachtchi-Vidit, in this month's Update. 0-0 *(7...a5 8.Nb3 Be7 9.e3 dxe3 10.Bxe3 Ng4 11.Bc5 0-0 12.d4 a4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nc5 a3 15.bxa3 Rd8 16.Nb3 Nf6 17.Re1 Qxa3 18.Qe2 h6 19.h4 Bd7 20.Ne5 Be8 21.Qe3 Qb4 22.Reb1* 0-1 (39) Panov Botvinnik Attack (2782)-Molina,R (2855) 17th Corsican Circuit Final 2013 (9) *)* 8.Nb3 Be7 9.e3 *(9.h3 a5 10.e3 e5 11.exd4 exd4 12.a4 Bb4 13.Bf4 Re8 14.g4 h5 15.g5 Nh7 16.Bd2 Bf5 17.Nc1 Qd7 18.Bxb4 Nxb4 19.h4 Nf8 20.Qd2 Ng6 21.Nb3 Bxd3 22.Nc5 Qg4 23.Nxd3 Nxd3* 0-1 (26) Assmann,J (1877)-Boos,M (1758) corr OS-167 BdF-Schachserver 2011*)* 9...dxe3 10.Bxe3 Ng4 11.Bc5 Rb8 12.d4 b6 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Qc2 Bb7 15.Rad1 Nf6 16.Rfe1 h6 17.Nc1 Qd6 18.Ne2 c5 19.b3 Rfd8 20.Qb2 Nf5 21.d5 exd5 22.cxd5 1-0 (89) Assaubayeva,B (2440)-Dzagnidze,N (2525) KAZ-World Blitz (Women) 2023 (6.3)]

6.e3 Fighting for the centre. Instead:

[6.d3 didn't cause Black any problems after Nf5 7.Na3 Bxa3 8.bxa3 0-0 9.Rb1 Rb8 10.e4 -0.38/21 *(10.Nh4!? Nxh4 11.Bxc6 Ng6 12.Qa4 a6! 13.Bg2 Bd7* is balanced*; 10.Nh4=* 0.01/20 *Nxh4 11.Bxc6)* 10...dxe3∓ 11.fxe3 e5 and Black is already a bit better due to White's weakened pawn structure, Flores,D (2533)-Dubov,D (2716) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (43)]

[RR 6.d3 Nf5 7.Na3 Bxa3 8.bxa3 e5 9.Rb1 0-0 10.a4 Re8 11.Nd2 Nd6 12.Ba3 h5 13.h4 Nf5 14.Re1 Re6 15.Nf3 Rg6 16.Ng5 Rxg5 17.hxg5 Qxg5 18.Kh1 h4 19.g4 Ng3+ 20.fxg3 hxg3 Carlsen,M (2837)-Xiong,J (2636) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1]

6...Be7N A novelty. Black delays the ...Nh6-f5 jump until after White has captured with e3xd4. Earlier games saw:

[6...Nf5

A) 7.d3 dxe3 8.fxe3 -0.23/19 *(⌓8.Bxe3* 0.13/21 *g6 9.Nc3)* 8...h5!= 9.Nc3 h4 10.g4 h3! gave Black the initiative in Diermair,A (2465)-Horvath,D (2446) Playchess.com INT 2020 0-1 (38);

B) 7.e4 Nfe7 8.d3 *(8.e5!* White needs to seize a space advantage, or risk being worse.*)* 8...Ng6 9.h4 h5 10.Nbd2?! -0.86/21 *(10.b4!?* may be relatively best*; 10.b4=* -0.08/22 keeps the balance. *)* 10...e5∓ 11.Nh2 Be7 and Black was positionally better in Van Wely,L (2644)-Fressinet,L (2652) Quenza 2023 □-□ (56)]

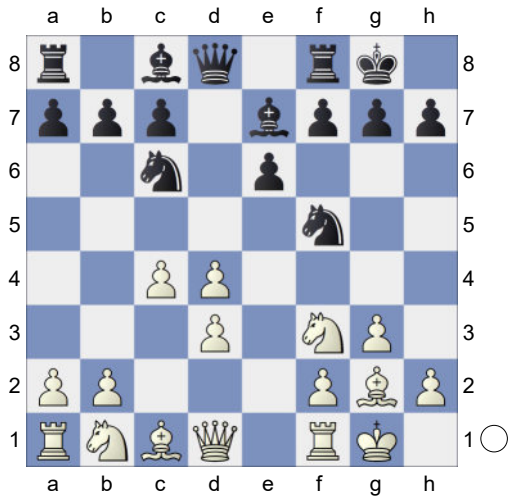
[RR 6...Nf5 7.e4 Nfe7 8.e5 d3 9.b3 Qd7 10.Bb2 b6 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Re1 Nb4 13.Ng5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 h6 15.Qf3 Nec6 16.Nh3 Nc2 17.Nf4 Nxa1 18.Bxa1 0-0-0 19.Re3 Qe8 20.Nxd3 Kb8 21.Ne2 Strybuk,A (2422)-Gholami Orimi,M (2509) Moscow 2025 0-1 (49)]

[RR 6...Nf5 7.e4 Nfe7 8.d3 Ng6 9.Na3 e5 10.Nc2 h5 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bd2 h4 13.Qe1 Be6 14.b4 Qd7 15.b5 Nd8 16.a4 Nf7 17.Qe2 Bg4 18.Rfc1 Be7 19.Qf1 a5 20.bxa6 Rxa6 21.a5 Borhy,M (2390)-Aczel,G (2477) Hungary 2024 0-1 (48)]

7.d3 0-0 8.exd4 White is slightly better.

8...Nf5

(Diagram)



9.d5! White wants to avoid being left with the backward d3-pawn. **9...exd5 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.dxc4** With all of the central pawns gone, the focus turns to piece play. **11...Nd6** A more efficient approach was:

[11...Ncd4 12.Nd5 Nxf3+! 13.Qxf3 Bd6 14.Rd1 c6 with a level game.]

12.Qe2 0.18/21 The queen is a target here.

[12.Qa4 Bd7 13.Nd5 Re8 14.Bf4 leaves White slightly for choice due to his more active setup.]

[12.Qa4!± 0.61/21]

12...Re8 13.Nd5 Bf8 14.Be3 Nf5 15.Rad1 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Accepting a weak e3-pawn in return for the open f-file.

[16.Nxe3 Qf6 is equal]

16...Bd7 17.Qf2 f6 Prevents Ng5. **18.Qc2 Qc8! 19.Nh4 Bg4 20.Rde1** -0.61/22

[20.Rc1!± 0.49/21]

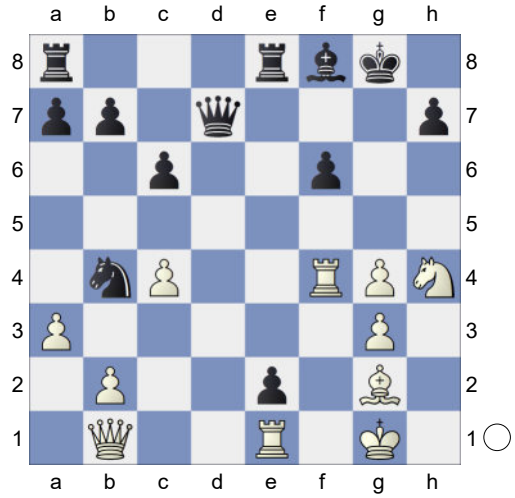
20...Nb4∓ 21.Qb1 c6 -0.10/22

[Black should play 21...Nxd5∓ -0.62/21 22.Bxd5+ Kh8]

22.Nf4= g5!? A major escalation after which the position gets very messy. **23.h3! gxf4 24.hxg4 fxe3 25.a3 e2** Both sides have a set of weaknesses and exposed kings. **26.Rf4**

[26.Rf5 Qd7 *(26...Qc7 27.g5∓)* 27.axb4 Bxb4-+]

26...Qd7 0.85/24



An forceful alternative is: **27.Be4!±**

[27.axb4 Bxb4 28.Nf3 Qd6∓]

27...Na6 and ...Bh6 would now be decisive **28.Rxe2** 0.22/21

[28.Bf5± 0.72/24 Qc7 29.Kf2 *(29.Qc2 Bd6∓* Skewer *)* 29...Bc5+ 30.Kg2]

28...Nc5= 29.Nf5 -0.06/24

[29.Rxf6? Qd4+ *(29...Qxg4 30.Bxh7+ Kh8 31.Rh2+-)* 30.Rff2 Nxe4-+]

[29.Bf5± 0.31/21 Qf7 30.Rh2]

29...Re5 30.b4 Ne6 31.Rff2 The position is dynamically balanced, and both sides play well, until a blunder appears just before the time control. **31...a5** 0.41/22

[31...Ng5= 0.01/22 might be stronger.]

32.c5 axb4 33.axb4 Ng5 34.Bg2 Dodges Nh3+ **34...Qe6 35.Qd3 Nf7 36.Rxe5 Nxe5 37.Qe4 Ra4 38.Qd4 Qc4** This move loses the game for White. **39.Rf4??** -2.94/25 Dropping a vital pawn.

[39.Qd8 Nxg4 40.Qe8

remains completely unclear.]
[39.Qd8= -0.01/23 and White stays safe. Nxg4 40.Qe8]
39...Rxb4-+ 40.Nh6+ Or:
[40.Qd8 Threatening mate with Nh6+. Qc1+ 41.Rf1 Qxc5+ 42.Kh1 Nxg4 and everything falls apart for White.]
40...Kg7 41.Nf5+ Kf7 42.Qd1 -4.20/24
[⌓42.Qd2 -2.83/23 Qxc5+ *(42...Bxc5+ 43.Kh1-+)* 43.Kh2]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
42...Qd3! Forcing the trade of the rooks and/or queens, after which it's an easy win for Black.
[42...Qxc5+? 43.Kh2-+]
0-1

195 **E46**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2716**
■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2690**
AimChess Rapid Play-In (7.5) 12.06.2023
[John Emms,TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd2 d5 6.Nf3 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Rc1 Bb7 9.Bd3 Re8 Nowadays more popular than 9...a6.Heutzutage beliebter als 9...a6. **10.0-0 Bf8 11.Ne5 c5 12.Bb5!?** This is a move we haven't considered before. The bishop will likely soon retreat back to d3, but by attacking the rook White hopes to disrupt Black's coordination.
[12.f4 Nc6 is normal - see games in the archives.]
12...Re7
[12...Re6 is the more natural response, as it doesn't block the bishop. 13.f4 a6 *(13...Nc6 14.Be1 cxd4 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.exd4 Rc8 17.Bh4±* favoured White in Bryakin,M-Holm,K/Novi Sad 2021*)* 14.Bd3 Nc6 15.Bf5 *(15.Ne2* might be better, and *Ne4 16.Be1 f6? 17.Bxe4 fxe5 18.Bf5!* is an example of White exploiting Black's rook move*)* 15...Re8 16.Ne2 g6 17.Bb1 Rc8 and White's bishop moves hadn't achieved anything useful, Shengelia,D-Bosman, M/Batumi 2018.]
[12...Nbd7 looks strange, not only because of the self-pin but also because the knight usually far prefers the c6-square. However, after 13.f4 a6 14.Bd3 *(14.Bxd7 Nxd7 15.Na4)* 14...b5! 15.Be1 b4 Black utilises the time gained on the light-squared bishop to accelerate queenside counterplay. 16.Na4 *(16.Ne2)* 16...c4 17.Bf5 a5 18.Qf3 Nb6 19.Nxb6 Qxb6 20.Bh4 a4 21.g4 Ne4! favoured Black in Eliseev,V-Khismatullin,D/ICCF email 2017.]
13.f4 a6 14.Bd3 Nc6 The result of White's idea is that Black has gained two moves: ...a6 and ...Ra7. While it could be argued that ...a6 is useful, ...Re7 is most certainly not! **15.Ne2N**
[Predecessor: 15.Be1!? cxd4! 16.Nxc6 *(16.exd4! Nxd4 17.Bh4* with some compensation for White.*)* 16...Bxc6 17.exd4 (Harsha,B-Giri,A/Chess.com 2020) and now Ne4 *(17...Re8 18.Bh4 Qd6* looks nice for Black *)* 18.Bh4 f6 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.d5 Bb7 21.Re1 0-1 Harsha,B (2509)-Giri,A (2764) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Sept blitz 2020 (7)]
[15.Na4!? is a possibility here and it's more appealing when ...a6 has left a slight weakness on b6.]
[RR 15.Be1 cxd4 16.exd4 Nxd4 17.Bh4 Re8 18.Bb1 Ne6 19.Qc2 Bc5+ 20.Kh1 Nf8 21.Rcd1 d4 22.b4

Bxb4 23.Qb3 Qc7 24.Ne2 Bc5 25.Nxd4 Nd5 26.Be4 Bxd4 27.Rxd4 Nxf4 28.Nxf7 N8e6 29.Nd8 Kh8 Sandipan,C (2482)-Tudor,H (2396) Abu Dhabi 2025 1-0 (48)]

15...Rc7! Making best use of the rook's situation.

[15...Re8 16.Be1 Ne4?! 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Nxf7! is a sacrifice we've seen before, and this is a favourable version for White: Kxf7? 19.Qb3+ Kg6 20.f5+ and White's attack is winning, e.g. Kh6 21.Rf4 *(21.Bg3)* 21...Qd7 22.Rh4+ Kg5 23.Nf4 g6 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.Qg8 Qg7 26.Qd5+ Ne5 27.Nh3+ Kf6 28.dxe5+ Rxe5 29.Rf4+ 1-0 Heimisson,H-Steingrimsson,H/Reykjavik 2022.]

16.Be1 Ne4! 17.Nxc6 Exchanging knights doesn't feel right, but it's not easy to suggest another active plan for White.

[After 17.Bxe4 dxe4 the key difference to the previous note is that the rook covers the f7-pawn, so there's no sacrifice.]

17...Rxc6

[17...Bxc6 intends ...Bb5 and might be preferable, especially if White goes ahead with Bxe4 as in the game.]

18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Bc3! Rac8 20.Qe1! White is ready for kingside action.

20...a5! Enabling ...Ba6 to gain much needed counterplay. **21.Rd1 Qe8! 22.f5 Ba6 23.Rf4 Bd3 24.dxc5 Bxc5**

[24...Rxc5! is stronger, intending 25.Nd4 Bd6! 26.Rg4 Be5! when Black is control.]

25.Nd4 Rh6 26.Qg3 Bf8 27.Rg4 g6 28.fxg6 hxg6 29.Rd2

[29.Rg5! prevents ...Rh5 and prepares Nf5.]

29...Rh7

[29...b5! was a missed opportunity to chase the bishop. 30.Ne2 *(30.Nf5?* can be met by *b4! 31.Nxh6+ Bxh6* intending *32.Bd4 Rc1+ 33.Kf2 Rf1#)* 30...b4 31.Bd4 Bxe2 32.Rxe2 Qe6 White's attack has been defused and Black has the advantage.]

30.Rf2

[30.h4!]

30...Bg7

[30...b5! is still a good idea.]

31.Rg5! Rc5!

[31...b5 no longer has the desired effect: 32.h4! b4 33.Bd2 and h5 is coming.]

32.Rxc5 bxc5 33.Nb3 Bxc3 34.bxc3 Now the position is easier to play for White, especially in time pressure.

34...Rh5 35.Qc7! Rd5 36.Nxc5 Bc4 37.h3 Rd1+ 38.Kh2 Qd8! 39.Qf4 f5 40.Rb2 Qd6 41.Qxd6 Rxd6 42.h4 Rd5

[42...Rd1!=]

43.Rb8+ Kf7 44.Rb7+ Kg8 45.Nd7!± Rd3 46.Ne5 Rxc3 47.Rc7 Rxe3 48.Rxc4 Ra3 49.Nxg6 Kf7 50.h5 Rxa2 51.Rc7+ Kf6 52.h6 Rb2 53.h7 Rb8 54.h8Q+

1-0

196 **E06**

□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2716**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2716**

AimChess Rapid Play-In (3.7) 12.06.2023

[Kitty Kat]*

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Nc3 a5 now supersedes 7...Nbd7. löst 7...Sbd7 inzwischen ab. **8.b3 Nbd7N**

[8...b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.a3 *(10.Nd2 b5 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.Rfd1 Rc8 13.e4 dxc4 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Na4 c3 16.Bxc3 Bb5 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Be2 19.Re1 Bd3 20.Qc1 Nd7 21.Nb3 a4 22.Rd1 Be2 23.Rd2 axb3 24.Rxe2 Nxc5* 1-0 Navara,D (2689)-Yu,Y (2735) Biel Blitz 56th 2023 (1) *)* 10...dxc4 *(10...Nbd7 11.Re1 Rc8 12.Nd2 c5 13.e3 cxd4 14.exd4 dxc4 15.bxc4 Bxc4 16.Nxc4 Rxc4 17.Nb5 Nd5 18.Qe2 Qc8 19.Be4* 6. Closed Catalan-Closed Catalan After*)* 11.bxc4 Bxc4 12.Ne5 Ba6 13.Qb3 Nd5 14.Rfe1 Bf6 15.Ne4 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Qc2 Qc7 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qe4 Kg7 20.Qh4 h6 21.Ne4 Qd8 22.Nf6 N5xf6 23.exf6+ 1-0 Dudkova,J (1519)-Stavova,M (1284) CZE-ch U16 Girls 2023 (8)]

[RR 8...b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.Nd2 b5 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.Rfd1 Rc8 13.e4 dxc4 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Na4 c3 16.Bxc3 Bb5 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Be2 19.Re1 Bd3 20.Qc1 Nd7 21.Nb3 a4 22.Rd1 Be2 23.Rd2 Navara,D (2689)-Yu,Y (2735) Biel 2023 1-0 (66)]

9.Bf4 b6 White is slightly better.

10.cxd5N

[Predecessor: 10.Ne5 Bb7 11.e4 Bb4 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Nb5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ne4 15.Qe2 0.55/19 ;1-0 Kourkoulos Arditis,S (2500)-Bonte,A (2333) ROM-chT Mamaia 2021 (7.1) *(15.Qg4± 1.07/20)*]

[RR 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Nd7 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.e4 d4 14.Qxd4 g5 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Qd2 Nxe5 17.Qxd8 Rxd8 18.Bxg5 Rd3 19.Rac1 Bd7 20.Bf4 Nf3+ 21.Bxf3 Rxf3 22.Kg2 Rd3 23.Rfd1 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Bc6 Predke,A (2640)-Cnejev,V (2343) Eforie Nord 2025 1-0 (40)]

10...Nxd5 11.Bd2N

[RR 11.Qc2 Ba6 12.Bd2 Rc8 13.Rfe1 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 c5 15.Qb2 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Bf6 17.Rad1 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qf6 19.Rd2 e5 20.Nc6 Rxc6 21.Rxd7 Rd6 22.Rd1 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 g6 24.Qd2 Re8 25.Bf3 Re7 Lamard,G (2483)-Dotzer,L (2338) San Vicente 2024 1-0 (45)]

11...Ba6 12.Re1 Rc8 13.e4 Nb4 14.a3 Nd3 15.Re3 aiming for Bg2-f1.

15...c5 And now ...c5xd4 would win.

16.d5 c4 17.Nd4 -1.67/22

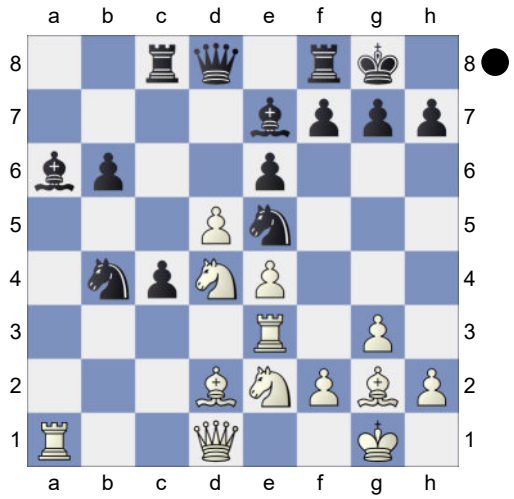
[17.b4!= -0.21/18]

17...N7e5 -0.97/17

[17...cxb3-+ -1.67/22 Strongly threatening ...Be7-c5. 18.Ncb5 *(18.dxe6? N7c5-+* Discovered Attack*; 18.Nc6? Rxc6 19.dxc6 N7e5-+)* 18...Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bc5]

18.b4∓ Dodges Be7-c5 **18...axb4 19.axb4 Nxb4 20.Nce2** -1.02/19

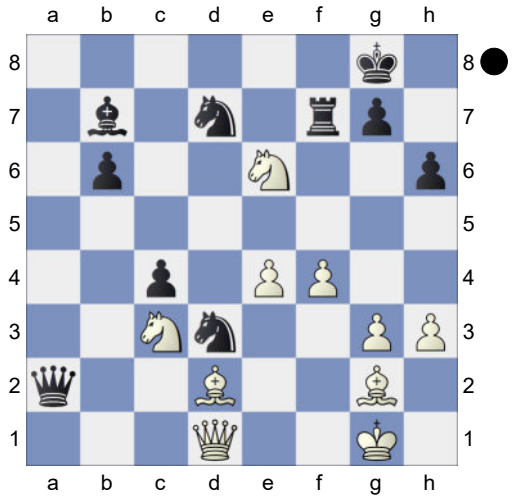
[20.Qh5!∓ -0.64/20 might be stronger. Ned3 21.Na2]



20...Bb7!

[20...exd5 21.Bxb4 Bxb4 22.exd5± *(22.Rxa6 Ng4±)*]

21.dxe6 Nbd3 22.Ra7 Rc7 23.exf7+ Rxf7 24.Ne6 -2.00/21
[24.f4∓ -1.23/20 Ng4 25.Ne6]
24...Qb8-+ 25.Nxc7 Hoping for Ra7xb7!
25...Qxa7 26.Nf4 Bc5 27.Nce6 Bxe3 28.Bxe3 h6 Against Ne6-g5 **29.h3 Qa8 30.Nd5 Qa5 31.f4 Nd7 32.Bd2** -2.29/21
[32.Nd8∓ -1.31/19 Bxd5 33.exd5]
32...Qa2 33.Nc3

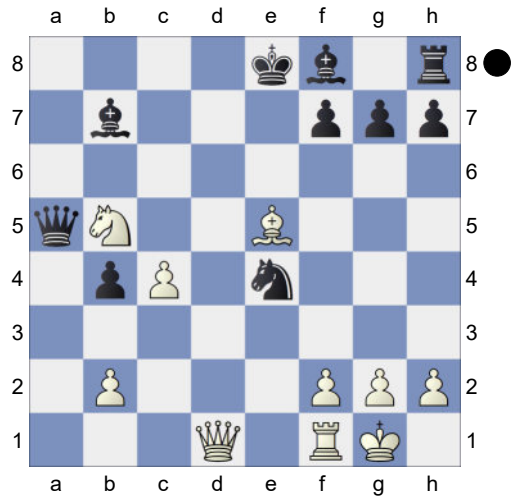


Qb2 0.00/24
[33...Qa8!-+ -1.80/20 Threatens to win with ...Nd7-f6. 34.Qb1 N3c5]
34.Nd8↑ White is pushing. **34...Nf6 35.Nxf7 Kxf7 36.e5 Bxg2 37.exf6 Bc6**
[37...Bxh3? 38.Qh5+ Kxf6 *(38...g6? 39.Qxh3 Qa1+ 40.Kh2+-)* 39.Qe8+- *(39.Qxh3 Kg6+-; 39.Qxh3 Kg6+-)*]
38.fxg7 Kg8 39.Qe2 Qa1+ 40.Nd1! Qd4+
[40...Kxg7? 41.Bc3++-]
41.Kf1? -11.22/28
[41.Kh2= 0.00/21 Qd5 *(41...Qxg7?* loses. *42.Qe6+ Qf7 43.Qxc6+-)* 42.g4]
41...Qd5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.18 (very precise)
[41...Qxg7? is the wrong capture. 42.Qe6+ Kh7 43.Qxc6+-]
[41...Kxg7? perishes. 42.Bc3 Pin Kf7 43.Bxd4+-]
0-1

197 **B51**
□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2716**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2716**
Aimchess Play In op rapid (3) 12.06.23
[Kitty Kat]*

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell, A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578)

Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4.0-0 a6 5.Bd3 Ngf6 6.c3 b5 7.a4 Bb7 now supersedes 7...Nbd7. löst 7...Sbd7 inzwischen ab.now supersedes 7...Nbd7. löst 7...Sbd7 inzwischen ab. **8.axb5** White is slightly better. **8...axb5 9.Rxa8 Qxa8 10.Na3N b4 11.Nb5 Qa5** Repels Nb5-c7+ **12.cxb4**
[12.Qe2]
12...cxb4 13.Bc4 Against e7-e6 **13...Nxe4N**
[RR 13...Bxe4 14.d4 e6 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.Ng5 Bd5 17.Qc1 Bc6 18.Re1 d5 19.Nc7+ Ke7 20.Ncxe6 Ne4 21.Bc7 Qa7 22.Qf4 f6 23.Nxe4 dxc4 24.Nd8 Bxe4 25.Qd6+ Ke8 26.Qe6+ 1-0 (26) Gov,G (2225)-Solomon,A (2290) Israel 2022]
14.d3 Dodges d6-d5 **14...d5**
[14...Nef6 15.Re1 e6 16.Bf4 Qb6 17.Ng5]
15.Bf4!
[15.Bxd5 Bxd5 16.dxe4 Bc4-+ *(16...Bxe4 17.Qe2±; 16...Bxe4 17.Qe2±)*]
15...e5 16.Nxe5 dxc4
[16...Nxe5
A) 17.Bxe5 dxc4 18.dxc4 f6 19.Re1 h5 *(19...fxe5 20.Qh5+ Kd8 21.Qxe5)* 20.Bc7 Qa6 21.f3 Bc5+ 22.Kh1 0-0 23.fxe4 Qe6;
B) 17.Qh5 Nxc4 18.dxc4 Be7 *(18...Bc5 19.Qe5+ Kd7 20.Qf5+ Ke7 21.Qe5+)* 19.Qe5 Qd8 20.cxd5 0-0 21.Qxe4 Bxd5]
17.dxc4
[17.Qh5
A) 17...g6 18.Nxc4 Qa4 *(18...gxh5 19.Nxa5)* 19.b3 gxh5 *(19...Qxb3 20.Qe2)* 20.bxa4 Nec5 21.Re1+ Ne6 22.Nbd6+ Bxd6 23.Nxd6+ Kf8 24.Bh6+ Ke7 25.Nxb7;
B) 17...Qxb5 18.Qxf7+ Kd8 19.dxe4 Nxe5 *(19...Bd6 20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.Qxd7+ Kxd7 22.Rd1 Kc6 23.Rxd6+ Kc5)* 20.Bxe5 Qxe5 21.Qxb7 Ke8 22.Ra1 *(22.Rd1 Bd6 23.Qc8+ Ke7 24.Qxh8 Qxh2+ 25.Kf1 Qh1+ 26.Ke2 Qxg2)* 22...Be7 23.Ra8+ Bd8 24.Ra7 Be7]
17...Nxe5
[17...Qd8 18.Qh5 *(18.Nd3 Be7 19.f3 Ndc5 20.Nc7+ Kf8 21.Nxb4 Nd6)* 18...Nxe5 19.Qxe5+ Be7 20.Qxg7 *(20.Nc7+ Kf8 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.cxd5 Nd6)* 20...Bf6 21.Nc7+ Ke7 22.Qg4 Rg8 23.Qe2 Kf8]
18.Bxe5



And now Be5-c7 would win. **18...Bc5** 0.00/25
[Black should try 18...f6!∓ -0.85/24 ...Qa5-b6! would now be deadly. 19.Bc7 Qa6 20.Qd8+ Kf7]
19.Bd6
[19.Qg4 Nxf2 20.Qxg7 Nh3+ 21.Kh1 Nf2+]
19...Bxd6 20.Nxd6+ Nxd6 21.Qxd6 Rf1-e1+ would kill now. **21...Bc8! 22.Re1+! Be6 23.Rd1! Qa8** Prevents Qd6-b8+

[23...Bxc4? 24.Qc6+ Kf8 25.Qxc4+- *(25.Qc8+ Ke7+-)*]

24.c5 Qc8 25.c6 Threatens to win with Rd1-d4! **25...h5! 26.Re1** c6-c7! is the strong threat.

[26.h4 f6 27.Ra1 Kf7 28.Ra7+ Kg6 29.Rc7 Qb8 30.Qd3+ Bf5 31.Qg3+ Bg4]

[26.Qxb4? loses. Qxc6 27.Qb8+ Qc8 28.Qb5+ Kf8-+]

[26.c7? Qd7 27.c8Q+ Qxc8-+]

26...Rh6 27.Re5 Qd8

[27...b3 28.h4 Qd8 29.Qc5 Qc7 30.Re4]

28.Qxb4 Qc7

[28...Rf6 29.h3 Rf5 30.Qa4 Ke7 31.Rxf5 Bxf5 32.b4]

29.Qc5 Qe7 0.44/23

[29...Rf6= 0.00/22 is superior.]

30.Qc3 0.00/22

[30.Qb5± 0.44/23 might be stronger. Qc7 31.Re1]

30...Qc7 31.b4 Strongly threatening b4-b5. **31...Ke7** 0.61/23

[31...Rf6= 0.06/24 32.Rxh5 Rf4 33.Qxg7 *(33.Rh8+ Ke7 34.Qc5+ Kf6 35.Rh5 g6 36.Qg5+ Kg7 37.Qh6+ Kf6)* 33...Qxc6 34.Rh8+ Kd7]

32.b5± Black must now prevent Re5-e1.

32...Rh8 33.Qg3 0.00/26

[33.Re1!± 0.64/20]

33...Rd8= (-> ...Rd8-d1+) **34.h4** Hoping for Re5xe6+!

[Not 34.Rxe6+? Kxe6 35.Qh3+ Kd5 36.Qxh5+ Qe5-+]

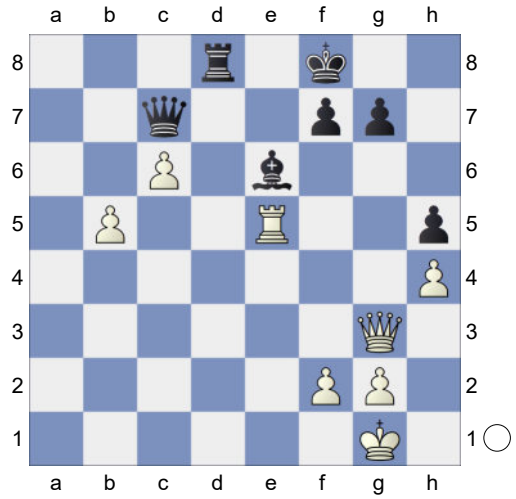
34...Kf8? 5.76/24

[34...Rd1+ 35.Kh2 Qd6 36.Qxg7 Rd5 37.f4 1-0 Kourkoulos Arditis,S (2500)-Bonte,A (2333) ROM-chT Mamaia 2021 (7.1)1-0 Kourkoulos Arditis,S (2500)-Bonte,A (2333) ROM-chT Mamaia 2021 (7.1) Rxe5

A) 38.Qxe5 Qxe5 39.fxe5 Kd8 40.b6 Kc8 *(40...Bd5 41.c7+ Kc8 42.g4)*;

B) 38.fxe5 Qc5 39.Qg5+ Ke8 40.Qxh5 Qxb5 41.Qh8+ Ke7 42.c7 Qd7 43.h5 Qxc7 44.h6 Kd7 45.h7 Bf5]

[34...Qb6= 0.09/19]



A mistake that costs the game. **35.Rxe6!+-** Discovered Attack. White is clearly winning. **35...Qxg3 36.fxg3 fxe6** Endgame. KR-KP **37.c7 Ke7**

[37...Rd1+ 38.Kh2 Rc1 39.b6]

38.cxd8Q+ Kxd8 39.Kf2 Kc7 40.Ke3 Kb6 41.Kd4 Kxb5 Predecessor: Predecessor: **42.Ke5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.30. Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?

0-1

198 **B51**
□ **Yuan,Qingyu** **2380**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2716**
AimChess Rapid Play-In (1.73) 12.06.23
[Kitty Kat]*

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 B b 5 +) w i t h o u t 3 . . . B d 7 **1.e4** Ramirez Alvarez,Alejandro **1...c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**

[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]

[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th 2012]

3...Nd7N

[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4.c3 Ngf6 5.Qe2 a6 6.Ba4 Qc7 7.0-0 e6!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[RR 7...e5 8.d4 b5 9.Bc2 cxd4 *(RR 9...Be7 10.a4 b4 11.dxc5 dxc5 12.Nbd2)* 10.cxd4 Be7 11.Nc3 *(RR 11.a4 b4)* 11...0-0 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Bb7 14.Rad1 Rac8 15.Bb3 Rfe8 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Bg3 Bf8 18.h3 Nb6 19.Nh4 Nc4 20.Nf5 Nxb2

A) RR 21.Rc1 Nc4 22.Bh4 g5;

B) RR 21.Nxh6+ gxh6 22.Bh4 Bg7 *(RR 22...Qc6 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Qxb2)* 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Qg4+ Kh8 25.Rd7 Qxc3 26.Bxf7 Red8;

C) 21.Bh4 Nxd1 *(RR 21...g5 22.Rd6 Bxd6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Bxg5)* 22.Bxf6 Carlsen,M (2835)-Topalov,V (2770) Wijk aan Zee 2012 CBM 147 [Ramirez Alvarez,Alejandro] 1-0 (56)

C1) RR 22...Re6 23.Nxh6+ *(RR 23.Bxe6 Nxc3 24.Nxh6+ Kh7 25.Qh5 g6)* 23...Kh7 24.Qh5 g6 25.Qh4 Bxh6 26.Rxd1 g5 27.Bxg5 Rg6;

C2) RR 22...gxf6 23.Nxd1]

[RR 7...b5 8.Bc2 Bb7 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 Rc8 11.Bd3 e5 12.Bg5 Be7 13.a3 0-0 14.Nc3 h6 15.Bh4 Rfe8 16.Rac1 Qb6 17.d5 Nc5 18.Bc2 b4 19.axb4 Qxb4 20.Rb1 a5 21.Rfe1 Ba6 22.Qd1 Yuan,Q (2380)-Maghsoodloo,P (2707) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (45)]

8.d4 b5 9.Bc2 White is slightly better.

9...Be7 10.Bd3N

[RR 10.Re1 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bb7 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Nbd2 Rfe8 14.Nf1 Nf8 15.Ng3 Ng6 16.a4 bxa4 17.Rxa4 a5 18.Bd2 e5 19.Rea1 Nf4 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Nf5 Bf8 22.Qd2 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 Nxe4 24.Qxf4 Qc2 Patel,K (1990)-Bates,R (2292) Kenilworth 2025 ½-½ (62)]

[RR 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Nh5 13.Nbd2 Nxg3 14.hxg3 g4 15.Ne1 cxd4 16.cxd4 Qb6 17.Nb3 a5 18.d5 Ne5 19.Nd3 a4 20.Nd2 h5 21.Nxe5 dxe5 22.Bd3 Bd7 23.dxe6 fxe6 24.Rfc1 Bc5 Svicevic,R (2215)-Mihajlovic,M (2078) Belgrade 2020 1-0 (42)]

10...Bb7 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Re1 Rfe8 13.Nf1 e5 14.Ng3 -0.43/19

[14.d5= 0.13/18]

14...exd4N

[Predecessor: 14...Bf8 0.16/19 14...c5xd4 -0.38 15.d5 c4 16.Bc2 Nc5 0.70/19 *(16...a5= 0.05/17)* 17.h3 g6 18.Bg5 Bg7 19.Qd2 0.10/20 *(19.b4± 0.87/18 cxb3 20.axb3)* 19...a5= 20.Nh4 Bc8 1-0 Hansen,E (2606)-Potapova,M (2277) Titled Arena Apr 3rd blitz 2021]

15.cxd4 Bf8 16.Bf4 -0.49/17

[16.Qc2= -0.07/17]

16...g6 -0.06/18

[16...Qb6∓ -0.49/17]

17.Qd2 cxd4! 18.Nxd4 Qb6 -0.70/18

[⌓18...Nc5 -0.34/20]

19.Bc2 Rac8 20.Rad1 -0.98/19

[20.h3∓ -0.41/16]

20...Ne5 -0.08/19

[20...d5∓ -0.98/19 21.e5 Ng4]

21.b3

[21.Bh6 keeps more tension. Be7 22.Bb3 Nfg4 23.Bf4]

21...Qc5 0.24/19

[Black should play 21...h5∓ -0.33/18]

22.h3 Qc3 23.Qxc3 Rxc3 24.Bb1 h5 25.f3 Rcc8 26.Bg5 Ned7 27.Bf4 h4 28.Nf1 -0.65/20

[28.Nge2= -0.29/21]

28...d5! 29.e5 Nh5 30.Bh2 Bc5 31.f4 -1.28/18

[31.Kh1∓ -0.67/19]

31...Ng7 0.15/20

[31...Ndf6∓ -1.28/18 Hoping for ...Nf6-e4. 32.Ne3 Ne4]

32.Kh1 -0.50/20

[32.Ne3= 0.15/20]

32...Bb4↑ Black has some pressure.

33.Re2 Nc5 White must now prevent ... Nc5-e4. **34.Ne3 Ne4 35.Bxe4** -1.25/20

[35.Nxd5∓ -0.34/20 Bxd5 36.Bxe4 Bxe4 37.Rxe4]

35...dxe4∓ 36.Ng4 -1.89/20

[36.Rc2∓ -1.20/19]

36...Nh5-+ 37.f5 -2.33/21

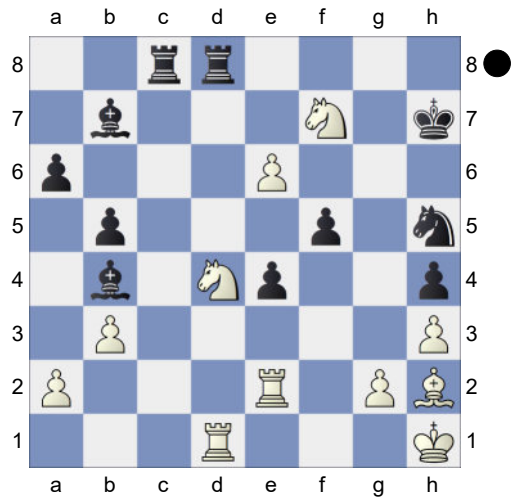
[37.Nc2∓ -1.53/18 Red8 38.Rxd8+ Rxd8 39.Kg1 *(39.Nxb4? perishes. Rd1+ 40.Bg1 Ng3+ 41.Kh2 Nxe2-+)*]

37...Red8 38.e6 gxf5 39.Nh6+? -4.19/20

[39.exf7+ -2.44/20 Kh7 *(39...Kxf7 40.Nh6+ Kg6 41.Nhxf5∓)* 40.Ne3]

39...Kh7 40.Nxf7 -7.43/19

[⌓40.Nhxf5 -4.06/19 fxe6 41.Ne3 Ng3+ 42.Bxg3 hxg3 43.Ndc2 Rxd1+ 44.Nxd1]



40...Rxd4! Deflection. Black is clearly winning. **41.Rxd4**

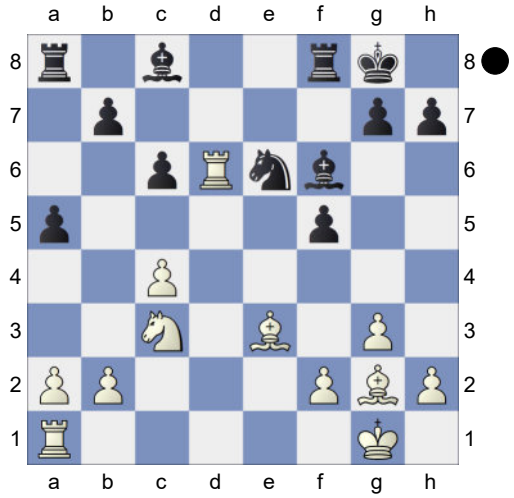
[41.Rf1 Ng3+]

41...Rc1+ 42.Bg1 Ng3+ 43.Kh2 Rxg1 44.Ng5+ Kg6 Weighted Error Value:

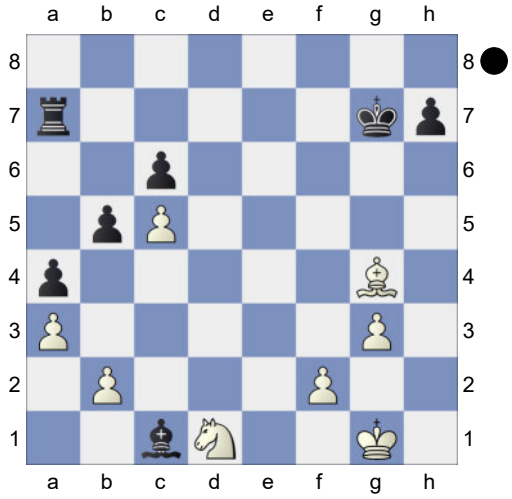
White=0.65/Black=0.16 (very precise)
0-1

199 **E06**
□ **Iturrizaga Bonelli,Eduardo** **2626**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2716**
AimChess Play-In Match (1.1) 12.06.23
[Kitty Kat]*

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.c4 e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Nc3 a5 The modern move. Der moderne Zug.
8.Nd2N
[8.Qd3 b6 9.b3 Ba6 10.e4 b5 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.e5 dxc4 13.Qf3 Nd5 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Rd1 Qc7 16.Nde4 Rad8 17.Bg5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 Nxc3 19.Qxc3 h6 20.Ne4 c5 21.f4 cxd4 22.Qxd4 Nb6 ½-½ Abreu Jean,C (2333)-Mendez Ramirez,V (2166) DOM-ch Santo Domingo 2023 (7)]
[8.a3 Nbd7 9.b3 b6 10.Bb2 Ba6 11.Nd2 Rc8 12.e4 b5 13.exd5 exd5 14.cxb5 cxb5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Nf6 17.Bg2 b4 18.Re1 bxa3 19.Bxa3 Bxa3 20.Rxa3 Qxd4 21.Rxa5 Bd3 22.Nc4 Rfd8 ½-½ Farionov,A (2684)-Roehrich,S (2721) 65/352 Belgrad 1995 (6)]
8...Nbd7!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **9.e4 Nxe4** The position is equal. **10.Ndxe4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 f5N**
[Predecessor: 11...a4 12.Bf4 Qa5 13.Qc2 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.c5 Ng6 16.Bd2 Qc7 17.h4 Bg4 ½-½ Nesterov,A (2575)-Murzin,V (2534) RUS-ch 75th Cheboksary 2022 (2)]
12.Nc3 e5 13.Re1N
[RR 13.d5 e4 14.Be3 Ne5 15.b3 Nd3 16.Nxe4 fxe4 17.Bxe4 Ne5 18.Qh5 Ng6 19.Rad1 Qe8 20.Rfe1 Bb4 21.Bd2 Qf7 22.Re2 Bxd2 23.Rdxd2 Bf5 24.dxc6 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 bxc6 26.Red4 Rae8 27.Kg2 Re5 Baladjaev,G (2404)-Crevatin,L (2259) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (40)]
[RR 13.d5 e4 14.Bf4 g5 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.Bd6 Nc5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qe2 Be6 19.Rad1 Bf7 20.Rd2 Rae8 21.b3 f4 22.Bh3 Bg6 23.Rfd1 Nd3 24.Bf1 fxg3 25.hxg3 Rxf2 26.Qe3 Rf3 27.Rxd3 Rxe3 Edouard,R (2553)-Materia,M (2483) Saint Maur des Fosses 2025 0-1 (59)]
[RR 13.d5 e4 14.f3 exf3 15.Qxf3 Ne5 16.Qe2 Bf6 17.Kh1 Re8 18.Bf4 Bd7 19.Rad1 Qb6 20.Qc2 Rad8 21.Qb3 Qb4 22.c5 Kh8 23.dxc6 Qxb3 24.axb3 bxc6 25.Rd6 Nf7 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Bxc6 Rde7 Goh,Z (2333)-Sorensen,H (2474) Sant Boi de Llobregat 2023 ½-½ (59)]
13...exd4 14.Qxd4 Bf6 15.Qf4 -0.37/18
[15.Qd1± 0.43/20]
15...Nc5 Threatens to win with ...Nc5-d3. **16.Rd1 Qe7 17.Be3 Ne6** Dodges Be3-d4 **18.Qd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6**



f4! 20.Bb6 a4! 21.a3 -0.67/22
[21.Rc1= -0.22/19 is superior.]
21...Be7 22.Rd2 Ra6 23.Bd4 Rd8 24.Rad1! fxg3 25.hxg3 Nxd4 26.Rxd4 Rxd4 27.Rxd4 Be6 28.Re4 Kf7 29.Bf1 Ra5 30.Bd3 Bf6 31.Rf4 g5 32.Rf3 Strongly threatening Nc3-e4! **32...g4 33.Rf4** And now Nc3-e4! would win. **33...Kg7** White must now prevent ... Bf6-e5. **34.Re4** -2.87/24 This costs White the game.
[34.Be2∓ -1.01/19]
34...Bf5-+ 35.Re3 Bd4 36.Bxf5 Bxe3 Endgame. KRB-KBN
[Not 36...Rxf5 37.Re2∓]
37.Bc8 Bc1 38.Nd1 b5 39.c5 Ra7 40.Bxg4



b4! 41.axb4 Bxb2 ...Bb2-d4 is the strong threat. Promotion **42.Be6?** -6.52/21
[42.Nxb2? loses. a3 43.Nd3 a2-+]
[42.Ne3 -3.75/20]
42...a3 43.Ba2 Rb7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.14 (very precise)
0-1

200 **D78**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2716**
■ **Salgado Lopez,Ivan** **2591**
FRA-chT Top 16 Gp Haute (4.3) 11.06.23
[Kitty Kat]*

D78: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0 c6 **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d4**
[4.0-0 Nf6 5.b3 0-0 6.Bb2 c5 7.c4 Nc6 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4+ Nf6 13.Qe5 Qd6 14.Qxd6 exd6 15.Nc3 Rd8 16.Rfd1 a6 17.Rd4 Rb8 18.Rad1 Bf5 1-0 Karjakin,S (2756)-Ponomariov,R (2731) Beijing Sportaccord blitz 2013 (11)]
4...Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4N
[6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 cxd4 *(7...Ne4 8.Qc1 Nc6 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.Rd1 e5 12.Qb2 f6 13.c4 d4 14.b4 Qb6 15.a3 a5 16.b5 Ne7 17.a4 Be6 18.Nbd2 Nc6 19.Ne1 Nb4 20.Ra3 Bf5 21.Nb3 Rac8 22.Rc1* ½-½ Grinza,A (2180)-Porchel,B (1978) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late blitz 2022 (2) ½-½ Grinza,A (2180)-Porchel,B (1978) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (2)*)* 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.c4 e5 10.Nf3 d4 11.e3 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 e4 14.Bg2 d3 15.Nd2 Nc6 16.Rc1 b6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxe4 Bg7 19.Nc3 Rc8 20.Bxc6 Rxc6 1-0 Alinasab,M (2321)-Liyanage,R (2342) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Early blitz 2023 (4) 1-0 Alinasab,M (2321)-Liyanage,R (2342) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (4) 21.Nd5 Qd7 22.Kg2 Qf5 23.Qd2 Bh6 24.Rcd1 Qe4+ 25.Kh2 Qf3 26.Qxd3 Bg7 27.Kg1 h5 28.h4 Be5 29.e4 Qg4 30.Kg2 Rce6 31.Qf3

Bb8 32.Nf6+ Rxf6 33.Qxf6 Qxe4+ 34.Qf3 Qe6 35.Rfe1 Qxe1 1-0 Alingh Prins,J-Devriese,J NED-ch17 corr 1987 1-0 Alingh Prins,J-Devriese,J NED-ch17 corr Netherlands 1987]

6...c6 7.Nbd2 a5 8.Ne5

[RR 8.Re1 Bf5 9.Qb3 Na6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.a3 Qc7 12.Nb1 Bc2 13.Qb5 Qc8 14.Bf4 Nc7 15.Bxc7 Qxc7 16.Nc3 Qd6 17.Ne5 Rfd8 18.Rac1 Bf5 19.e3 Qa6 20.Qxa6 Rxa6 21.Na4 Nd7 22.Nxd7 Bxd7 Illescas Cordoba,M (2617)-Salgado Lopez,I (2619) Linares 2014 ½-½ (52)]

8...a4! now scores much better than the old 8...Ng4. punktet besser als das ältere 8...Sg4.

[RR 8...Ng4 9.Nxg4 Bxg4 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.h3 Bf5 12.g4 Bd7 13.Bxd5 Bc6 14.Bxc6 Nxc6 15.Nf3 Nxd4 16.Be3 Nxf3+ 17.exf3 b5 18.Qe2 Qd5 19.Rfd1 Qb7 20.Bd4 Rfd8 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rac1 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Jobava,B (2721)-Mamedyarov,S (2726) Tbilisi 2012 0-1 (52)]

[RR 8...Ng4 9.Ndf3 Nxe5 10.dxe5 dxc4 11.Qc2 Be6 12.Ng5 Qc8 13.f4 Na6 14.Bd2 Nb4 15.Qc1 b5 16.a3 Nd5 17.a4 Bg4 18.axb5 cxb5 19.Rf2 Qc5 20.h3 Bd7 21.Bxa5 b4 22.Bxd5 Qxd5 23.Bxb4 Jelcic,M (2196)-Cansu,B (2014) Konjic 2023 ½-½ (52)]

9.e3 Nbd7 10.f4 -0.47/20

[10.Nd3= 0.00/20 was preferrable.]

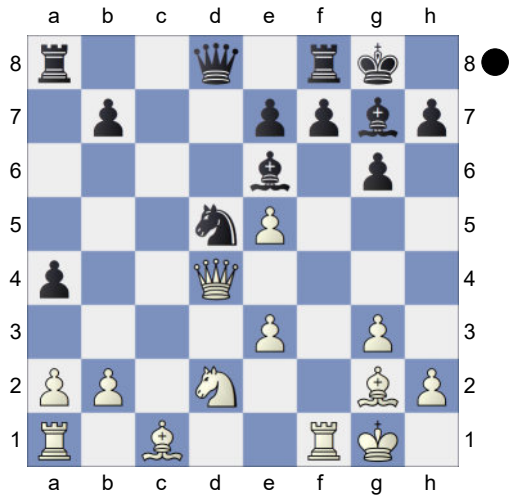
10...c5N

[Predecessor: 10...Qa5 11.Kh1 e6 12.Qc2 Qa6 13.Rb1 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ng4 15.Re1 f6 16.exf6 Nxf6 ½-½ Mamedyarov,S (2770)-Kamsky,G (2665) Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Apr blitz 2021 (5)]

[RR 10...Qa5 11.Kh1 e6 12.Qc2 Qa6 13.Rb1 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ng4 15.Re1 f6 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.b3 e5 18.fxe5 Ng4 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Bxd5+ Kh8 21.Nc4 Be6 22.Bg2 axb3 23.axb3 Rac8 24.Qe2 Rf2 25.Qd3 Mamedyarov,S (2770)-Kamsky,G (2665) Chess.com INT 2021 ½-½]

11.cxd5 cxd4 12.Ndc4 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Nxd5 14.Qxd4 Be6 ...Nd5-b4 would now be deadly. **15.Nd2** -1.60/19

[⌓15.Bd2 -1.03/20]



15...Qb6 -1.15/20 **16.Nf3 Qxd4 17.exd4 h6** Repels Nf3-g5 **18.Bd2 Rfc8 19.Rfc1** Against Rc8-c2 **19...Nb6 20.Ne1 Bd5** -0.07/21

[20...Rd8∓ -0.53/21 feels stronger. 21.Be3 *(21.Bxb7 Rab8∓)* 21...f6 22.exf6 Bxf6]

21.Bxd5= Nxd5 22.Kf2 f6 23.Nd3 b6

[23...b5 simplifies 24.Rxc8+ Rxc8 25.Rc1 Rxc1 26.Bxc1 Kf7]

24.Kf3 Kf7 25.Ke4 e6 26.Nf4 fxe5

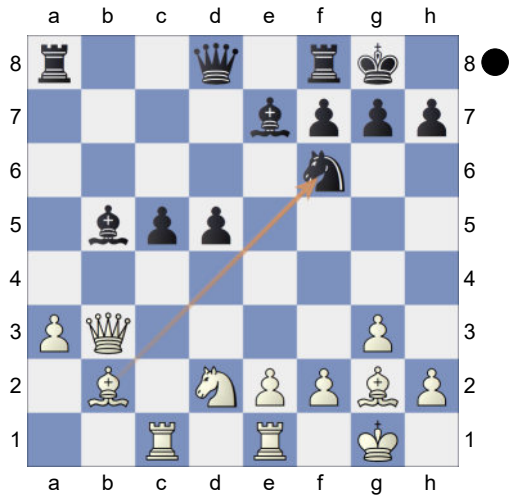
[26...b5 looks sharper. 27.g4 Nb6 28.exf6 Bxf6 29.Bb4 Rc4]

27.dxe5 Nxf4 28.Bxf4 b5 29.Be3 Ke8 30.b3 0.01/23

[30.b4± 0.43/22]
30...Bf8! The position is equal. **31.Rxc8+ Rxc8 32.Rf1 Bg7** Inhibits Rf1-f6. **33.Rd1 Bf8** Wards off Rd1-d6 **34.Rf1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

201 **E06**
□ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2603**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2734**
Sharjah Masters 6th (7) 23.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Qc2 b6! now scores much better than the old 7...Nbd7. punktet besser als das ältere 7...Sbd7. now scores much better than the old 7...Nbd7.punktet besser als das ältere 7...Sbd7. **8.Nbd2 c5 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.b3**
[RR 10.cxd5 exd5 11.e4 Nc6 12.a3 Ba6 13.Re1 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Bd3 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Qxc5 Na5 17.Bf4 Nb3 18.Qe3 Nxa1 19.Rxa1 Bb5 20.Ne5 Rc8 21.Qxa7 g5 22.Qb7 Rb8 23.Nxf7 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Rd7 Petrosyan,M (2569)-Vallejo Pons,F (2716) Batumi 2018 0-1 (53)]
10...Nc6N
[10...Bb7 11.Bb2 Nbd7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Rad1 Re8 14.Nb1 Bf8 15.e3 Rc8 16.Nc3 Qa5 17.Qd2 Qa6 18.Rfe1 c4 19.Bf1 Nc5 20.Nd4 Nce4 21.Qc2 Nxc3 22.Bxc3 Ne4 23.Rb1 h5 24.Ba1 h4 25.f3 1-0 Keymer,V (2721)-Erdos,V (2557) EU-chT 24th Budva 2023 (2.1)]
[RR 10...Bb7 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Ne5 Na6 13.Bb2 Re8 14.Rfe1 Nb4 15.Qb1 a5 16.a3 Na6 17.Qf5 Nc7 18.Rad1 Qc8 19.Qxc8 Rexc8 20.Ndc4 Rcb8 21.Nb6 ½-½ (21) Nemeth,Z (2326)-Chylewski,P (2324) Budapest 2025]
11.Bb2 Bb7 12.Ne5N
[Vorgänger: 12.e3 Rc8 13.Rfd1 Qb6 14.Rac1 Nb4 15.Qb1 Rfd8 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Ng5 h6 18.Bxf6 -1.26/20 *(18.Nh3!=* 0.01/18 *)* 18...Bxf6 1-0 De Filomeno,S (2450)-Niezhentsev,K (2052) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2022 (17)]
[RR 12.e3 Rc8 13.Rfd1 Qb6 14.Rac1 Nb4 15.Qb1 Rfd8 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Ng5 h6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.Nh3 Nxa2 21.Ra1 Bxa1 22.Rxa1 Nb4 23.Nf4 Qf6 24.Rxa7 Bc6 25.Qh8# 1-0 (25) De Filomeno,S (2450)-Niezhentsev,K (2052) Katowice 2022]
12...Nb4 13.Qb1 a5 14.cxd5 exd5 15.a3 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Qc2 Bb5 18.Rfe1 a4 19.Rac1 0.01/18
[19.e4± 0.45/20]
19...axb3 20.Qxb3



Bb2xf6! would now be deadly. **20...Ba4** 0.43/19
[20...c4= 0.07/19 should be

considered. 21.Qa2 *(21.Qxb5 Rb8∓)* 21...Qd7]

21.Qf3± c4 0.66/20

[21...Rc8= 0.21/17]

22.e4! dxe4 1.05/19

[22...Rb8± 0.67/21 23.Be5 dxe4 24.Nxe4 Rc8]

23.Nxe4± Rc8 24.Bh3 Rc7 25.Be5 Nxe4! 26.Qxe4

[Wrong is 26.Bxc7? Ng5 27.Bxd8 Nxf3+ 28.Kh1 Bxd8-+]

26...Bd6 27.Rxc4 Bxe5 28.Rxa4 Bc3 Black is weak on the light squares

29.Rc1 g6 30.Qf3 White is more active.

30...Qd2 31.Rd1 Qc2 32.Re4 Ra7 33.Qd3 Qxd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless)

½-½

202 **D38**

□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2731**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2730**

Armageddon Asia&Oceania L blitz (3.3)

[Raven Sturt,TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Bf5

[7...0-0 8.e3 Bf5 9.Qb3 was Duda -- Vazquez, 1-0, 2021, check the archives.]

8.e3 Nbd7 9.Ne5N A new move for our site and according to my database, a novelty. Normally 9.Qb3 enjoys the strongest popularity with the majority of games seeing that continuation. As we'll address the move is not particularly strong and in longer time controls will likely never be employed. Black can just play a thematic idea and be better so apart from in really short time controls like blitz, I don't see the value of such a venture.

[9.Qb3 Ba5 10.Be2 was excellently analyzed by Illingworth in Kovalenko -- Wojtaszek, 1/2, 2016, check the archives.]

[9.Bd3?! Bxd3 10.Qxd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 was Devaev -- Bluebaum, 0-1, 2022. Granted it was Titled Tuesday. Weirdly enough in spite of 9.Bd3 only having been played in three games, this position has been reached several dozen times through transposition. Black's score is above 50% and it makes sense since he should have absolutely 0 problems in this Carlsbad with the light squared bishops traded. I believe he scores better than 50% since the White players who are playing Bd3 are clearly looking to vacuum off pieces and avoid a complex battle.]

[RR 9.Be2 c6 10.Qb3 Qb6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Bg3 Qxb3 13.axb3 ½-½ (13) Berkes,F (2681)-Brkic,A (2573) Schwarzach 2019]

[RR 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c6 11.0-0 0-0 12.a3 Be7 13.b4 a6 14.Rfb1 b5 15.a4 Re8 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.a5 Be7 18.Qc2 Bd6 19.Ne2 Rc8 20.Nc1 Nf6 21.Nd3 Ne4 22.Rb2 Bf8 23.Nc5 Nxc5 Vachier Lagrave,M (2765)-Anand,V (2791) Shamkir 2015 ½-½ (47)]

[RR 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Ne5 Re8 14.f4 Qd6 15.Ne2 Ne4 16.Ng3 Nxg3 17.hxg3 f6 18.Ng6 Re4 19.a3 Ba5 20.b4 Bc7 21.Nh4 Qe6 22.Rf3 Re8 23.Kf2 g5 Shaik,S (2317)-Svane,F (2651) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1]

[RR 9.Be2 c6 10.Qb3 Qb6 11.Nd2 0-0 12.0-0 Rae8 13.Bg3 c5 14.a3

Bxc3 15.bxc3 c4 16.Qa2 Qa5 17.Rfc1 b5 18.Bd1 Qb6 19.h3 Qc6 20.a4 a6 21.Qa3 ½-½ (21) Wunnink,M (2306)-Maatman,N (2364) Netherlands 2022]

9...c6?

[9...g5! 10.Bg3 *(10.Nxd7? just helps Black mobilize even quicker. Qxd7 11.Bg3 Ne4)* 10...Ne4 Who would look at this position and take White!

A) 11.Bd3 Nxc3 12.Qb3 the only move to hold on. *(12.bxc3 Bxc3+-+)* 12...Nxa2+ 13.Ke2 Be6 14.Qxa2∓;

B) 11.Qb3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 f6 14.Bg3 h5!∓ Is a dream position for every Ragozin player.;

C) 11.Nd3

C1) 11...Ba5!? 12.Rc1 c6 13.Be2 Qe7 In a way this might be better than 11...Bxc3+. The position is complex and while Stockfish insists on a precise path to equality the position seem much more uncomfortable. Black can consider rerouting the Bishop to c7 after an exchange on g3. Apparently White can go for 14.0-0 Nxg3 15.hxg3 h5 and he has enough to survive this but playing this at the board would take an unwavering confidence. An important point is the bishop cannot immediately go to c7 on pain of Nxd5. 16.b4! Initiating counterplay on the queenside as quickly as possible! Bxb4 *(16...Bb6 17.b5 Rh6!⇄ It's unclear who's attacking whom.; 16...Bc7?? 17.Nxd5+-)* 17.Nxb4 Qxb4 18.Qd2 Qe7 19.Rfe1∞;

C2) 11...Bxc3+ is the classic way to seize the initiative. 12.bxc3 h5∓ is also uncomfortable for White.]

10.Nxd7 And he got away with it!

10...Bxd7

[Interestingly Black can accept the hideous structure and maintain fine chances after 10...Qxd7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Rc1 Rg8 13.a3 Bd6 14.Na4 Be4 The computer insists White is slightly better but the lines it gives aren't human at all, so unclear seems like a fair assessment.]

11.Bd3 0-0 12.0-0 Be7 13.Qb3 Qb6 14.Qc2

[14.Qxb6 axb6 15.a4 was also interesting. g5 16.Bg3 Ne8!? 17.f3 h5∞]

14...Rfe8 The game is level and after a prolonged struggle, White went on to win. **15.Rae1 Nh5 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.b4 a6 18.Na4 Qc7 19.Nc5 Rae8 20.Rc1 Nf6 21.h3 Bc8 22.a4 Qd6 23.Qb2 Nh7 24.b5 axb5 25.axb5 Ng5 26.h4 Ne4 27.bxc6 bxc6 28.Nxe4 dxe4 29.Be2 Qf6 30.h5 Bd7 31.Rc5 Qh4 32.Ra1 Re6 33.Ra7 Rf6 34.Bf1 Bf5 35.Raa5 Qxh5 36.Qb7 Qg6 37.Ra6 Kh7 38.Raxc6 Rxc6 39.Rxc6 Re6 40.Rc5 Rb6 41.Qc7 Rb1 42.Rc1 Rxc1 43.Qxc1 Qd6 44.Qd2 h5 45.Qa5 Bg6 46.Qg5 f6 47.Qb5 h4 48.Be2 f5 49.Qc5 Qf6 50.d5 Bf7 51.d6 Be6 52.Bb5 Qa1+ 53.Kh2 Qb2 54.d7 Qxf2 55.Qe5 h3 56.Kxh3 f4+ 57.Kh2 Qg3+ 58.Kg1 Qxe3+ 59.Kh1 Qe1+ 60.Kh2 Qh4+ 61.Kg1 Qe1+ 62.Bf1 Qe3+ 63.Kh1**

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203 **D38**
□ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2694**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**
Bundesliga 2223 (12.5) 01.04.2023
[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 Ne4 7.Rc1 0-0
[7...Nc6]
8.e3
[RR 8.h4 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rb1 c5 11.Qa4 Bf5 12.Rb3 c4 13.Rxa3 Nc6 14.Ne5 Qb6 15.f3 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Qb2 17.Kf2 Rfe8 18.g4 Bc2 19.Qb4 Qc1 20.Bg2 Qd2 21.Qb2 1-0 (21) Maghsoodloo,P (2706)-Serban,C (2332) Chess.com INT 2025]
8...c5 9.Bd3
[9.dxc5 Nd7 10.Qxd5= Ndxc5]
9...Nc6
[9...Nd7]
[RR 9...cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.c4 Be6 16.cxd5 cxd5 17.Qa4 Rfd8 18.Rfd1 Rab8 19.Be2 Qb4 20.Qxa7 Ra8 21.Qd4 Qxd4 22.Rxd4 Rxa2 23.Bf3 f5 24.h4 Fus,J (2425)-Costache,A (1973) Eforie Nord 2025 ½-½ (39)]
10.0-0 Nxc3N Hardly a home preparation, rather an attempt to avoid the well-forgotten theory.
[RR 10...Re8 11.dxc5 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bxc5 13.Ng5 g6 14.Qf3 Qd7 15.Rfd1 Ne5 16.Qg3 Nxd3 17.Rxd3 Qf5 18.Rcd1 Be6 19.Qh4 h5 20.h3 Be7 21.Rd4 Qf6 22.g4 Qh8 23.Qg3 Bf6 24.e4 Bxd4 25.Rxd4 Johansson,L (2463)-Kaasen,T (2462) Fagernes 2023 ½-½ (34)]
[RR 10...Re8 11.dxc5 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bxc5 13.h3 h6 14.Bb1 Ne7 15.Qb3 Bd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Rfd1 Qb6 18.Qa4 Bf5 19.Bxf5 Nxf5 20.Rb1 Qc6 21.Qb3 Ne7 22.Qxb7 Qxc3 23.Rdc1 Qa5 24.Rc7 Nf5 25.Rd1 Mendonca,L (2562)-Visakh,N (2506) chess24.com INT 2022 1-0 (53)]
11.bxc3 Ba3 12.Rb1 c4 Logical: a counterblow in the centre in reply to a flank attack. **13.Bc2 f5 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Rf7 16.f3**
[16.e4]
16...Be6
[16...a6]
17.e4 fxe4?! Too aggressive. Black's king will be unsafe on the queenside.
[There was nothing wrong with 17...Qd7∞ 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Bxf5 Rxf5! is now favorable for White. ⌓20.f4]
18.fxe4? White misses a good opportunity: **18...Rxf1+ 19.Qxf1 Qd7 20.Qe2 Qc6** Black has consolidated his position and got excellent counter-chances.
[20...Re8 21.h4+- →]
21.Qh5?!
[21.exd5 Bxd5 22.Bxg7+- → Kxg7 23.Qe5+ Kg8 24.Qg5+ Kh8 25.Qf5±]
21...dxe4 But this is not the best place for Black's king. **22.Qg5 Bf8 23.Rf1 Bf7??** This blunder is a consequence of Black's inaccurate 21st move. **24.h4!** That's it. Black simply loses his crucial a4 pawn. **24...Qg6 25.Qf4 Bd5 26.h5 Qxh5**
[26...Qe6 27.Bxe4 Bxe4 28.Qxe4]
27.Bxe4 Bc6 Desperation. **28.Rf3 Qe8**
[28...Bxe4→ 29.Qxe4]
29.d5! Bd7 30.d6 Be6
[30...Bc6 31.Bxc6 *(31.Bxh7+ Kxh7 32.Qh4+ Kg8 33.Qxc4+ Kh7*

34.Rh3+ Kg6 35.Qg4+∓ Kf7!? 36.Qf5+ Kg8∓ 37.Rh4!? was safer *Rd8!* , e.g. *38.Qh7+ Kf7 39.Rf4+ Ke6 40.Qf5+ Kd5 41.Bf6+ Kxd6 42.Bxd8)* 31...bxc6 32.Qxc4+ Kh8 33.Qd4 Qd7 34.c4]

31.Qh4 h6 32.Rg3 Bf5 33.Qf6 Black can't successfully stop White's f6 pawn.

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204 **D85**

□ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2694**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**

Bundesliga 2223 (12.5) 01.04.2023

[Krasenkow,Michal, TA]*

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3 **1.d4** Krasenkow,Michal Krasenkow,Michal Flear,Glenn **1...Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bb5+ c6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 a5 10.Ne2**

[As you can see in the archives, 10.Nf3 (Flear,Glenn) was played in Carlsen, M - Vachier-Lagrave, M Stavanger 2022.]

[RR 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 a4 12.Bc2 c5 13.Rb1 Bg4 14.e5 Nc6 15.Be4 Rc8 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bd3 cxd4 19.Bxb5 dxc3 20.Qxc3 Qd5 21.Bxa4 Qxa2 22.Ra1 Nxe5 23.Rxa2 Rxc3 24.Bd2 Rcc8 Carlsen,M (2864)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2750) Stavanger 2022 ½-½ (79)]

10...Na6N Flear,Glenn: 'A curious-looking choice and one might well ask the question: Why place the knight on the edge? After playing through what follows, in the notes, I get the impression that the queen's action from d8 down to d4 is worth retaining at it's full value for now, and this shows up in certain lines. Even so, there is no consensus here as yet.' Hardly a home preparation, rather an attempt to avoid the well-forgotten theory.Krasenkow, Michal: 'Hardly a home preparation, rather an attempt to avoid the well-forgotten theory.'

[Flear,Glenn: 'The most popular choice has been the immediate' 10...a4 11.Bc2 Flear,Glenn: 'and then'

A) or Krasenkow,Michal: 'or' 11...c5 12.Rb1 0-0 13.Be3 Ba6= 14.Bd3?! -0.62/19 *(14.dxc5=* 0.04/21 *Nd7 15.0-0)* 14...b4∓ 15.Bxa6 Nxa6 16.dxc5 bxc3∓ -0.72/21 0-1 (61) Malakhatko,V (2524)-Azmaiparashvili,Z (2670) Ohrid 2001 CBM 084 [Krasenkow, Michal] Krasenkow,Michal: '0-1 (61) Malakhatko,V (2524)-Azmaiparashvili,Z (2670) Ohrid 2001 CBM 084 [Krasenkow, Michal]' *(⌓16...Qa5!* -1.11/22 *17.cxb4 Nxb4)*;

B) 11...0-0 Flear,Glenn: 'not deciding immediately on a route for the knight:' is the usual continuation for Black in this old system Krasenkow,Michal: 'is the usual continuation for Black in this old system'

B1) 12.Ba3 -0.26/22 12.0-0 0.24 Flear,Glenn Na6!? 13.0-0 c5! (looks good) 14.Rb1! Rb8 15.dxc5 -0.34/22 *(15.Bc1=* 0.09/20 *)* 15...Qc7∓ 16.Qd3 -0.68/21 *(⌓16.c6* -0.31/20 *)* 16...Rd8∓ 17.Qe3 Be6 18.Bd3! Qd7 Repels Ne2-d4 19.Nc1 Qc6 0.00/19 Korchnoi, V - Gulko, B Beersheba 1993, was fine for

Black whose pieces look the more dynamic *(19...Bxc3∓ -0.40/19* is superior. *20.Bxb5 Rxb5 21.Rxb5 Bc4 22.Qxc3 Bxb5)*;

B2) 12.0-0

B2a) 12...e5 (Flear,Glenn) (a sensible counter that had perhaps been 'forgotten about', but see the main game...)

B2a1) or after 13.Ba3 Re8 14.d5 Black was happy to trade:. Prevents Bc8-e6. cxd5 15.Qxd5 Qxd5 16.exd5 Ba6 0.00/21 *(*Better is *16...Bd7∓* -0.62/20 *)* 17.Rfe1= Nd7 18.Bb4 Rac8 0.16/20 *(⌓18...Nb6* -0.27/23 *19.Rad1 Bb7)* 19.Red1 -0.21/19 *(⌓19.Rad1* 0.16/20 *)* 19...Nf6 Long Yauca, J - Camacho Collados, M Mislata 2006, with easy play;

B2a2) 13.Be3 Be6 14.f4?! -0.25/20 *(* one should prefer *14.Bd3!* just keeping everything neat and tidy whilst rendering ...Bc4 less evident*; 14.Bd3±* 0.37/22 *)* 14...exd4= 15.Bxd4 Bc4 16.f5 -1.27/24 *(16.Re1=* -0.23/20 remains equal.*)* 16...Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Bxd4+ 18.cxd4 Qxd4+ 19.Kh1 Qe5! Gonda, L - Borisek, J Olbia 2008, and there was no compensation for the pawn.;

B2b) 12...c5

B2b1) 13.Rb1 Flear,Glenn Ba6 14.d5 0.00/19 *(14.Re1±* 0.36/19 *)* 14...Nd7= 15.h4 Qa5 0.38/22 *(15...h5=* -0.06/20 *)* 16.h5 b4 17.cxb4 cxb4 18.Bd2 Erigaisi, A - Duda, J Meltwater online rapid 2022, was a line that I examined via a different move order for ChessPublishing and decided last year that Rfb8 was fine for Black;

B2b2) 13.Be3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.Rb1 Prevents Nc6-b4. Ba6 16.d5?! *(⌓16.e5∞)* 16...Ne5 17.Nd4 Qd7! 18.Bf4 Nc4↑ 1-0 (61) Sokolov,I (2630)-Tseitlin,M (2545) Ljubljana 1995 Krasenkow,Michal: '1-0 (61) Sokolov,I (2630)-Tseitlin,M (2545) Ljubljana 1995']

[Most folk prefer to pass via d7: 10...0-0 Flear,Glenn 11.0-0 Nd7 12.e5 Nb6 13.h4 a4 14.Bc2 h5 (a slight concession, but otherwise the threat of h4-h5 is a nuisance) 15.Nf4 Nd5! 16.Nxd5 Qxd5 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Qe2 Parligras, M - Papadiamandis, E French league 2022, and now Be6! is fairly solid.]

[10...Nd7 Flear,Glenn 11.a4!? (a different plan, to loosen up the opponent's queenside) Nb6 12.0-0 bxa4 *(* a 'wait and see' policy is not bad: *12...0-0 13.Ba3 Qc7∞)* 13.Ba2 Ba6 14.Ba3 0-0 15.Re1 Qc7 16.Qc2 Rfd8 17.e5! Rab8 1.08/21 Mendonca, L - Skalsky, A Skalica 2020, and now White obtains the easier game with *(17...Bxe2±* 0.43/21 *18.Qxe2 e6)* 18.Ng3 with visions of heading to c5.]

[RR 10...c5 11.Be3 c4 12.Bc2 b4 13.Qd2 Nc6 14.Ba4 Bd7 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 bxc3 17.Nxc3 Bb7 18.Bd4 f6 19.Rb1 Ba6 20.0-0 Qd7 21.Rb6 0-0 22.Rfb1 Rfd8 23.Re6 Bb7 24.Qe3 Ra6 25.Rxa6 Ewald,A (2112)-Seel,C (2232) Willingen 2001 1-0 (37)]

[RR 10...0-0 11.0-0 b4 12.Be3 Ba6 13.cxb4 axb4 14.Rc1 Ra7 15.e5 Rc7 16.e6 f5 17.Re1 Bxe2 18.Rxe2 f4 19.Bd2 Qd6 20.Re4 Rb7 21.Qf3 g5 22.h4 h6 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.Rc5 Rb5 25.Rxb5 Stocek,J (2455)-Murko, D (2175) Pardubice 2025 1-0]

[RR 10...a4 11.Bc2 0-0 12.0-0 e5 13.Ba3 Re8 14.Qd2 Be6 15.Rfd1 Ra7 16.dxe5 Qxd2 17.Rxd2 Bxe5 18.f4 Bg7 19.Rad1 Rd7 20.Rxd7 Nxd7 21.e5 Nb8 22.Bb1 f6 23.Nd4 Bg4 24.Re1 fxe5 25.Bd6 Knaak,R-Pribyl,J Karlovy Vary 1973 0-1 (50)]

11.h4 a4 The position is equal. **12.Bc2 e5** Flear,Glenn: '!' Flear,Glenn: 'There is strong pressure on d4, enhanced by leaving the knight out of the view of Black's queen. This at least partially explains the Iranian's tenth move, but even with the knight still on b8 this type of advance seems playable, see the note to Black's tenth move for an analogous line after he opts for 12...e5.' Logical: a counterblow in the centre in reply to a flank attack.Krasenkow,Michal: 'Logical: a counterblow in the centre in reply to a flank attack.' **13.h5 Be6 14.Be3 exd4 15.Bxd4**

[In the case of 15.cxd4 (Flear,Glenn) I suspect that Nb4! would have appeared on the board (another point behind 10...Na6).]

15...Bxd4

[⌓15...0-0

A) 16.h6 0.00/23 16.Qd1-d3 0.44 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 -0.81/21 *(17.Qxd4= 0.08/20 Qxd4 18.Nxd4)* 17...Bc4!∓ 18.Nxc6 -1.28/20 *(⌓18.Qd2 -0.74/19)* 18...Qc7!∓ 19.Nd4 *(19.Qd4 f6!)* 19...Rad8→;

B) 16.Qc1 Nb4!;

C) 16.Qd2 c5! 17.Bxg7 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Kxg7=]

16.Nxd4 Qf6N

[Flear,Glenn: 'Probably, the right continuation involves' 16...Bc4 Flear,Glenn: '!' Flear,Glenn: '(cutting out 0-0 for the moment)'

A) 17.hxg6 Flear,Glenn fxg6 and despite having to recapture away from the centre Black is not under serious pressure. If then 18.Nxc6 -0.08/21 *(18.Bd3± 0.40/19 is more appropriate. Bxd3 19.Qxd3)* 18...Qc7!= 19.Nd4 0-0 there will be good piece play for the pawn.;

B) 17.Nxc6 Qc7 1.12/18 *(17...Qxd1+!± 0.36/20 18.Kxd1 Rc8)* 18.Qd4! is now favorable for White. Krasenkow,Michal: 'is now favorable for White.']

17.0-0 Threatens to win with e4-e5.

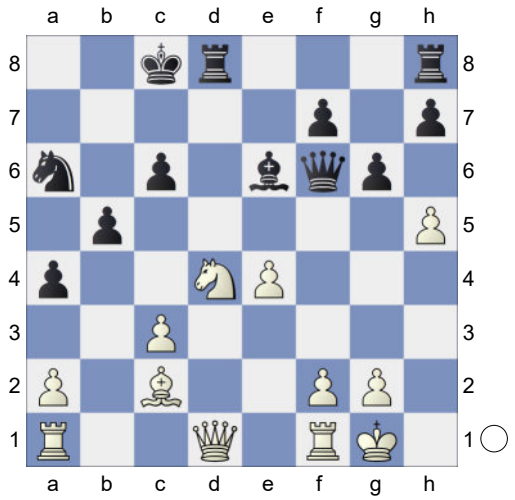
[17.Nxc6? Qxc3+ 18.Kf1 Qxc6-+]

17...0-0-0?! 1.21/19 Krasenkow,Michal: 'Too aggressive. Black's king will be unsafe on the queenside.'

[There was nothing wrong with Krasenkow,Michal: 'There was nothing wrong with' 17...0-0∞]

[17...0-0± 0.55/21]

(Diagram)



Flear,Glenn: 'Well, we don't see long castling that often in the Gr□nfeld and it's often worth pointing out the motivation, but this is still a questionable decision where losing the initiative could be serious for Black. Arguably, White's h-pawn push doesn't have the same effect when the opposing king isn't in that area of the board, but Black has been pushing pawns on the wing where his king is installed. So, in my opinion, if he wanted a less rocky ride, he really should have gone short instead anyway.' Too aggressive. Black's king will be unsafe on the queenside. **18.Qe2?** -0.29/17 White misses a good opportunity: Flear,Glenn: '?!'Krasenkow,Michal: 'White misses a good opportunity:'

[Flear,Glenn: 'Instead of the text move, the engine prefers' 18.Bxa4! Flear,Glenn: '!?' , e.g.Krasenkow,Michal: ', e.g.' Bc4 *(18...c5?* 3.37/19 18...Rh8-e8 1.07 *19.Bxb5 Nc7 20.Qc2 cxd4 21.cxd4+- →* Krasenkow,Michal: ' →'*; 18...gxh5 19.Bb3 c5 20.Bxe6+ fxe6 21.Qf3±; 18...bxa4?* 3.58/18 18...g6xh5 0.97 *19.Qxa4+- →* Krasenkow,Michal: ' →'*)* 19.Qg4+ Kc7 1.93/18 *(19...Kb7 20.Rfb1; 19...Kb7±* 1.17/22 *)* 20.Qg3++- Qd6 21.e5 Qe7 22.Bb3 Bxf1 23.Rxf1→]

[and (for that matter) 18.Re1 0.46/17 18.Bc2xa4 1.10 (Flear,Glenn) when it seems that Black isn't threatening ... c5, as, for example, c5 1.92/20 *(18...Nc5!±* 0.46/17 *)* 19.e5+- Qh4 20.g3 Qh3 21.Qf3! cxd4 22.Qa8+ Nb8 23.Be4 leaves White's attack looking highly dangerous. Repels Be6-d5]

[White should play 18.Bxa4!± 1.21/19 Ba4-b3 is the strong threat. Rhe8 *(18...bxa4 19.Qxa4 Nc7 20.Rab1+-)* 19.Bb3]

18...Bc4= 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Rhe8 Black has consolidated his position and got excellent counter-chances. Krasenkow,Michal: 'Black has consolidated his position and got excellent counter-chances.'

[No points for 20...c5?? 4.93/18 20...Rh8-e8 -0.30 Flear,Glenn 21.Qxb5 cxd4 22.cxd4 as White then has a winning attack.]

21.f4?!

[21.Qe3!? was safer Krasenkow,Michal: 'was safer']

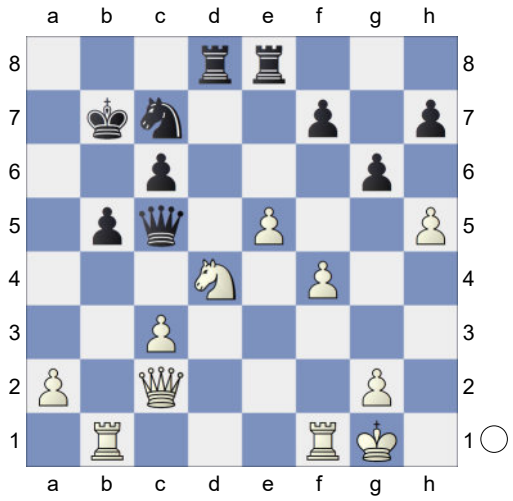
21...Kb7 But this is not the best place for Black's king.Krasenkow,Michal: 'But this is not the best place for Black's king.'

[21...Qe7!? 22.e5 Qc5∓]

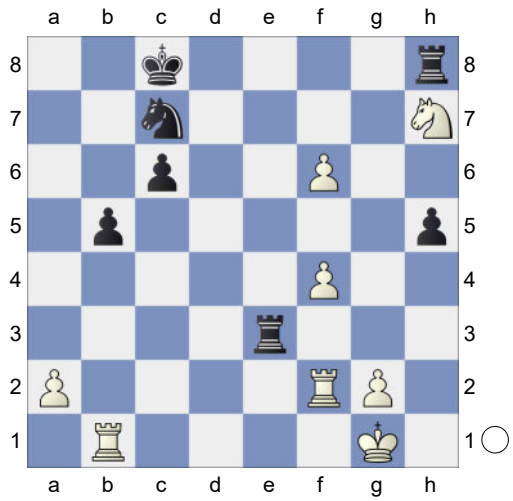
22.e5 Qe7 23.Rab1 Nc7 1.46/21 Flear,Glenn: '?' This blunder is a consequence of Black's inaccurate 21st move. Krasenkow,Michal: '??' '??' Krasenkow,Michal: 'This blunder is a consequence of Black's inaccurate 21st move.'

[Flear,Glenn: 'Superior is' 23...Qc5! Flear,Glenn: ' ∞!' Flear,Glenn: 'when the wing holds together and the result

would be far from evident to predict.' 24.Kh2 Nc7∓]
[23...Qc5!∓ -0.63/20 stays ahead.]
24.Qc4!↑ Flear,Glenn: 'A strong move using a pin to win a pawn.'. White has strong initiative. Black is on the road to losing. That's it. Black simply loses his crucial a4 pawn. Krasenkow,Michal: '!' '!' Krasenkow,Michal: 'That's it. Black simply loses his crucial a4 pawn.'
24...Qd7 25.Qxa4 White is more active.
25...Qd5 26.Qc2 Qc5 2.15/18
[Nor does 26...Qc4 (Flear,Glenn) impress due to the simple. ...Rd8xd4 would now be deadly. 27.Nb3±]
[26...Qc4± 1.55/17 is a better defense. 27.Qb3 Qxb3 28.Nxb3 *(28.axb3 b4±)* 28...Ra8]



27.Rf2!+- Flear,Glenn: 'Unpinning in two different ways. There is nothing doing for Black here as potential compensation, so he decides to throw more wood on the fire.' **27...f6** Desperation.Krasenkow, Michal: 'Desperation.' **28.exf6** Black must now prevent a2-a4.
[28.hxg6?! fxe5 29.Nb3 Qb6 30.gxh7 Re7+-]
28...Re3 29.Nb3! Flear,Glenn: 'The c-pawn is abandoned, but the knight can in return hop around to its heart's content.'
[29.hxg6 Rxc3 30.Nb3 Rxc2±]
29...Qxc3 4.03/22
[⌓29...Qd6 2.78/17 30.Qd2 *(30.hxg6 hxg6 31.Qd2 Ree8+-)* 30...Qxd2 31.Rxd2 *(31.Nxd2 Rf8+-)* 31...Nd5 32.hxg6 *(32.c4 bxc4 33.hxg6 hxg6+-)* 32...hxg6]
30.Nc5+
[Less strong is 30.hxg6 hxg6 31.Qxc3 *(31.Qxg6? Re1+ 32.Rxe1* Remove Defender *Qxe1+ 33.Kh2 Qxf2-+)* 31...Rxc3+-]
30...Kc8 31.Qxc3 Deflection
[Weaker is 31.hxg6 hxg6 32.Qxc3 Rxc3+-]
31...Rxc3 32.Ne4 Re3 33.Ng5 Flear,Glenn: 'The passed f-pawn, supported by the knight, becomes a prized weapon.' Black can't successfully stop White's f6 pawn.Krasenkow,Michal: 'Black can't successfully stop White's f6 pawn.' **33...gxh5 34.Nxh7 Rh8**



35.f7! White is clearly winning. **35...Ne6 36.f5 Nf8 37.Ng5 Rg3 38.Ne6** Flear,Glenn: 'Seven moves out of the last ten by this knight have done the business, Black is helpless.'. aiming for Rb1-d1.

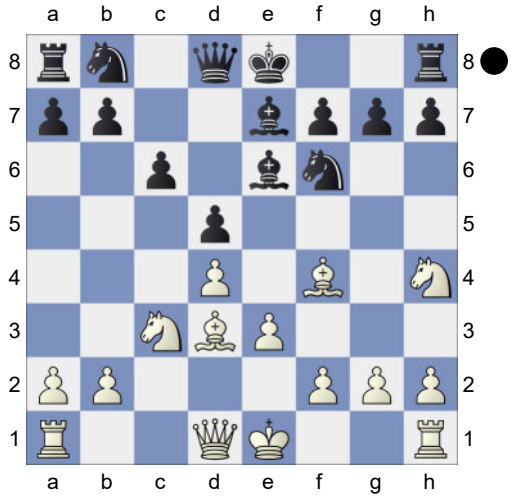
[But not 38.Ne4 Re3 39.Ng5 Kb7]
38...Kd7 7.05/20
[⌓38...Rd3 4.97/19 39.Re1 Rd7]
39.Re2 Nh7 40.Rd1+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=0.40
1-0

205 **D02**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2660**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2703**
Tashkent Kasimdzhanov Cup-A 1st (8)
[Kitty Kat]*

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 Bf4 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4N**
[3.g3 c5 *(3...g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Nxc6 bxc6* 28) 1.d4 d5 - Remaining Nonse-3.g3 & 6.b3*)* 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 ½-½ 10. ♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th 1999 (6.2)]
[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]
[3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rfd1 Rc8 12.Rac1 Qe7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Ne4 Bb8 15.Ne5 Nf8 16.Qh5 f6 17.Nc4 Nb4 0-1 Laxman,R (2378)-Swayham,P (1902) Bikaner op 1st 2022 (1)]
3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 e6 6.c3 Bd6 6...cxd4 is more fashionable. 6...cxd4 ist modischer.6...cxd4 is more fashionable. 6...cxd4 ist modischer. **7.Bg3 0-0 8.Bb5 Bxg3 9.hxg3 Qb6 10.Qa4** The position is equal. **10...cxd4 11.exd4 Bd7 12.0-0 Ne5 13.Bxd7 Nexd7 14.Qc2N**
[RR 14.Qb3 Qc7 15.a4 Ng4 16.Rfe1 Rae8 17.Re2 a6 18.a5 Kh8 19.Qb4 f5 20.Rae1 Rf6 21.Ng5 Nf8 22.Nxe6 Nxe6 23.Rxe6 Rfxe6 24.Rxe6 Qf7 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Nf3 h6 27.Ne5 Nxe5 28.dxe5 Qxe5 Prohaszka,P (2596)-Khamitskiy,S (2287) Minsk 2017 1-0 (39)]
14...h6N
[Predecessor: 14...Rfe8 15.Rfe1 Qc7 16.Qd3 h6 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.Ndf3 a6 19.g4 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Ne4 ½-½ (43) Reichgeld,M (2262)-Rodney,R (1656) ICCF email 2019]
15.a4 a6 16.a5 Qc7 17.Ne1 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nef3 Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 Rfe8 21.Qb3 g6 22.Rfe1 Kg7 23.Nd4 h5 24.Qb4 Rxe1+ 0.32/19
[24...Rac8= -0.12/21 deserves consideration.]
25.Rxe1± Re8 Against Re1-e7 **26.Rxe8 Nxe8±** Endgame. KQN-KQN **27.Nc2! Nf6 28.Ne3** Repels Nf6-g4 **28...Qe5 29.Qxb7 d4 30.cxd4 Qxa5 31.Qb3** White is more active. **31...Qe1+ 32.Nf1 a5 33.f3 Qe2** 1.22/22
[33...Qc1± 0.68/22]
34.Qc3 a4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

206 **D37**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2730**
■ **Kasimdzhanov,R** **2667**
1st Kasimdzhanov Masters rapid (5.2)
[Kitty Kat]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.e3 Bf5 8.Nh4! outshines the older 8.Bd3. erfolgreicher als das alte 8.Ld3.
[8.h3 - 101/322]
8...Be6
[RR 8...Bg4 9.Qc2 Nh5 10.h3 Be6 11.Nf3 Nxf4 12.exf4 Bd6 13.g3 g6 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Kf1 Qf6 16.Kg2 0-0 17.h4 c5 18.Nb5 Be7 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Nbd4 Rac8 21.h5 Ne4 22.Qe2 Bc5 23.Nxe6 Maghsoodloo,P (2742)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2771) Samarkand 2023 1-0 (57)]
[RR 8...Be4 9.Be2 h6 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.0-0 Qd7 12.g4 Nd5 13.Nf5 Nxf4 14.exf4 Bf6 15.Qc2 0-0 16.Qxe4 Re8 17.Qf3 Na6 18.Bxa6 bxa6 19.Rac1 Re6 20.Rfd1 Rd8 21.h4 g6 22.Nxh6+ Kg7 23.g5 Maghsoodloo,P (2677)-Tang,A (2529) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (32)]
9.Bd3 Diagram

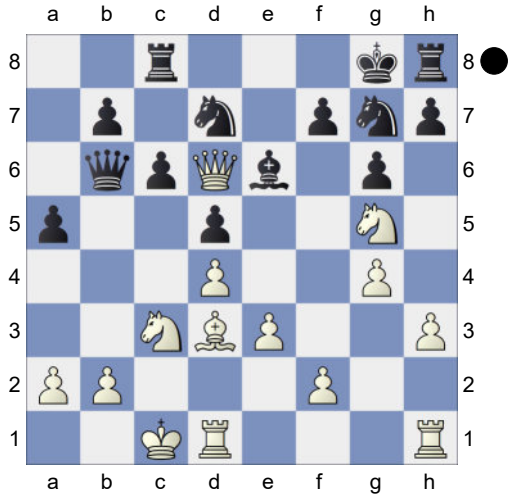


9...g6N
[Predecessor: 9...Ne4 10.Nf3 f5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Ne5 0-0 13.f3 Nef6 14.Qc2 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Nd7 1-0 (51) Caruana,F (2758)-Kravtsiv,M (2598) Chess.com INT 2022]
[9...Nbd7]
10.Nf3 Nh5N
[RR 10...Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nbd7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rab1 a5 15.Rfc1 Re8 16.Qd1 Nf8 17.a3 Bd6 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.b4 axb4 20.axb4 b5 21.Bxb5 cxb5 22.Nxb5 Qb6 23.Nc7 Ne6 24.Nxe8 Nxe8 25.Qc2 Rustemov,A (2525)-Drygalov,A (2431) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (34)]
[RR 10...Qb6 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.0-0 Nh5 13.Bh6 Bg4 14.Nd2 Bf8 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 16.b4 Nhf6 17.b5 Kg7 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Rfc1 Rab8 20.h3 Be6 21.Rab1 Qa5 22.Nb3 Qa3 23.Ne2 Rhc8 24.Nf4 a5 25.Qd2 Mekhitarian,K (2564)-Drygalov,A (2431) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (55)]
11.Bh6
[11.Be5 f6 *(11...0-0 12.h3 Nd7 13.Bh2 Ng7 14.0-0 Bf5=)* 12.Bg3 Nd7 13.0-0 0-0=]
11...Nd7 12.h3 Bf8?!
[12...Ndf6
A) 13.Ng5 Ng8 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Bf4 Nxf4 16.exf4 Bd6 *(16...Nh6 17.Qd2 Nf5=)* 17.Qd2 Qf6 18.Ne2 Ne7=;
B) 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 *(14...Nxf6=)* 15.0-0 0-0=]
13.Bxf8 Kxf8 14.g4
[14.b4!?]
14...Ng7 15.Qb3
[15.Qd2!?]
15...Qb6
[15...Qf6 16.Be2 Nb6 17.0-0-0±]
[15...Rb8 16.Qa3+ Kg8 17.0-0-0 *(17.Qxa7?! h5 18.Rg1 hxg4*

19.hxg4 b5≅) 17...h5 18.Qd6!?±]

16.Qa3+ Kg8 17.0-0-0 a5 18.Qd6 Rc8 19.Ng5 Diagram

[19.Qg3!? Qc7 20.Ne5±]



19...Qc7! 20.Qxc7

[20.Qe7 Ne5! 21.Qxc7 Nxd3+ 22.Kd2 Rxc7 23.Kxd3 h5=]

20...Rxc7 21.f4 Nf6 22.Rhg1

[22.Nxe6 Nxe6 23.f5 Ng7! 24.Rhf1 g5! 25.e4 dxe4 26.Nxe4 Nxe4 27.Bxe4 Ne8 28.f6 h5 29.Rf5 hxg4 30.hxg4 Kf8=]

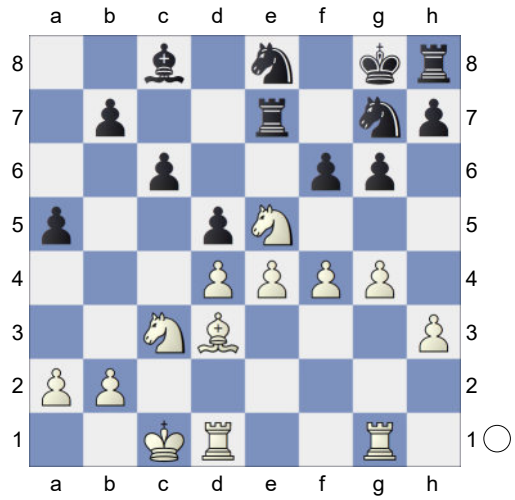
22...Bc8 23.Nf3 Re7 24.Ne5 Nfe8

[⌓24...Nge8=]

25.e4! f6?! Diagram

[25...Ne6 26.exd5 Nxf4 27.dxc6 bxc6 28.Nxc6 Rc7 29.d5±]

(Diagram)



26.exd5! fxe5 27.dxe5

[27.fxe5!?]

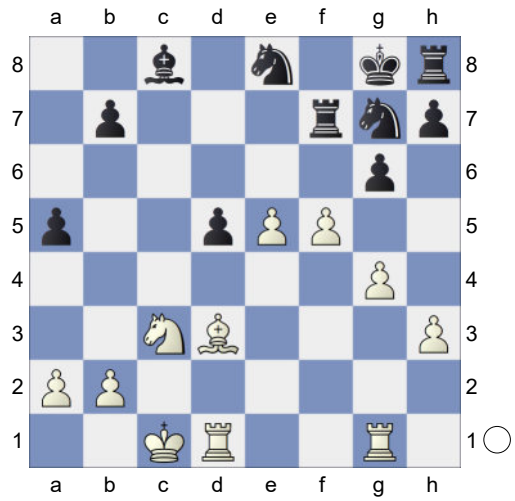
27...Rf7

[⌓27...cxd5 28.Nxd5±]

28.f5

[⌓28.d6 Rxf4 29.Bc2 Ne6 30.d7 Bxd7 31.Rxd7 Rf7 *(31...Nc5 32.e6!+-)* 32.Bb3 N8c7 33.Rxc7 *(33.Rgd1!?)* 33...Rxc7 *(33...Nxc7 34.Rd1+-)* 34.Bxe6+ Kg7 35.Re1+-]

28...cxd5 Diagram



29.Nxd5!

[29.fxg6? hxg6 30.Bxg6 *(30.Nxd5 Be6 31.Bxg6 Bxd5 32.Rxd5 Rc7+ 33.Kb1 Rxh3=)* 30...Rc7 31.Kb1 Be6=]

29...gxf5

[⌓29...Kf8]
30.gxf5 Bxf5 31.Bxf5 Rxf5 32.Ne7+ Kf7 33.Nxf5 Nxf5 34.Rd7+ Ke6 35.Rxb7+- Kxe5 36.Rb8 Nfd6 37.Rg5+?
[37.Ra8]
37...Ke6 38.Rxa5
[38.Rb3!?]
38...Rg8 39.a4 Rg1+ 40.Kc2 Rg2+?!
[40...Nf6±]
41.Kb1 Nc7?!
[41...Nf6]
42.Rh5 Rg7 43.Rb6 Kd7
[⌓43...Rd7]
44.a5+- Nc4 45.Rb4
[45.Rbh6!?]
45...Nd6 46.Ka2 Nc8 47.Rbh4 Ne7 48.Rxh7 Rg5 49.R4h5 Rg8 50.Re5 Ne6 51.Re3 Kd6 52.Rh6 Ng6 53.Rg3 Nef4 54.h4 Kc5 55.h5 Ne7 56.Rxg8 Nxg8 57.a6
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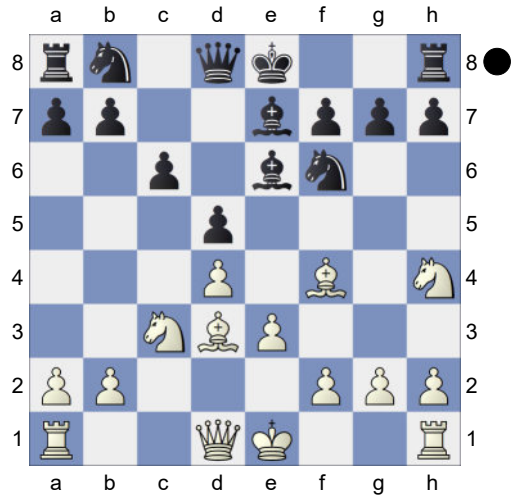
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2660**
■ **Kasimdzhanov,Rustam** **2662**
Tashkent Kasimdzhanov Cup-A 1st (5)
[TA]*

1.d4 Paunovic,Tomislav **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.e3 Bf5 8.Nh4!**
[8.h3 (Paunovic,Tomislav) - 101/322]
8...Be6
[RR 8...Bg4 9.Qc2 Nh5 10.h3 Be6 11.Nf3 Nxf4 12.exf4 Bd6 13.g3 g6 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Kf1 Qf6 16.Kg2 0-0 17.h4 c5 18.Nb5 Be7 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Nbd4 Rac8 21.h5 Ne4 22.Qe2 Bc5 23.Nxe6 Maghsoodloo,P (2742)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2771) Samarkand 2023 1-0 (57)]
[RR 8...Be4 9.Be2 h6 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.0-0 Qd7 12.g4 Nd5 13.Nf5 Nxf4 14.exf4 Bf6 15.Qc2 0-0 16.Qxe4 Re8 17.Qf3 Na6 18.Bxa6 bxa6 19.Rac1 Re6 20.Rfd1 Rd8 21.h4 g6 22.Nxh6+ Kg7 23.g5 Maghsoodloo,P (2677)-Tang,A (2529) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (32)]
9.Bd3 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Diagram



' **9...g6N** Paunovic,Tomislav: 'N' is a logical useful move. Black takes control on the square f5 and prepares Nh5.
[Predecessor: 9...Ne4 Paunovic,Tomislav 10.Nf3 f5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Ne5 0-0 13.f3 Nef6 14.Qc2 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Nd7 1-0 (51) Caruana,F (2758)-Kravtsiv,M (2598) Chess.com INT 2022]
[9...Nbd7 Paunovic,Tomislav]
10.Nf3
[After 10.h3 Nh5 11.Be5 0-0 12.Nf3 Nd7 13.Bh2 White has spent a lot of time for manoeuvering the knight and the bishop. Black exchanges the light-squarred bishops and equalizes the chances. Ng7 14.0-0 Bf5=]
10...Nh5N
[RR 10...Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nbd7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rab1 a5 15.Rfc1 Re8 16.Qd1 Nf8 17.a3 Bd6

18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.b4 axb4 20.axb4 b5 21.Bxb5 cxb5 22.Nxb5 Qb6 23.Nc7 Ne6 24.Nxe8 Nxe8 25.Qc2 Rustemov,A (2525)-Drygalov,A (2431) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (34)]

[RR 10...Qb6 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.0-0 Nh5 13.Bh6 Bg4 14.Nd2 Bf8 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 16.b4 Nhf6 17.b5 Kg7 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Rfc1 Rab8 20.h3 Be6 21.Rab1 Qa5 22.Nb3 Qa3 23.Ne2 Rhc8 24.Nf4 a5 25.Qd2 Mekhitarian,K (2564)-Drygalov,A (2431) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (55)]

11.Bh6

[11.Be5 Paunovic,Tomislav f6 *(11...0-0 12.h3 Nd7 13.Bh2 Ng7 14.0-0 Bf5=)* 12.Bg3 Nd7 13.0-0 0-0=]

11...Nd7 12.h3

[12.0-0!? Ndf6 13.Bg5 gave to White more chances in fighting for initative. For exemple, h6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Ne5]

12...Bf8?!

[12...Ndf6!

A) 13.Ng5 Paunovic,Tomislav Ng8 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Bf4 Nxf4 16.exf4 Bd6 *(16...Nh6 17.Qd2 Nf5=)* 17.Qd2 Qf6 18.Ne2 Ne7=;

B) 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 Paunovic,Tomislav: '=' *(14...Bxf6 Paunovic,Tomislav 15.0-0 0-0=)* 15.0-0 The pawn placement on h3 allows Black to count on organizing an active counter-play on the K-side. Rg8!? 16.Qc2 g5⇄]

13.Bxf8 Kxf8 14.g4

[14.b4!? Paunovic,Tomislav]

14...Ng7?!

[14...Nhf6 was better. 15.Ng5 Qe7 16.Qc2 h6 17.Nxe6+ Qxe6 18.0-0-0±]

15.Qb3

[15.Qe2 Ne8 16.0-0-0 Nd6 17.Ne5↑ looks even more energetically.]

[15.Qd2!? Paunovic,Tomislav]

15...Qb6

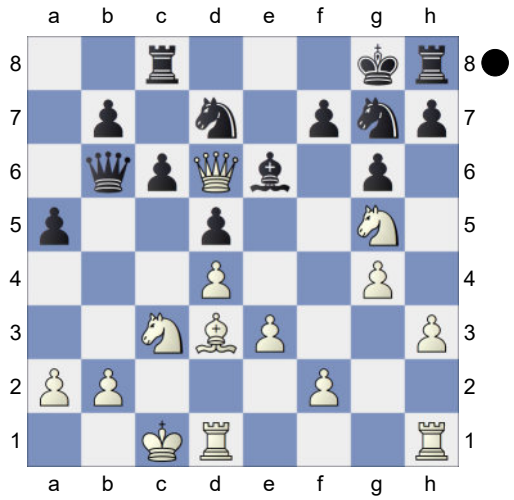
[15...h5!? 16.gxh5 Rxh5 17.Qxb7 c5± Black is unlikely to have a sufficient compensation for a pawn, but he has a counter-play.]

[15...Qf6 Paunovic,Tomislav 16.Be2 Nb6 17.0-0-0±]

[15...Rb8 Paunovic,Tomislav 16.Qa3+ Kg8 17.0-0-0 *(17.Qxa7?! h5 18.Rg1 hxg4 19.hxg4 b5≅)* 17...h5 18.Qd6!?±]

16.Qa3+ Kg8 17.0-0-0 White has a clear advantage. **17...a5 18.Qd6 Rc8 19.Ng5** Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Diagram

[19.Qg3!? Paunovic,Tomislav Qc7 20.Ne5±]



' **19...Qc7** Paunovic,Tomislav: '!'

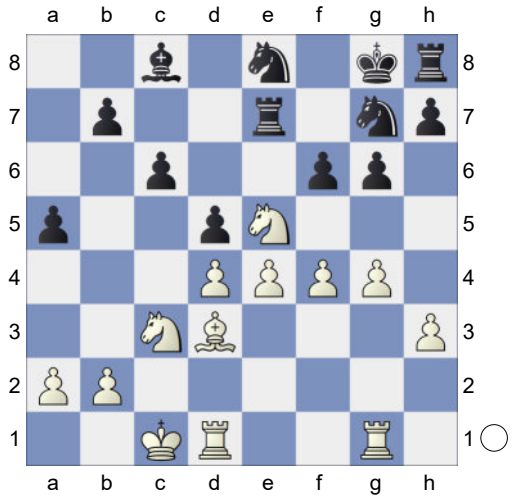
20.Qxc7

[20.Qe7 Paunovic,Tomislav Ne5! 21.Qxc7 Nxd3+ 22.Kd2 Rxc7 23.Kxd3 h5=]

20...Rxc7 21.f4 Nf6 22.Rhg1

[22.Nxe6 Paunovic,Tomislav Nxe6 23.f5 Ng7! 24.Rhf1 g5! 25.e4 dxe4 26.Nxe4 Nxe4 27.Bxe4 Ne8 28.f6 h5 29.Rf5 hxg4 30.hxg4 Kf8=]

22...Bc8 23.Nf3 Re7 24.Ne5 Nfe8
[⌓24...Nge8= Paunovic,Tomislav]
25.e4 Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' **25...f6** Paunovic,Tomislav: '?!' Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Diagram
[25...Ne6 Paunovic,Tomislav 26.exd5 Nxf4 27.dxc6 bxc6 28.Nxc6 Rc7 29.d5±]



' **26.exd5** Paunovic,Tomislav: '!'
26...fxe5 27.dxe5
[27.fxe5!? Paunovic,Tomislav]
27...Rf7
[⌓27...cxd5 Paunovic,Tomislav 28.Nxd5±]
28.f5
[⌓28.d6 Paunovic,Tomislav Rxf4 29.Bc2 Ne6 30.d7 Bxd7 31.Rxd7 Rf7 *(31...Nc5 32.e6!+-)* 32.Bb3 N8c7 33.Rxc7 *(33.Rgd1!?)* 33...Rxc7 *(33...Nxc7 34.Rd1+-)* 34.Bxe6+ Kg7 35.Re1+-]
28...cxd5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Diagram

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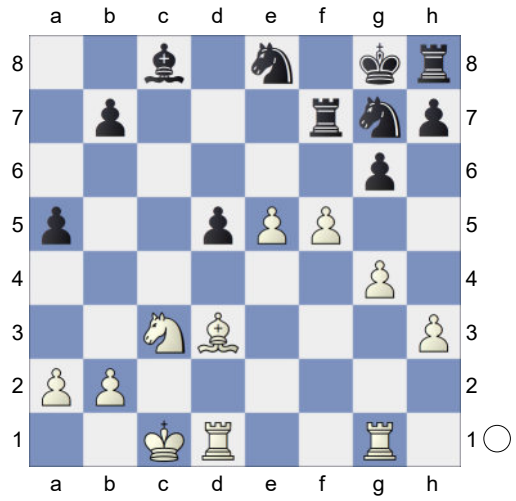


' **29.Nxd5** Paunovic,Tomislav: '!'
[29.fxg6? Paunovic,Tomislav hxg6 30.Bxg6 *(30.Nxd5 Be6 31.Bxg6 Bxd5 32.Rxd5 Rc7+ 33.Kb1 Rxh3=)* 30...Rc7 31.Kb1 Be6=]
29...gxf5
[⌓29...Kf8 Paunovic,Tomislav]
30.gxf5 Bxf5 31.Bxf5 Rxf5 32.Ne7+ Kf7 33.Nxf5 Nxf5 34.Rd7+ Ke6 35.Rxb7 Paunovic,Tomislav: '+-'
35...Kxe5 36.Rb8 Nfd6 37.Rg5+ Paunovic,Tomislav: '?'
[37.Ra8 Paunovic,Tomislav]
37...Ke6 38.Rxa5
[38.Rb3!? Paunovic,Tomislav]
38...Rg8 39.a4 Rg1+ 40.Kc2 Rg2+ Paunovic,Tomislav: '?!'
[40...Nf6± Paunovic,Tomislav]
41.Kb1 Nc7 Paunovic,Tomislav: '?!'
[41...Nf6 Paunovic,Tomislav]
42.Rh5 Rg7 43.Rb6 Kd7
[⌓43...Rd7 Paunovic,Tomislav]
44.a5 Paunovic,Tomislav: '+-' **44...Nc4 45.Rb4**
[45.Rbh6!? Paunovic,Tomislav]
45...Nd6 46.Ka2 Nc8 47.Rbh4 Ne7 48.Rxh7 Rg5 49.R4h5 Rg8 50.Re5 Ne6 51.Re3 Kd6 52.Rh6 Ng6 53.Rg3 Nef4 54.h4 Kc5 55.h5 Ne7 56.Rxg8

Nxg8 57.a6
1-0

208 **C54**
□ **Sevian,Samuel** **2687**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2728**
Airthings Masters Div 3 W rapid (3.2)
[Hokmome,Mon]*

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** Taiana, APA Mikhalchishin,A **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 0-0 7.h3 h6 8.Re1 a6** 8...Bb6 is setting a new trend. 8...Lb6 setzt einen neuen Trend. **9.a4 Ba7 10.Nbd2 Re8** The position is equal. **11.b4 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Qc2 Qd7N**
[RR 13...Re8 14.Nf1 b5 *(RR 14...d5 15.Ng3 Qd7 16.Bb2 b5)* 15.Ng3 Ne7 16.d4 Nd7 *(RR 16...Ng6 17.Be3 Qb8 18.Nf5 exd4 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Nxh6+ Kg7 21.Nf5+ Kg8 22.cxd4)* 17.Be3 Ng6 18.Nf5 Ne7 19.Ng3 *(RR 19.N3h4; RR 19.N3h4)* 19...Ng6 20.Nf5 Ne7 21.dxe5 Bxe3 *(RR 21...Nxf5 22.exf5 Bxe3 23.Rxe3 Nxe5 24.Nxe5 Rxe5 25.Rxe5 dxe5 26.Qe2)* 22.Nxe3 Nxe5 23.Nxe5 dxe5 24.Red1 Qc8 25.c4 bxa4 *(RR 25...Nc6 26.axb5 Nd4 27.Qd3 axb5 28.Rxa8 Qxa8 29.cxb5 Qa4 30.Qc4 Rb8 31.Qxc7 Rxb5 32.Qc8+ Kh7 33.Qc4 Rb7 34.Rb1)* 26.Qxa4 Qb7 *(RR 26...c5 27.Nd5 Rb8 28.Rdb1)* 27.Nd5 *(RR 27.Rd7 Rad8 28.Nd5 Nxd5 29.cxd5 Rxd7 30.Qxd7 Rb8 31.Rc1)* 27...c6 *(RR 27...Nxd5 28.exd5 Reb8 29.Rab1)* 28.Nxe7+ Harika,D (2526)-Koneru,H (2575) Chengdu 2016 CBM 174 [Mikhalchishin,A] 1-0 (74) Kunz,H (2526)-Kravitz,N (2575) Eforie Nord 2016 EXP 46 [Taiana, APA] 1-0 (74) *(RR 28.Ne3; RR 28.Ne3)*]
[RR 13...d5 14.Nb3 dxe4 15.dxe4 Qe8 16.Ba3]
[RR 13...Ne7 14.Rb1 Ng6 15.c4 c6 16.Nf1 a5 17.bxa5 Qxa5 18.Rxb7 Bc5 19.Bd2 Qxa4 20.Qxa4 Rxa4 21.Reb1 Re8 22.Ng3 Ra3 23.R1b3 Ra1+ 24.Rb1 Ra3 25.R1b3 Ra1+ 26.Rb1 Ra3 ½-½ (26) Giri,A (2761)-Sevian,S (2703) Chess.com INT 2022]
14.Nf1 Rd8N
[14...d5 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Nxe3 Rae8 17.b5 Ne7 18.c4 d4 19.Nd5 Ng6 20.Rab1 axb5 21.Rxb5 c6 22.Nb6 Qe7 23.Rb2 Nh7 24.g3 Rf6 25.Kg2 Nhf8 26.Ng1 Ne6 27.a5 Ngf4+ 28.Kh2 Rg6 29.c5 Mehnert (2650)-7. ♘c3 0-0 8. ♗e3 b6_59305 (2677) IECG email 2023 TD 94\02 [John Watson] 1-0 (38)]
[RR 14...d5 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Nxe3 Ne7 17.a5 Ng6 18.c4 d4 19.Nf5 Kh7 20.Qd2 ½-½ (20) Rodrigues,T (2159)-De Carvalho Machado,F (1876) Cuiaba 2024]
[RR 14...d5 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Nxe3 Ne7 17.a5 Ng6 18.g3 Rd8 19.Kg2 Qc6 20.Nf5 Ne7 21.Nxe7+ Rxe7 22.c4 dxe4 23.dxe4 Qe8 24.Rad1 c5 25.bxc5 Rc8 26.Nh4 Rxc5 27.Nf5 Rd7 28.Rxd7 Qxd7 29.Rd1 Ding,L (2791)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com INT 2020 1-0 (33)]
[RR 14...Ne7 15.Ng3 c6 16.c4 Qc7 17.Bb2 a5 18.bxa5 Qxa5 19.Bc3 Qc7 20.a5 Nd7 21.Reb1 Rf6 22.Kh2 Ng6 23.Nf5 Nc5 24.g3 Re6 25.Kg2 Ree8 26.d4 Nxe4 27.Nxg7 Kxg7 28.Qxe4 d5 29.Qg4 Oro,F (2465)-Anand,V (2743) Leon

2025 ½-½ (52)]
[RR 14...d5 15.Be3 d4 16.cxd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Bxd4 Qxd4 19.Qxc7 Qxd3 20.Qxb7 Ree8 21.Red1 Qxe4 22.Qxe4 Nxe4 23.Rac1 Rec8 24.Rxc8+ Rxc8 25.Ne3 Nc3 26.Rd6 Nxa4 27.Rxa6 Nc3 28.Ra5 Rb8 29.Rc5 Swiercz,D (2647)-Robson,R (2669) Saint Louis 2021 ½-½ (42)]

15.Be3N
[15.b5 Ne7 16.d4 Ng6 17.Ng3 axb5 18.axb5 Bb6 19.Rb1 Ree8 20.Be3 Qe7 21.Rbd1 Nd7 22.Nf5 Qe6 23.Bc1 Qc4 24.Bxh6 gxh6 25.Qd2 f6 26.d5 Ndf8 27.Nxh6+ Kg7 28.Nf5+ Kg8 29.Nh6+ Kg7 Chapter C50-Game 5 Game 5 (45)]

15...Bxe3 16.Nxe3 Ne7 17.Rad1 Ng6 18.c4 c6 19.a5 d5 20.d4N
[Vorgänger: 20.c5 0.29/19 20.d3-d4 0.62 d4 21.Nf5 Ne7 22.Nd6 Ne8 23.Nc4 Qc7 24.Nh4 Rf6 25.g3 g5 26.Nf5 0.01/23 *(26.Ng2± 0.51/24)* 26...Nxf5= 27.exf5 Rxf5 1-0 (42) Ganguly,S (2563)-Kryvoruchko,Y (2617) Riga 2021]

20...Nxe4 0.99/23
[20...dxe4± 0.53/23 feels stronger. 21.Nxe5 Qc7]

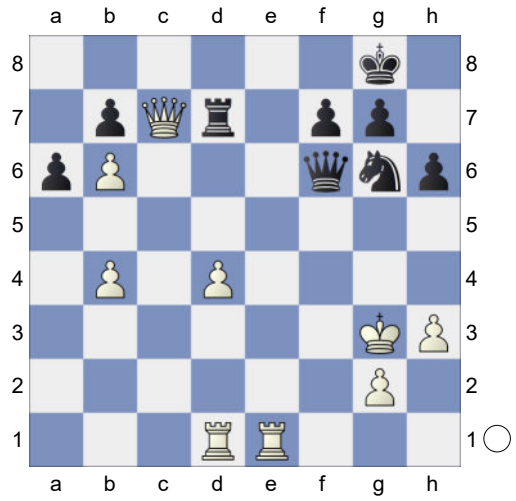
21.cxd5± cxd5 22.Nxd5 Nxf2 1.10/25

23.Kxf2 e4
[23...Qxd5? 24.dxe5 Rc6 25.Qb1+-]

24.Nb6!
[24.Rxe4?! Qxd5 25.Rxe6 Qxe6=]

24...Rxb6 25.axb6 exf3 26.Kxf3 Qd6 27.Qc7 Qf6+ 28.Kg3! Rd7

(Diagram)



29.Qb8+ 0.77/24
[Don't blunder 29.Kh2? Rxc7 30.bxc7 *(30.Re8+? Kh7-+)* 30...Qf4+ 31.Kh1 Qxc7-+]
[⌓29.Rf1! 1.36/25 Qe6 30.Qc8+ *(30.Rde1? Rxc7 31.Rxe6 Rc3+ 32.Re3 Rxe3+-+)* 30...Kh7 31.Rfe1 *(31.Kh2 Ne7±)* 31...Qd6+ 32.Kf2]

29...Kh7
[29...Rd8? 30.Re8+ Rxe8 31.Qxe8+ Nf8 32.Kh2+-]

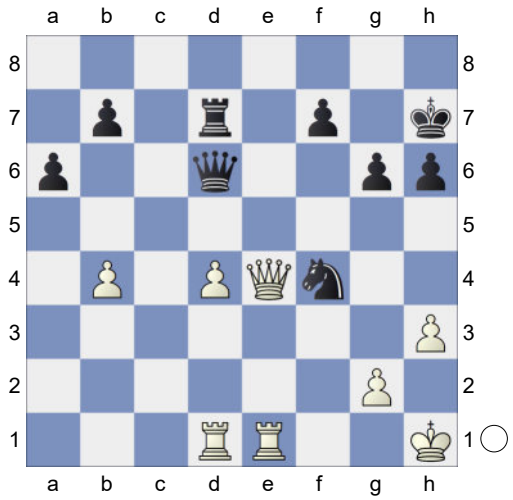
30.Kh2 Qxb6 31.Qe8 0x0.0025e7a66b5bdp-1022s more active pieces. **31...Qd6+**
[31...Rxd4? 32.Rxd4 Qxd4 33.Qxf7+-]

32.Kh1 Nf4 1.29/25
[Better is 32...Qd5 0.89/24]

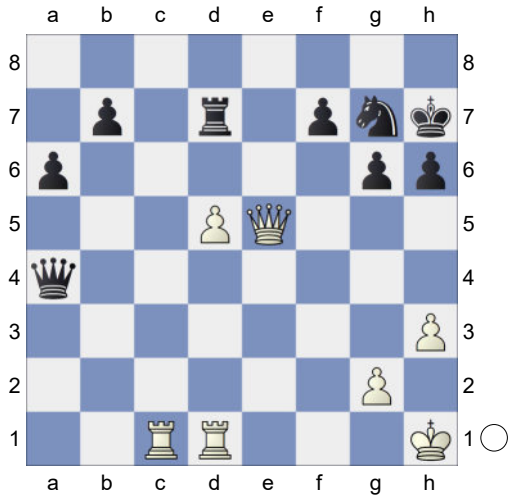
33.Qe4+ 0.87/24
[⌓33.d5 1.29/25]

33...g6

(Diagram)



34.d5! **Nh5** White must now prevent ... Nh5-g3+. **35.Qe5 Qxb4 36.Rc1** 0.72/24
[White should try 36.d6 1.04/22]
36...Ng7 37.Red1 0.47/23
[37.Kh2± 0.94/22]
37...Qa4 1.85/24
[Black should play 37...Re7± 0.47/23 38.Rc4 Qb3 39.Qxe7 *(39.Qd4? Nf5-+)* 39...Qxd1+ 40.Kh2 Qxd5]



Loses the game. **38.d6!+-** Threatens to win with Rd1-f1. White has strong compensation. **38...Ne6** 2.74/28
[⌓38...Qb3 1.80/24 39.Re1 Qb6]
39.Re1 Qh4? 6.49/24
[39...Qd4 2.66/26]
40.Rc8 Ng7 41.Rec1? 2.92/28
[41.Rc7 10.97/24 Rxc7 42.dxc7]
41...Qg5 4.16/24
[⌓41...Qb4 2.92/28 42.R1c7 Qxd6 43.Qxd6 Rxd6 44.Rxf7 Rc6]
42.Qxg5 The board is on fire. **42...hxg5** Endgame KRR-KRN **43.R8c7 Rxd6 44.Rxf7** And now Rc1-c7 would win.
44...Kh6? 9.18/26
[44...Rc6 3.03/26 45.Rxc6 bxc6]
45.Rcc7 4.44/23
[⌓45.Rc8 9.18/26 Kh7 46.Rcc7]
45...g4 46.Rxg7 aiming for h3-h4.
46...g3 6.03/29
[⌓46...gxh3 4.21/23 47.gxh3 b5]
47.Rh7+ Kg5 48.Rc1 Prevents Rd6-d1+. **48...b5 49.Ra7 b4 50.Rb7 Rd4 51.Rb6 Kf4 52.Rxa6 Ke3 53.Ra2 Rd2 54.Rxd2** White mates. **54...Kxd2 55.Rc6 b3 56.Rxg6 b2 57.Rb6 Kc2 58.h4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.40
1-0

209 **C50**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2728**
■ **Petrosyan,M** **2634**
Airthings Masters Play-In (9) 03.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3N
[6.a4 a6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Qe1 Ne7 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Nd2 Qd7 12.Qg3 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qg4 14.Qe1 Qe6 15.b3 g6 16.a5 Kg7 17.Nf3 h6 18.Nh4 Neg8 19.h3 Rae8 20.Qb4 Qc8 ½-½ Sevian,S (2698)-Lazavik,D (2553) Aimchess Rapid Div 2 W 2023 (6.2)]
[6.h3 h6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Na4 Bb6

9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Bd2 Ne7 11.Nh4 Be6 12.Bb3 Bxb3 13.axb3 Qd7 14.Qf3 Ng6 15.Rxa8 Rxa8 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxf6 Qf7 19.Qxf7+ Kxf7 20.f4 exf4 ½-½ Causil Pastrana,X (1564)-Martinez Serna,M (1621) Juegos Univers 31st (Women) op 2024 (4)]

[6.Nc3 a6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.Bxd5 0-0 9.h3 Ne7 10.Bb3 Ng6 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.c3 Ba7 13.Re1 Bd7 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Qd2 Bc6 17.Rad1 Qf6 18.Qc2 Rfe8 19.Bd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 e4 0-1 Orfila,A (1890)-Sprott,G (2110) 145/77 Biel 2020 (3)]

[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.h4 Bg4 10.c3 Qd7 11.d4 exd4 12.e5 dxe5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qf5 15.Nxg4 hxg4 16.Bd3 Qd5 17.b4 0-0-0 18.c4 Qc6 19.bxc5 Rxh4 20.f3 Rdh8 Part Chapter-Games Part 5 Chapter 2]

6...h6 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 Bb6! 8...Bb6 is setting a new trend. 8...Lb6 setzt einen neuen Trend. **9.Nbd2 Ne7 10.a4** Strongly threatening a4-a5.

[RR 10.Bb3 c6 11.Nc4 Bc7 12.d4 Ng6 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nfxe5 dxe5 15.Qf3 Qe7 16.Ne3 Bb6 17.Bd2 Be6 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Rad8 20.Rad1 Rd6 21.Bc1 Rfd8 22.Rxd6 Rxd6 23.g3 Nd7 24.Rd1 Rxd1+ Vachier Lagrave,M (2763)-Carlsen,M (2855) chess24.com INT 2021 ½-½ (65)]

[RR 10.Bb3 c6 11.d4 Ng6 12.Nf1 exd4 13.cxd4 d5 14.e5 Nh5 15.Bc2 Nhf4 16.Be3 f6 17.N1h2 fxe5 18.dxe5 Nh4 19.Bxf4 Rxf4 20.e6 Nxf3+ 21.Nxf3 Qf6 22.e7 Bd7 23.Qd3 Rxf3 24.Qxf3 Qxf3 Maghsoodloo,P (2677)-Le,Q (2739) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (51)]

10...c6

[RR 10...a5 11.Bb3 c6 12.d4 Ng6 13.Nf1 d5 14.exd5 e4 15.Ne5 cxd5 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Bf4 Be6 18.Be5 Kh7 19.Ne3 Nh5 20.Qe2 Nf4 21.Bxf4 Rxf4 22.Qb5 Bc7 23.Bxd5 Bd7 24.Qc4 Bd6 25.Bxb7 Vrolijk,L (2521)-Bok,B (2593) Venlo 2025 1-0 (39)]

11.Bb3N

[RR 11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 Re8 13.Qc2 d5 14.exd5 exd4 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.a5 Bc7 17.dxc6 dxc3 18.cxb7 Bxb7 19.Qxc3 Nd5 20.Qc5 Ngf4 21.Nc4 Ne6 22.Qa3 Rd8 23.Bd2 Ndf4 24.a6 Ba8 25.Ba5 Bxa5 Dominguez Perez,L (2758)-Caruana,F (2806) Saint Louis 2021 ½-½ (51)]

[RR 11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 Re8 13.Qc2 Be6 14.b4 a6 15.Bb2 Qc7 16.c4 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 exd4 18.Bxd4 Nd7 19.Qb2 f6 20.Be3 Rad8 21.Rac1 c5 22.b5 axb5 23.cxb5 b6 24.f4 Ne7 25.Nb3 Ra8 Bansal,A (2255)-Tang,D (2148) Sunnyvale 2023 1-0 (50)]

11...Ng6 12.Nf1 Re8 13.Ng3 d5 14.Be3N

[Vorgänger: 14.Bc2 Be6 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 dxe4 17.dxe4 Qb6 18.b4 a5 19.Qb1 -0.68/18 *(19.Rb1* -0.31/18 feels stronger.*)* 19...c5∓ 20.bxc5 Qxc5 0-1 (59) Caceres Recalde,F (2175)-Garcia Palermo,C (2479) Mar del Plata 2012]

14...Be6 15.exd5 Bxd5 16.Bc2 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 c5 18.Bb3 -0.74/18

[18.d4∓ -0.32/17 is superior.]

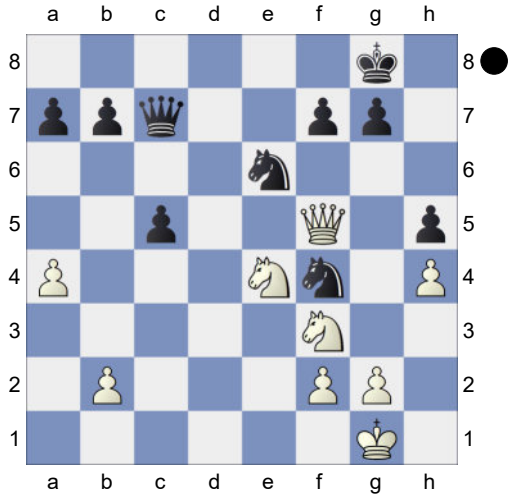
18...Bxb3 -0.26/20

[18...Qb6∓ -0.74/18 19.Nd2 Nf4]

19.Qxb3= Qd5 20.Qc2 Qc6 21.Rae1 Nd5 22.Re4 Ndf4 23.h4! h5 24.Qd1 -0.70/19

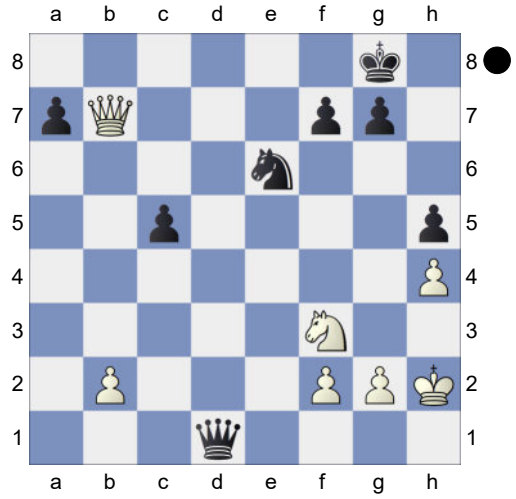
[24.Qd2= -0.30/20 was preferrable.]

24...Rad8∓ 25.d4 exd4! And now ...d4-d3 would win. **26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Rxe8+ Qxe8 28.cxd4 Qd7 29.d5 Qxd5**
[29...Nxd5?! 30.Nxh5 Nb6 31.Qxd7 Nxd7 32.Ng3=]
30.Qe1 -2.11/21
[30.Qxd5∓ -1.27/22 was necessary. Nxd5 31.Nxh5]
30...Qe6 -1.02/23
[30...Kf8-+ -2.11/21 and Black stays clearly on top. ...Nf4xg2! is the strong threat. 31.Ne4 b6]
31.Qa5∓ Qb6 32.Qd2 -1.37/19
[⌓32.Qxb6 -0.99/22 axb6 33.Nf5]
32...Qc7 33.Ne4 Ne6 34.Qd5 Ngf4 35.Qf5



Ne2+! 36.Kh1 Qf4 Against Nf3-g5
37.Qd5 N2d4 38.Ned2 -3.59/22
[38.Nxd4 -1.78/22 Qxh4+ *(38...cxd4 39.Qxb7 Qxh4+ 40.Kg1-+; 38...Nxd4 39.Ng5∓)* 39.Kg1 cxd4 40.Qxb7-+]
38...Nxf3-+ 39.Nxf3 Qxa4 -1.43/23
[39...Qc1+-+ -3.27/22 40.Kh2 Qxb2 41.Qxh5 c4 *(41...Qxf2? 42.Qe5-+)*]
40.Qxb7 Endgame. KQN-KQN
40...Qd1+ 41.Kh2

(Diagram)



Qd6+! 42.g3 Qd3 -0.68/22
[42...Qb6∓ -1.07/20 43.Qc8+ Kh7]
43.Kg2∓ Qf5 -0.01/22
[43...f6∓ -0.69/22]
44.Nd2 -0.84/22
[44.Qxa7= -0.01/22 Nf4+ 45.gxf4 Qg4+ 46.Kf1 Qxf3 47.Qxc5]
44...Qg4 -0.02/25
[44...g5∓ -0.84/22 Threatens to win with ...g5xh4. 45.hxg5 Nxg5]
45.Kh2? -1.66/24
[45.Ne4= -0.02/25 and White stays safe.]
45...Qe2 -0.32/24
[45...Qd4-+ -1.66/24 46.Ne4 g6]
46.Ne4 Qc2 -0.01/22
[46...Qf3!∓ -0.58/22]
47.Kg2= Qe2 48.Nd6 -0.51/24
[48.Nxc5= 0.01/25 Nxc5 49.Qc8+ Kh7 50.Qf5+ Kg8 51.Qc8+ Kh7 52.Qf5+ Kh6 53.Qxc5]
48...Kh7 0.55/24
[Black should play 48...Nf4+∓ -0.51/24 49.gxf4 Qg4+ 50.Kf1 Qd1+ *(50...Qxf4? 51.Qa8+ Kh7 52.Qe4+ Qxe4 53.Nxe4+-)* 51.Kg2 Qxd6]
49.Qxf7±
[49.Nxf7 Kg6=]
49...Qg4 1.26/22
[Better is 49...Qe5 0.71/23 50.Nb5

Nd4]
50.Kh2 0.06/23 White is much more active.
[50.Qxa7? too greedy. Nf4+ 51.Kg1 Qd1+ 52.Kh2 Qf1 *(52...Qxd6 53.gxf4 Qxf4+ 54.Kg1=)* 53.gxf4 Qxf2+ 54.Kh3 Qf3+ *(54...Qxf4? 55.Qxc5 Qg4+ 56.Kh2+-)* 55.Kh2 Qxf4+ 56.Kg2 Qxd6∓]
[50.Qf3± 1.26/22]
50...Nd4= The position is equal. **51.Qd5**
[But not 51.Qxa7 Nf3+ 52.Kg2 Nxh4+ 53.Kh2 Qf3∓ *(53...Nf3+ 54.Kg2∓)*]
51...Nf3+ 52.Kg2 Nxh4+ 53.Kf1⇄ White is not holding back **53...Ng6**
[53...Nf3 is more complex. 54.Ne4 h4 55.gxh4 c4]
54.Ne4 h4 55.Ng5+ Kh6 56.Nf7+ Kh7 57.Ng5+ Kh6 58.Nf7+ Kh7 59.Ng5+ Whites escaped into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
½-½

210 **D24**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2728**
■ **Pichot,Alan** **2638**
Airthings Masters Play In rapid (5)
[Mon Hokmome]*

D24: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Nf6 Nc3 **1.d4** Kitty Kat **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nfd7 7.Nxb5 Nb6 8.Be2** White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.a3N**
[9.0-0 Be7
A) 10.Na3 Bxa3 11.bxa3 Bb7 12.Be3 Ne7 13.Nd2 Ned5 14.Bf3 Nc3 15.Qc2 Bxf3 16.Nxf3 Ncd5 17.Nd2 Qe7 18.Nxc4 0-0 19.a4 Nxc4 20.Qxc4 Qa3 Gajewski Variation-10...d5!? ChessPub Guide 2012 [Victor Mikhalevski];
B) 10.Qd2 Kitty Kat 0-0 11.Qf4 Rb8 12.Nc3 *(12.Qg3 Kh8 13.Rd1 Nb4 14.Nc3 Bb7 15.a3 Bxf3 16.axb4 Bxe2 17.Nxe2 Nd5 18.Nf4 Rxb4* 7 6) Vienna - Main Line 5.e4 b5-Vienna − 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 *)* 12...f5 13.Qg3 Kh8 14.Rd1 Nb4 15.b3 cxb3 16.axb3 a6 17.Bc4 Nc2 18.Ra2 Nb4 19.Ra1 Nc2 20.Ra2 Nb4 21.Re2 a5 22.d5 exd5 23.e6 Bd6 10 Best Games of the Golden S-Ding,L;
C) 10.b3 Kitty Kat cxb3 11.Qxb3 a6 12.Nc3 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Rd1 Qb4 7 6) Vienna - Main Line 5.e4 b5-Vienna − 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5;
D) 10.Be3 0-0 11.a4 *(11.Qd2 Bb7 12.Rfd1 Rb8 13.b3 cxb3 14.axb3 a5* 7 6) Vienna - Main Line 5.e4 b5-Vienna − 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5*; 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.Bxc4 Nxc4 13.Rxc4 Qd5 14.Qa4 Ba6 15.Nxc7 Qxc4 16.Qxa6 Qxa6 17.Nxa6 Rac8* 7 6) Vienna - Main Line 5.e4 b5-Vienna − 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 *)* 11...Ba6 12.Nd2 Na5 13.Qc2 c6 14.Na3 Nb3 15.Nxb3 cxb3 16.Qd1 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Nd5 7 6) Vienna - Main Line 5.e4 b5-Vienna − 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5]
9...Bb7!N A relevant novelty. Eine relevante Neuerung.
[Vorgänger: 9...Rb8 10.Be3 Be7 11.Qc2 Ba6 *(11...Qd7* Kitty Kat *12.Nc3 Bb7 13.Rd1 Na5 14.h4 Bc6 15.Rh3 Ba4 16.Nxa4 Qxa4 17.Qc1 Nb3 18.Qc3 Nd5 19.Qc2* Ojasuo,A (2671)-4. ♘f3 ♘bd7 5. ♗g5 c6_393 (2539) TCh-RUS Sochi RUS 2005*)*

12.Nc3 Na5 13.Rd1 Qd7 14.h4 h6 1.73/22 *(14...Nd5± 0.63/20 Kitty Kat)* 15.Rh3 0.70/19 *(15.d5+- 1.73/22 Kitty Kat)* 15...Bb7 1.69/18 0-1 (39) Yilmaz,M (2631)-Maghsoodloo,P (2699) Chess.com INT 2022 *(15...Nd5± 0.70/19 Kitty Kat)*]

10.Nc3 Be7 11.h4 -0.14/21

[11.Be3± 0.35/19 deserves consideration.]

11...Qd7 0.37/19

[11...Na5= -0.14/21]

12.Be3± Na5 13.Qc2 f5 14.exf6! gxf6 15.Rd1 0.08/19

[15.0-0-0!± 0.46/20]

[RR 15.0-0 0-0-0 16.Ne4 Nb3 17.Rad1 Qd5 18.Nc5 Bc6 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 20.Qxb3 Rhg8 21.Bg5 fxg5 22.Na6 Nb6 23.Qxd5 Bxd5 24.Nc5 Bxf3 25.gxf3 gxh4+ 26.Kh2 Bxc5 27.dxc5 Nd5 28.Rfe1 Nf4 29.Rxd8+ Rxd8 Tang,Z (2381)-Shafer,L (2234) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (49)]

15...0-0-0!= 16.Bf4N -0.40/19

[Better is 16.0-0= 0.21/19]

[16.Rh3= 0.22/20 Kitty Kat]

[RR 16.Ne4 Qc6 17.Nc5 Bxc5 18.dxc5 Nd5 19.Bd2 Nb3 20.Qxc4 Nxd2 21.Rxd2 e5 22.b4 a6 23.g3 Rd7 24.h5 Rhd8 25.Rh4 Ne7 26.Rxd7 Qxd7 27.h6 Kb8 28.Rh5 e4 29.Ng1 Qd2+ 30.Kf1 Rd4 Unuk,L (2297)-Guichard,P (2379) Petrovac 2023 0-1 (53)]

16...Rhg8 0.01/21

[16...Rdg8!∓ -0.40/19]

[16...Bd6∓ -0.40/21 (Kitty Kat) was preferrable. 17.Bxd6 cxd6]

17.Bg3 -0.58/21

[17.Qxh7= 0.01/21 Rxg2 18.Bg3 *(18.d5 Kitty Kat)*]

17...Bd6 -0.27/19

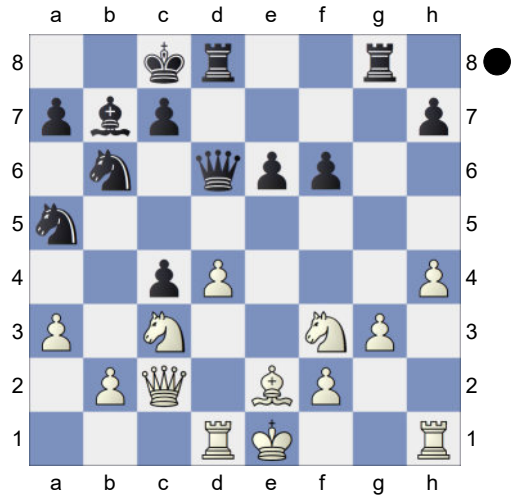
[17...Rg7∓ -0.58/21 was preferrable.]

18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.g3 -1.17/21

White is now going downhill. Kitty Kat: '

[19.Qxh7∓ -0.31/20 Rxg2 20.Nb5]

[White should play 19.Ne4∓ -0.57/19 Kitty Kat Qf4 20.Nc5 Rxg2 21.Qxh7]

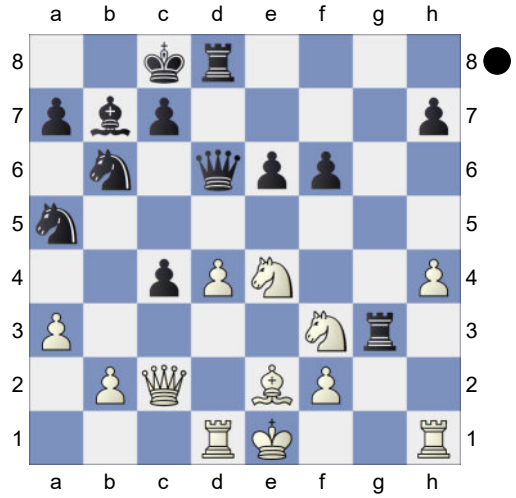


Loses the game.' **19...Rxg3** -0.65/23 Kitty Kat: '-+!'

[19...f5∓ -1.17/21 Threatens to win with ... Na5-b3. 20.Nb5 Qd7]

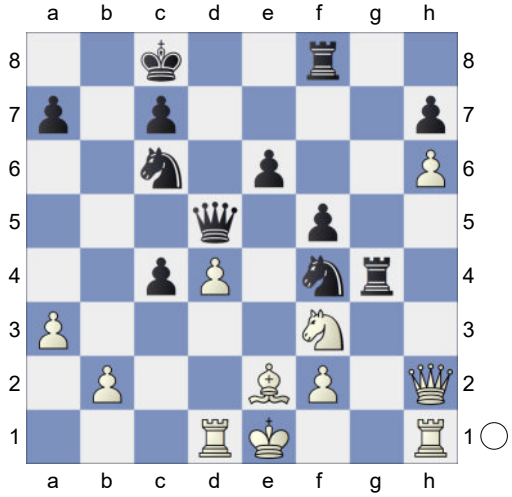
20.Ne4 -1.77/21

[20.fxg3∓ -0.65/23 Qxg3+ 21.Kf1 Bxf3 22.Rg1 Qh3+ 23.Kf2]



20...Bxe4!-+ 21.Qxe4 Rg7 22.h5 Nc6

23.Qh4 -2.34/20
[23.Rh4∓ -1.54/21 was worth a try.]
23...f5 Hoping for ...Rg7-g4. **24.h6** -2.88/22
[24.Qf6 -1.64/21 is a better defense. Rgg8 25.Kf1]
24...Rg4 25.Qf6 -7.29/23
[25.Qh2 -2.65/22 Kitty Kat: 'was called for.']
25...Nd5 Black is clearly winning.
[25...Nxd4 Kitty Kat 26.Rxd4 *(26.Nxd4 Rxd4 27.Rxd4 Qxd4-+)* 26...Rxd4 27.Nxd4 Qxd4 Kitty Kat: '-+' 28.Qxe6+ Kb8 29.0-0 Qxb2 30.Bxc4∓]
26.Qf7 Rf8 27.Qh5 -7.14/17
[⌓27.Qxh7 -4.06/19 Kitty Kat Nf6 28.Qg7 Rxg7 *(28...Nxd4? 29.Rxd4 Rxd4 30.Nxd4+-)* 29.hxg7]
27...Nf4 Kitty Kat: 'Black is clearly winning.' **28.Qh2 Qd5**



Strongly threatening ...Qd5-e4. **29.Ng1 Rh4** Kitty Kat: 'Decoy' **30.Qxh4 Ng2+** Pair of Knights! Kitty Kat: 'A dynamic duo of knights.'
[30...Nxd4? (Kitty Kat) perishes. 31.Qxf4 Qxh1 32.Qxd4+-]
31.Kf1 Nxh4 32.Rxh4 Rg8 ...Qd5-g2+ is the strong threat. **33.Nf3 Rg4** And now ...Rg4xh4 would win. Kitty Kat: 'aiming for ...Rxh4.' **34.Rxg4 fxg4 35.Ng1 Qf5 36.Bxc4 g3 37.Rd2 Qf4 38.Bxe6+ Kb8 39.Re2 Nxd4 40.Nh3 g2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/ Black=0.29 (precise) Kitty Kat: 'Decoy. Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.23 (precise)'
0-1

211 **B43**
□ **Bartel,Mateusz** **2615**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2728**
Airthings Masters Play-In (2) 03.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

B80: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 g3 and 6 Be3, including English Attack **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3N**
[6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0
A) 7...Bc5 8.Nb3 Be7 9.f4 *(9.a4 b6 10.Be3 Nc6 11.f4 d6 12.Qf3 Bb7 13.Rae1 Nb4 14.Qg3 h5 15.h3 g6 16.Nd4 h4 17.Qf2 Nd7 18.Nf3 Nc5 19.Rd1 0-0-0 20.Kh1 f5 21.e5 dxe5 22.Nxe5 g5 23.a5 gxf4* ½-½ Cubas,J (2425)-Avrukh,B (2633) (ol) 97/157 Torino 2006*)* 9...d6 10.a4 Nc6 11.a5 b5 12.axb6 Qxb6+ 13.Kh1 0-0 14.Qe2 a5 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.c3 d5 18.e5 Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Bxc5 Ba6 22.c4 1-0 Carlsen,M (2863)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com (Internet-m/2-rapid) 2020 Rd8 23.Nd6 f5 24.exf6 Rxd6 25.Qxe4 Bb7 26.Bxd6 Qxd6 27.Rad1 Nd8 28.f7+ Kxf7 29.Qxh7 Qc6 30.Rf2 Qe4 31.f5 e5 32.Rfd2 Bc6 33.Qg6+ Ke7 34.Rd7+ 1-0 Molina, R (2646)-13. ♖ad1 ♕b6 14.

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B) 7...d6 8.Qe2 Nbd7 9.Bd2 b6 10.Kh1 Be7 11.f4 g6 12.Rae1 Bb7 13.e5 Nh5 14.f5 Nxe5 15.fxe6 f6 16.Be4 0-0 17.Bd5 Ng7 18.Bh6 Kh8 19.Qd1 Rg8 20.Re3 f5 1-0 Mihok,O (2346)-Hepting,H (2214) Nuremberg LGA Cup 5th 2008 (7)]

6...Nf6 7.Bg2 d6 8.0-0 Be7 9.a4 0-0! now scores much better than the old 9...Nc6. punktet besser als das ältere 9...Sc6. **10.a5 Bd7**

[RR 10...Nbd7 11.Qe2 Rb8 12.Rd1 Ne5 13.Nb3 Bd7 14.h3 Rfc8 15.Kh2 Nc4 16.Ra2 Ne8 17.Rd3 Bf6 18.f4 b5 19.axb6 Rxb6 20.Nd2 Rb4 21.Nxc4 Rxc4 22.Bd2 a5 23.Qd1 a4 24.Be1 Rd8 25.b3 Adams,M (2716)-Fedoseev,V (2687) Tornelo INT 2021 0-1 (61)]

11.h3

[RR 11.Re1 Nc6 12.Nb3 Ne5 13.Na4 Nc4 14.Qd3 Rac8 15.h3 Ne5 16.Qd1 Bxa4 17.Rxa4 Qxc2 18.Be3 Nd3 19.Qxc2 Rxc2 20.Rb1 Rfc8 21.e5 Nd5 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.Nd4 Rxb2 24.Rxb2 Nxb2 25.Rb4 dxe5 Baskakov,E (2215)-Jakubowski,K (2486) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (74)]

11...Nc6 12.Nb3N

[RR 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Be3 Rfe8 14.Bb6 Qb8 15.Qd2 Nd7 16.Bd4 Bf8 17.f4 Qc7 18.f5 Ne5 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.b3 Rac8 21.Rf2 Be7 22.Qe2 Rf8 23.Rxf8+ Rxf8 24.h4 Bf6 25.Kh1 Bd7 26.Nd1 h6 Guzman Moneo,A (2196)-Rodchenkov,S (2346) Chess.com INT 2021 1-0 (35)]

12...Ne5 The position is equal. **13.f4 Nc4 14.g4N**

[Vorgänger: 14.Qe2 Rac8 15.Re1 d5 16.exd5 -0.99/21 *(16.e5∓ -0.33/19)* 16...Bb4 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Kh2 Nxb2 -0.11/21 *(18...Bxc3!∓ -0.99/19 19.bxc3 Rfe8)* 19.Bxb2= Bxc3 20.Bxc3 Qxc3 21.Bxb7 0-1 (36) Pourkashiyan,A (2371)-Hejazipour,M (2240) Mashhad 2011]

14...Bb5 0.76/18

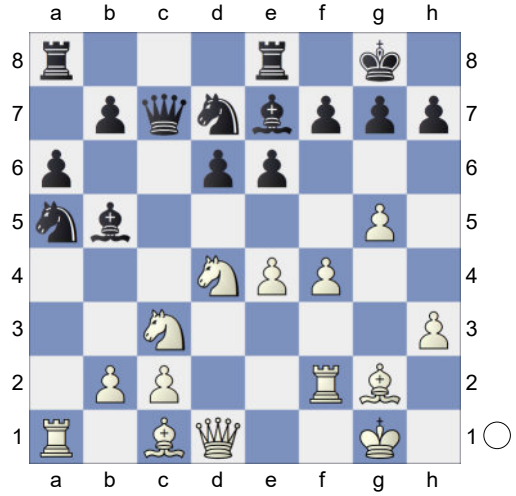
[14...h6!= -0.20/17]

15.g5± Nd7 16.Rf2 0.52/15

[16.Kh1± 0.89/16]

16...Rfe8 17.Nd4 Nxa5 1.44/19

[Better is 17...Nf8!± 0.64/16]



18.f5!

[18.Ndxb5?! axb5 19.Nxb5 Qc5=]

18...Bf8 1.82/23

[18...Bc4± 1.29/18]

19.fxe6+-

[19.Ndxb5?! axb5 20.fxe6 *(20.Nxb5 Qb6±)* 20...fxe6±]

19...fxe6 20.Ncxb5 axb5 21.b4

[But not 21.Nxb5?! Qb6 *(21...Qc6±)* 22.Nd4 g6±]

21...Nc4 22.Rxa8 Overworked Piece

[Don't do 22.Nxb5 Qb6 23.Rxa8 Rxa8±]

22...Rxa8 23.Nxe6 Qb6 24.Bf4 0.63/19

[24.e5+- 1.85/19]
24...Nde5!± 25.Bf1 Ne3 26.Qd4 Qxd4 27.Nxd4 Nxf1 28.Rxf1 Rc8 29.Bd2 Nc4 30.Bc1 Nb6 31.Rf5 -0.48/22
[31.Be3= -0.01/19]
31...d5∓ Discovered Attack **32.e5** -0.83/21
[32.exd5∓ -0.46/19 g6 33.Rf3]
32...Bxb4∓ Strongly threatening ...Bb4-c5. **33.Kf1** -0.78/20
[33.Kg2∓ -0.42/20 might be stronger.]
33...g6 34.Rf3 -1.43/21
[⌓34.Rf6 -1.07/20]
34...Bc3 35.Nxb5 Bxe5 36.Be3 Nc4 37.c3? -3.02/23
[37.Ke2∓ -1.51/22 was necessary.]
37...Rf8-+ 38.Rxf8+ Kxf8 Endgame. KBN-KBN **39.Bc5+ Kf7 40.Kg2 Ke6 41.Kf3 Nd2+ 42.Kg4 Ne4 43.Bd4 Bxd4 44.cxd4** KN-KN **44...Kd7 45.Kf4 Nd6 46.Nc3 Ke6** aiming for ...b7-b5. **47.Na4 Ne4** Threatens to win with ...b7-b5. **48.h4?** -5.73/27
[48.Nb2 -2.70/26]
48...b5 Black is clearly winning. **49.Nb2 b4** Hoping for ...b4-b3. **50.Nd3 b3** ...Ne4-d2 would now be deadly. **51.Nb2 Nd2** White must now prevent ...Nd2-c4. **52.Nd3** -10.09/26
[⌓52.Na4 -4.70/26]
52...Kd6 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
0-1

212 **D31**
□ **Bartel,Mateusz** **2615**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2728**
Airthings Masters Play In rapid (2)
[Kitty Kat]*

D31: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Slav without ...Nf6 **1.d4** ChessBase
1...d5 2.c4 c6
[2...dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0 a6 7.Bb3]
3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6
[4...a6 5.c5 Bf5 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Be2 Qc7 8.b4 e5 9.a4 Ne4 10.Bb2 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 e4 12.Nd2 Be7 13.b5 h5 14.b6 Qb8 15.Qb3 h4 16.h3 Be6 17.Qb2 f5 18.0-0-0 Nf6 19.f4 0-1 Gaborit,J (1953)-Meredith,D (2339) 40: Monarch Assurance Open, Erin 2006 (2)]
5.Qc2N
[5.Nf3 Ne4 *(5...a6 6.b3 Nbd7 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 b5 10.Qc2 Bb7 11.e4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 bxc4 14.bxc4 Nf6 15.Qe3 Qe7 16.Rab1 Ng4 17.Qb3 c5 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.h3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3* ½-½ Rodshtein,M (2530)-Golod,V (2597) 99/298 Dresden 2007 *)* 6.Bd3 f5 7.Ne5 Qh4 8.0-0 Bd6 9.f3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nd7 11.g3 Qh3 12.f4 Nf6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.c4 Be6 15.Rb1 h5 16.Rf2 Bxe5 17.fxe5 h4 18.exf6 hxg3 19.Rg2 dxc4 1-0 Chamberlain,A-Grimmer,B Great Britain 1995 20.fxg7 Rh7 21.Bf1 Rxg7 22.Rxg3 Rxg3+ 23.hxg3 Qxg3+ 24.Bg2 0-0-0 25.Qf1 Rg8 26.Rb2 b5 27.d5 c3 28.Re2 cxd5 29.Rf2 Bd7 30.Qd3 Qe5 31.Kf1 Rg3 32.Qxd5 Qxd5 33.Bxd5 a5 34.e4 b4 1-0 Chalupetzky,F-Balogh,J Alkotmany corr 1912 35.exf5

Bb5+ 36.Re2 Rd3 37.Be6+ Bd7 38.Bg5 a4 39.f6 Bxe6 40.Rxe6 Rf3+ 41.Ke2 Rf5 42.Kd3 Kd7 43.Re7+ Kd6 44.Bh4 Rf3+ 45.Kc2 Kd5 46.Re2 Rf4 47.Rf2 Rxf2+ 48.Bxf2 Ke6 49.Bd4 a3 1-0 Chalupetzky,F-Balogh,J Alkotmany tournament 1912]

5...Nbd7 6.Bd2

[6.Nf3]

[6.a3]

6...Bd6 7.cxd5

[7.e4 Nxe4 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Qxe4 c5]

[7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0-0 c5]

[RR 7.e4 Nxe4 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Qxe4 c5 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Qe3 0-0 12.b4 Nd7 13.c5 Be7 14.Rc1 a5 15.a3 axb4 16.axb4 Nf6 17.Nf3 Bd7 18.Ne5 Bc6 19.Bd3 Qc7 20.0-0 Rfd8 21.Rfd1 Ra3 Mamedyarov,S (2752)-Cheparinov,I (2670) Khanty-Mansiysk 2007 CBM 122 [ChessBase] ½-½]

7...exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 The position is equal. **9.Nge2 c5N** now scores much better than the old 9...Nc6. punktet besser als das ältere 9...Sc6.

[9...Re8 10.h3]

[RR 9...Re8 10.f3 a6 11.0-0 c5 12.Rad1 g6 13.Qc1 b5 14.Be1 Bb7 15.Bg3 Bxg3 16.Nxg3 Rc8 17.Qd2 c4 18.Bc2 b4 19.Nce2 Qe7 20.Rf2 a5 21.Nf1 Nb6 22.Qe1 Ba6 23.g4 Rc6 24.Neg3 Milanovic,D (2520)-Ivanisevic,I (2645) Vrnjacka Banja 2012 0-1 (67)]

[RR 9...Re8 10.0-0 h6 11.f3 c5 12.Rae1 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Ne5 14.Nce2 Bd7 15.Bc3 a6 16.Ng3 Qc7 17.Bf5 Rac8 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.Qd2 Nc4 20.Qf2 Be5 21.b3 Nd6 22.Bb2 Nb5 23.Ndf5 Nd6 24.Nd4 Erigaisi,A (2458)-Bach,N (2000) Hanoi 2018 1-0 (38)]

10.Nb5 Be7 11.Ng3 -0.45/20

[11.dxc5= 0.00/19 Nxc5 12.0-0]

11...a6∓ 12.Nc3 Re8 13.0-0 Bf8 14.a4N b6 15.Be2 Bb7 16.Bf3 Qc7 17.Qb3

[17.Nf5 g6]

17...Rad8 18.Rac1 Ne4 19.Ncxe4 dxe4 20.Be2 Nf6 0.63/21

[20...Ne5!= 0.00/21]

21.Bb4 0.26/20

[21.Rfd1± 0.63/21 should be considered.]

21...Bd5 0.62/21

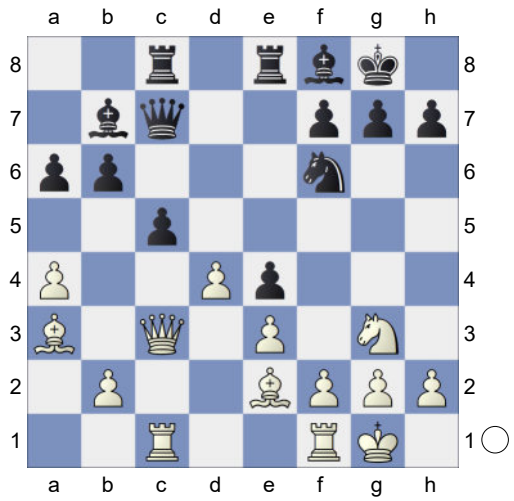
[21...a5= 0.26/20 is superior. 22.Ba3 Bc6]

22.Qc3± Bb7 23.Ba3

[23.dxc5 Nd5 24.Qb3 *(24.cxb6 Qb8∓)* 24...Nxb4 *(24...bxc5 25.Ba3±)* 25.Qxb4 bxc5±]

23...Rc8

[23...Nd5 24.Qb3 a5]



24.a5! Black must now prevent a5xb6. Deflection **24...bxa5** 1.26/22

[⌓24...Qd8 0.86/20]

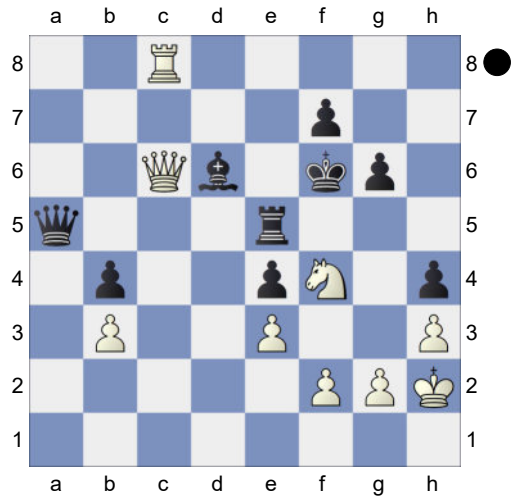
[24...Qd7 25.axb6]

25.dxc5 0.65/21

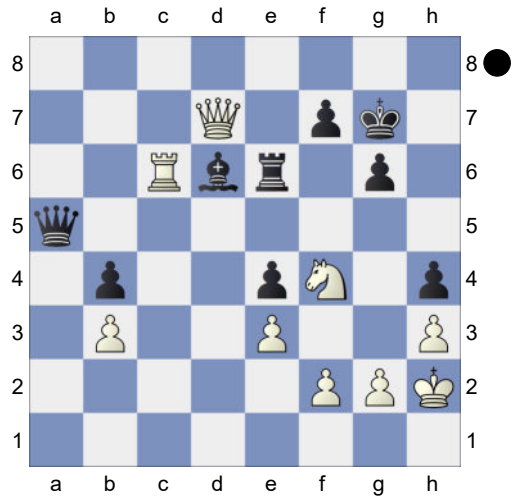
[Better is 25.Bxc5± 1.26/22 a4

26.Qb4]
25...Nd5 26.Qb3
[26.Qc4]
26...Nb4 27.Bxb4
[27.Rfd1!?]
27...axb4 28.c6! Deflection
[28.Rfd1 g6 *(28...Bxc5 29.Bg4 Rcd8 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Qc4)* 29.Bg4 Rcd8 30.Qxb4]
[28.Qxb4 a5 29.Qb3 Re5=]
[28.Bg4?! Rb8=]
28...Bxc6 29.Bxa6 Rb8 30.Bc4 Rb6 31.Rfd1 Re5 32.Qc2 Bc4-d5! would now be deadly. **32...Qe7 33.Bb3 h5 34.Ne2 h4 35.Nf4 Rg5** 1.53/21 Prevents Nf4-g6.
[35...Bb7]
[35...Kh7± 0.61/21]
36.h3 1.01/23
[⌓36.Qd2 1.53/21]
36...g6 37.Bd5 Bb7 38.Rd4 Re5 39.Bxb7 0.48/21
[White should try 39.Bb3± 1.25/21]
39...Qxb7 40.Rd8 0.27/22
[40.Qd2± 0.75/20]
40...Rd6= 41.Rc8
[41.Rxd6 simplifies Bxd6 42.Qd2 Bf8 43.Qd4]
41...Kg7 42.Qa4 Qd7 43.Qa8 2.10/23
[43.Qb3= 0.01/23 Be7 44.R8c7 *(44.Qxb4?* perishes. *Rd1+-+)*]
43...Rd1++- 44.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 45.Kh2 Qd6 46.Rd8 Qc5 47.b3 Bd6 0.49/24
[47...Qe7= 0.01/25]
48.Rg8+± Kf6 49.Rc8 -1.12/24
[49.Rh8= 0.22/23 0-1 (36) Pourkashiyan,A (2371)-Hejazipour,M (2240) Mashhad 2011 keeps the balance.]
49...Qa5!∓ 50.Qc6

(Diagram)



Re6 51.Qd7 Kg7 ...g6-g5 is the strong threat. **52.Rc6?** -3.44/25
[52.g3∓ -1.00/26 hxg3+ 53.fxg3 Bxf4 54.gxf4 Qa2+ 55.Kg3]



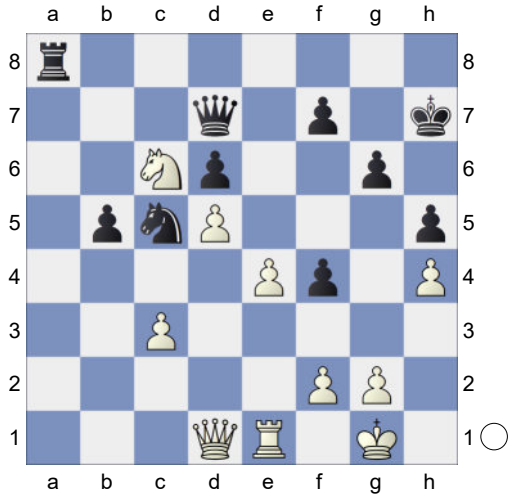
52...Qe5!-+ Strongly threatening ...g6-g5. Vorgänger: Vorgänger: **53.Qd8** Threatens to win with Rc6-c8! **53...Qf6** Black is clearly winning.
[53...g5]
54.Qxf6+ Rxf6 55.g3 -7.61/28
[⌓55.Rc4 -4.46/23 g5 Pin *(55...Bxf4+ 56.exf4 Rxf4 57.Kg1=)* 56.g3 hxg3+ *(56...gxf4? 57.gxf4 Re6 58.Kg2-+)* 57.fxg3 gxf4 58.gxf4]
55...Bxf4 Discovered Attack **56.Rxf6**

Bxg3+
[56...Kxf6 57.gxf4 Kf5 58.Kg2=]
57.fxg3 Kxf6
[57...hxg3+ 58.Kxg3 Kxf6 59.Kf4 g5+ 60.Kxe4∓]
58.gxh4 Ke5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

213 **C50**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2728**
■ **Kovalev,Vladislav** **2623**
Airthings Play-In Match rapid (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]*

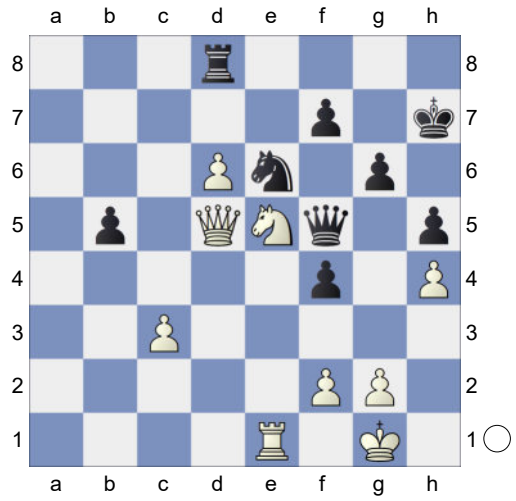
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 h6**
[7...Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 21.Kg2 Qg5 22.Rh1 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri,S (2732) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (11)]
8.Re1! 8.Re1 is better than 8.Nbd2. 8. Te1 ist besser als 8.Sbd2. **8...Ba7 9.Nbd2N**
[9.b4 0-0 10.Ra2 Ne7 11.Nbd2 Ng6 12.Nf1 c6 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Ng3 Qe8 16.d4 Rd8 17.h3 exd4 18.cxd4 e5 19.Be3 exd4 20.Bxd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Qf7 22.Rd2 Ne5 23.Ndf5 Ne8 1-0 Cardenas,R (2499)-Medvegy,Z (2153) Amsterdam ACT op 2nd 2005 (3) 24.f4 Nc4 25.Rf2 b5 26.e5 Nc7 27.Qg4 Kh7 28.e6 1-0 Nevednichy,V (2499)-Makropoulou,M (2153) Wch Seniors 50 30th Assisi 2022 (3)]
9...0-0 10.Nf1 The position is equal.
10...Ne7 11.Ng3 Ng6 12.h3 c6 13.Bb3 Re8 14.d4 Be6 15.Bc2 c5N
[RR 15...Qc7 16.Be3 Kh7 17.a5 Rad8 18.Qe2 Qb8 19.Rad1 Bc8 20.Qd2 Qc7 21.b4 b6 22.axb6 Bxb6 23.dxe5 dxe5 24.Bxb6 Qxb6 25.Qe3 Qxe3 26.fxe3 Be6 27.Bd3 c5 28.Bxa6 cxb4 29.cxb4 Rb8 30.Rb1 Baramidze,D (2593)-Lindgren,P (2353) Germany 2020 1-0 (50)]
[RR 15...Qc7 16.Be3 Kh7 17.Qd2 Rad8 18.Rad1 b5 19.Qc1 c5 20.d5 Bd7 21.c4 bxc4 22.Nd2 c3 23.bxc3 c4 24.Ngf1 Rb8 25.Qa3 Bxe3 26.Nxe3 Rec8 27.Ndxc4 Ne8 28.Rb1 a5 29.Qa2 Nf4 30.Kh2 Sriansh,D (2278)-Jacobs,F (2226) Ljubljana 2025 1-0 (45)]
[RR 15...Qc7 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qd2 d5 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Bxg6 Bxf3 20.Bc2 exd4 21.cxd4 Bh5 22.Nxh5 Nxh5 23.Bxh6 g6 24.Bg5 Rc8 25.Be4 Qd6 26.Rad1 f5 27.Bb1 Bb8 28.Ba2+ Kh7 29.Re5 c5 30.Rde1 Oliveira,P (1960)-Martins,A (1860) Brasilia 2024 1-0 (62)]
16.d5 Bd7 17.a5N
[Vorgänger: 17.c4 b5 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.exf5 Nf8 20.Nd2 Bb6 21.Re3 N8d7 22.Rea3 bxc4 23.Nxc4 0-1 (62) So,W (2770)-Caruana,F (2835) Lichess.org INT 2020]
17...c4 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Rc8 20.Ba4 Nf4 21.Nd2 Bb5 22.Nf5 Kh7 0.63/19
[22...h5= 0.17/18]
23.Bxb5 -0.07/21
[23.Rf3± 0.63/19]
23...axb5= 24.a6 -0.37/20
[24.b3= -0.01/18]
24...g6∓ 25.axb7 Rb8 26.Ng3 Rxb7

27.b3 cxb3 28.Nxb3 Qc7 29.Na5 Ra7 30.Nc6 Rxa1 31.Qxa1 Nd7 32.Qd1 -0.68/20
[White should try 32.Ne2= 0.00/18]
32...Nc5 -0.01/21
[32...Ra8∓ -0.68/20]
33.h4 -0.60/20
[33.Ne2= -0.01/21]
33...Ra8 -0.19/20
[33...Kg7∓ -0.60/20 is superior.]
34.Ne2= Qd7? 1.26/20
[34...Nh5∓ -0.31/20]
35.Nxf4± exf4 36.Re1 h5

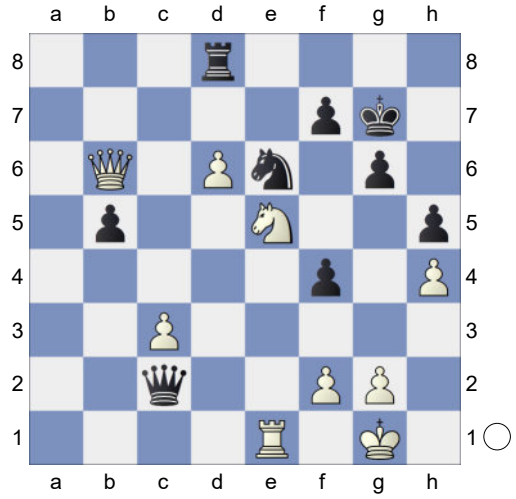


37.e5 0.23/20
[37.f3!± 1.15/20]
37...dxe5? 3.11/22
[37...Re8!= 0.23/20]
38.Nxe5+- Qf5 39.d6 Rd8 40.Qd5 Ne6

(Diagram)



41.Qc6 1.06/21
[41.Qxb5 Rxd6 42.c4 Kg7=]
[41.d7 f6 42.Qd6 fxe5±]
[41.Ra1!+- 2.26/20 and White stays clearly on top.]
41...Kg7± 42.Qb6 Hoping for Ne5xf7! White is much more active.
[Much worse is 42.Qxb5?! Rxd6 43.Qb4 Rd2=]
42...Qc2? 8.42/20
[42...f3± 0.74/20]

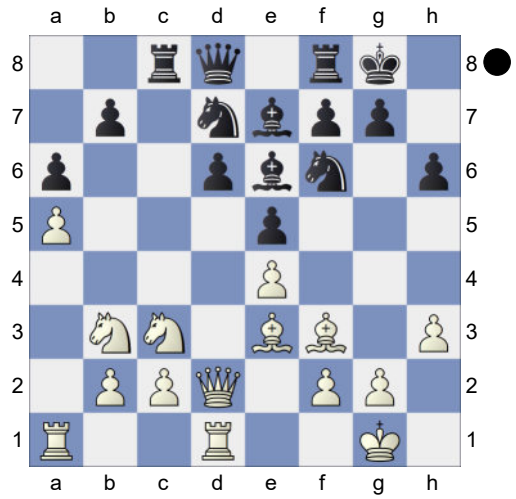


43.Nxf7!+- Discovered Attack, Decoy
43...Kxf7
[43...Rd7 44.Nd8]
44.Qb7+
[44.Qxb5 Rxd6 45.Qb7+ Kf6-+]

44...Kg8 45.Rxe6 Re6-e7 would kill now. **45...Qc1+ 46.Kh2 f3 47.Rxg6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.39
1-0

214 **B92**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2735**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
85th Tata Steel Masters (13.5) 29.01.23
[TA]*

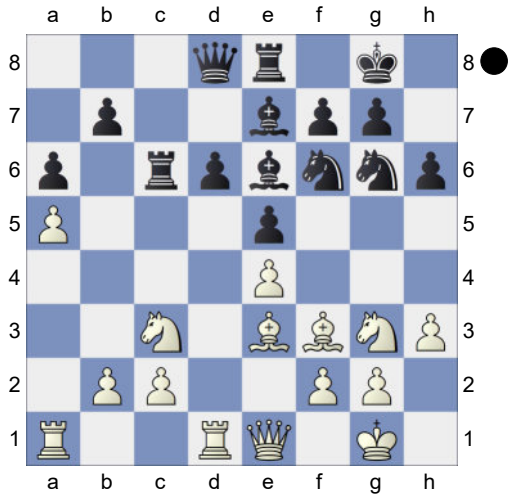
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 Be6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.a4 Rc8 11.a5 0-0
[11...Rxc3!? 12.bxc3 Nxe4⩱ - 110/ 124]
12.Bf3
[12.Qd2 - 105/245]
[RR 12.Re1 Rxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe4 14.Bf3 f5 15.c4 Bxc4 16.Nd2 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 e4 18.Be2 Qc7 19.Bxc4+ Qxc4 20.Rab1 Qc6 21.c4 Ne5 22.Qd5+ Qxd5 23.cxd5 Nc4 24.Rxb7 Bd8 25.Bd4 Rf7 26.Rb8 Rf8 Firouzja,A (2785)-Perez Ponsa,F (2538) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (61)]
12...Ne8N 'N!' A top novelty.Eine Top Neuerung.
[Predecessor: 12...Rc4 13.Nd2 Rb4 14.Qc1 Qc7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Rb5 17.b4 e4 18.c4 Rxb4 19.Bd1 ½-½ Santos Ruiz,M (2581)-Korobov,A (2671) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2022 (3.1)]
[RR 12...Qc7 13.Re1 Rfe8 14.Re2 Bf8 15.Rd2 g6 16.g4 h6 17.h4 Nc5 18.Nxc5 dxc5 19.g5 hxg5 20.hxg5 Nh7 21.Bg4 f5 22.gxf6 Nxf6 23.Bxe6+ Rxe6 24.Nd5 Nxd5 25.Rxd5 c4 26.Qg4 Rce8 27.Rad1 Schwahn,C (2022)-Luethke,H (2173) Mecklenburg VP 2007 1-0 (37)]
[RR 12...Qc7 13.Re1 Rfd8 14.Nd2 Nc5 15.Nf1 b5 16.axb6 Qxb6 17.Rb1 a5 18.Bd2 Qb7 19.Qe2 h6 20.Ng3 a4 21.Nf5 Bxf5 22.exf5 Qd7 23.g4 Re8 24.Bd5 Bd8 25.Bc4 Qb7 26.Bb5 Re7 27.h4 Poleg,M (2283)-Dvoirys,S (2419) Israel 2025 0-1 (35)]
[RR 12...Re8 13.Re1 h6 14.h3 Nf8 15.Re2 Ng6 16.Rd2 Rxc3 17.bxc3 Qc8 18.Rd3 Bc4 19.Rxd6 Bxd6 20.Qxd6 Nh4 21.Qc5 Qe6 22.Nd2 Nxf3+ 23.gxf3 Bb5 24.Kg2 Rc8 25.Qb4 Nh5 26.c4 Bd7 27.Rh1 Saltaev,M (2441)-Maghsoodloo,P (2707) Germany 2023 0-1 (34)]
[RR 12...Qc7 13.Qd2 Nc5 14.Nxc5 dxc5 15.Na4 Nd7 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Qc3 Qc6 18.Qe1 Nf6 19.Nb6 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Rd8 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.exd5 Qc7 23.c4 e4 24.Be2 Bd6 25.h3 Nd7 26.Bd2 f5 27.Bc3 Barata,A (2147)-Bittencourt,J (2437) Vitoria 2013 1-0 (41)]
13.Qd2 h6 14.h3 Nef6 15.Rfd1 Diagram



15...Re8N
[15...Nh7 16.Qe1 Ng5 17.Be2 Qe8

18.Nd2 Nf6 19.Bd3 Qc6∞]

16.Qe1 Rc6 17.Nd2 Nf8 18.Nf1 Ng6 19.Ng3 Diagram



19...Qc8! 20.Rd2 Nh4

[20...Rc4!? 21.Qd1 *(21.Be2 Rxc3 22.bxc3 d5⩱)* 21...Rb4 22.Na4 Nh4 23.b3 Nxf3+ 24.gxf3 Nh7 25.Nb6 Rxb6 26.axb6 Nf8 27.Ra4 Ng6⩱]

21.Be2 Rxc3! 22.bxc3 d5⩱ 23.f3

[23.exd5?! Nxd5 24.Bf1 Nxe3 25.fxe3 Bxh3!∓]

23...Qxc3 24.Bf2 d4 25.Rdd1 Qc7 26.c3

[⩲26.Bd3 Ng6 *(26...Bxh3 27.Bf1 Be6 28.c3 dxc3 29.Ne2 c2 30.Rd3 Ng6 31.Rc3±)* 27.Ne2 Rc8 28.Rdc1 Bc4⩱]

26...dxc3 27.Bb6

[27.Bd3 Rc8 28.Ne2 g5 29.Bb6 Qc6⩱]

27...Qc6 28.Rdc1 Rc8 29.Bd1 Nd7 30.Ba4 Qc4 31.Bf2 Bb4

[31...Bg5 32.Rc2 Bd2 33.Rxd2 cxd2 34.Qxd2 Nc5 35.Bd1 Nd3 36.Be2 Qc3 37.Qxc3 Rxc3 38.Bxd3 Rxd3 39.Rb1 Rd7∓]

32.Nf1 Ng6 33.Ne3

[⩲33.Bxd7 Bxd7 34.Ne3 Qb5 35.Rcb1 c2 36.Rxb4 c1Q 37.Rxc1 Rxc1 38.Qxc1 Qxb4 39.Qc7 Be6∓]

33...Qc7 34.Bxd7

[34.Nd5 Bxd5 35.exd5 Nf4-+]

34...Qxd7 35.Rcb1

[35.Nc2 Be7 36.g3 Bb3 37.Rab1 Ba4-+]

35...Bf8 36.g3 c2 37.Rc1 Bb3 38.Qe2 Rc6

[38...Qxh3 39.Qf1 Qxf1+ 40.Kxf1 h5 41.Nd5 Ne7 42.Nb6 Rd8-+]

39.Kg2 Bb4

[39...Bc5 40.Nd5 Bd4 41.Bxd4 exd4 42.Qd2 Bxd5 43.exd5 Qxd5 44.Rxc2 Ne5-+]

40.Rxc2 Bxc2 41.Nxc2 Bc5 42.Rb1 Bxf2 43.Qxf2 Rd6-+ 44.Re1 Qd8 45.Ne3 Rd2 46.Re2 Rxe2 47.Qxe2 Qxa5 48.Nd5 Qa3 49.Qd2 Ne7 50.Ne3 Nc6 51.Nf5 Nd4

[51...Qc5 52.Qd7 Nd4]

52.Nxd4 exd4 53.Qxd4 Qa2+ 54.Kg1 a5 55.h4 a4 56.h5 Qb1+ 57.Kg2 Qc2+ 58.Kh3 a3 59.g4 a2

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2722**

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[Bozic,V, TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h3 0-0 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.e4 Nxc3 8.bxc3 c5 9.Be2 Nc6

Flear,Glenn: 'This has established itself as the main move here.'

[For the alternatives 9...b6 see Grachev, B - Turov, M Tuapse 2022, and for 9...b5 Bluebaum, M - Svidler, P Chessable online rapid 2020, in the archives.]

10.Be3 cxd4

[The immediate 10...Qa5 was chosen

in Babula, V - Menezes, C Czech league 2022, a game that I analyzed for ChessPublishing.]

11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qa3 13.d5 Ne5 14.0-0 Flear,Glenn: 'The most popular of the three 'reasonable' possibilities here, but do any of them give the opponent anything to worry about?'

[In the case of 14.Rb1 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 it seems best to take the bait: Qxa2 *(* in Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son - Laylo, D Ho Chi Minh City 2015, Black continued with *15...b6* but my analysis at the time suggested that it was inferior, see the archives*)* 16.0-0 a5 (pushing the a-pawn generates counterplay and basically brings the a8-rook into the game, so there's no pressing need to develop the c8-bishop here) 17.Re1 a4 18.Bb4 Re8 19.Qd3 b6 (careful, the black queen is on the verge of getting trapped, so some evasive action is required) *(*possible is *19...b5* as *20.Qxb5 Ba6 21.Qc5 Rac8* would offer good play for Black*)* 20.e5 Bf5! (the best way to attack the opposing queen) 21.Be4 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Rac8 23.Ra1 Qb3 Wojtaszek, R - Giri, A Julius Baer rapid 2022, and Black is fine, even if White has more or less enough compensation.]

[After the similar-looking 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.0-0 there is (compare with the main game) a neat bishop manoeuvre that Maghsoodloo has previously employed (with Black): Bd7! 16.Rb1 Ba4 17.Qc1 Qxa2! 18.Rxb7 *(*alternatively, *18.Bc4 Qc2 19.Rxb7 Qxc1 20.Rxc1 Rfb8!* (best) *21.Rxb8+ Rxb8 22.Ba6 Bb5 23.Bxb5 Rxb5 24.Kf1 f5=* Harikrishna, P - Vachier-Lagrave, M Mayrhofen 2022*)* 18...Rfc8 19.Rxa7 Rxc1 20.Rxa8+ Rc8! *(20...Kg7 21.Bxc1 Qxe2 22.Rxa4* gives White a favourable version*)* 21.Rxc8+ Kg7 22.Bd1 Qxd2 23.Bxa4 Qf4 24.g3 Qxe4 Parligras, M - Maghsoodloo, P German league 2022, and only Black has winning chances.]

14...Bd7

[14...Bxh3 - 80/475]

[After 14...Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 play can become quite sharp, but what to capture first?:

A) 15...Bxa1 16.Qxa1 f6 17.Rb1 a5 *(17...Rf7N* is suggested by Stockfish as best, but this needs testing *)*

A1) 18.e5 fxe5 19.Qxe5 Qd6 *(* Black seems to be OK after *19...Rxf3! 20.gxf3 Qxf3 21.Bc3 Qf6 22.Qg3 Qf5=)* 20.Qe3 e6? (the wrong idea altogether) 21.dxe6 *(21.Bc3!+-)* 21...Qxe6 22.Qd4 Qf6? *(22...Rxf3!* is the lesser evil*)* 23.Bd5+ Kg7 24.Qe3 Qd6 25.Bc3+ Rf6 26.Rb6 1-0 Ilner, A - Wantiez, F Belgian league 2015;

A2) 18.Bh6! Rf7 19.e5 *(19.Rb6!? Ra6 20.Rb5* is Stockfish's mysterious idea*)* 19...fxe5 20.Qxe5 Qd6 21.Qe3 b5 (otherwise the pressure is too unpleasant, but White remains on top) 22.Rxb5 Rb8 23.Qb3 Rxb5 24.Qxb5 Qd7 25.Qxa5 Bb7+- Hossain, E - Vakhidov, J Asian Hybrid Tornelo 2021, and Black was clearly not happy;

B) pushing the a-pawn makes a lot of sense whether White leaves his rook on a1 or moves it to b1, as it's

a source of potential counterplay: 15...a5!? 16.Re1 Bxa1 17.Qxa1 f6 18.e5 fxe5 19.Qxe5 Qd6 20.Qxe7 *(20.Qd4!? Rf6!?)* 20...Qxe7 21.Rxe7 Rf7 22.Re8+ Rf8 23.Re5 Rf5 Makarian, R - Sjugirov, S Russian league 2021, and Black holds firm;

C) 15...Bxh3 16.Rb1 Bd7 17.Bb4 Qxa2 18.Bxe7 Rfe8 19.d6 Bc6 20.e5 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Qe6 22.Qxb7± Indjic, A - Paravyan, D Almaty blitz 2022, and the advanced d-pawn ensures a white advantage. As far as I can see, both fifteen move captures are acceptable, but in both cases a precise follow-up will be required. If these don't appeal, then 15...a5 has its points as well.]

15.Rb1 Ba4

[At this point 15...Qxa2 seems playable, but is perhaps not best: 16.Rxb7 Ba4 17.Qc1 (this natural queen move doesn't lead to any advantage) *(see the note to Black's sixteenth for 17.Qe1!±)* 17...Rac8! *(17...Rfc8? 18.Rxa7! Rxc1??* (he seems to have his lines mixed up!) *19.Rxa8+ Bf8 20.Bxc1 Nd7 21.Bd1+-* Tari, A - Van Foreest, J Chessable Masters 2021*)* 18.Qe1 Rc2 19.Rxa7 Nxf3+ 20.Bxf3 Rxd2 21.Rxa4 Qb2 22.Ra7 Re8 23.Rb7 Qd4 Cramling, P - Kulaots, K Swedish league 2022, and despite being a pawn down, Black's activity ensures that he has easy equality.]

16.Qe1

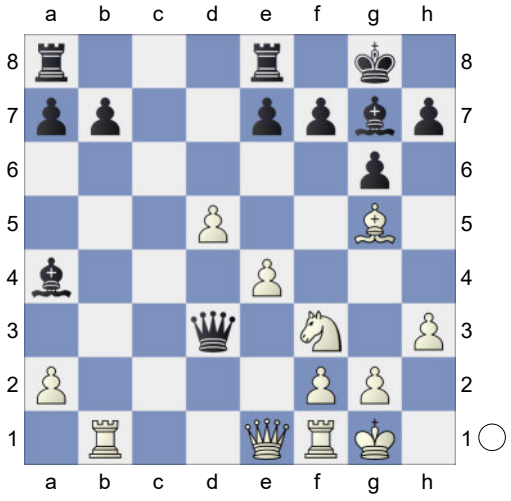
[16.Qc1 could transpose to the previous note and was indeed the move order in Craming, P - Kulaots, K, see above.]

16...Nd3 Flear,Glenn: '!' Flear,Glenn: 'Eliminating the opponent's light-square bishop seems best. This possibility isn't available in the analogous variation involving 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.0-0 (see the note to White's fourteenth move).'

[Here 16...Qxa2 definitely seems inferior: Flear,Glenn: 'see the note to Black's sixteenth for'see the note to Black's sixteenth for 17.Rxb7!± Flear,Glenn: ' ±!' Rfb8 18.Rxe7 Bf6? *(* there would still be some hope after *18...Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 Bf6 20.Rc7 Be5 21.Rc1 Bb5 22.Be2 Bxe2 23.Qxe2 a5±* with some compensation for the pawn *)* 19.Rxe5! Rb2 20.Rg5!? (a pretty idea, but not the only way) Bxg5? 21.Bxg5 Rxe2 22.Qb4 Rc8 23.Ne5 h6 24.Qe7 1-0 Kavutskiy, K - Tiglon, B San Jose 2022.]

17.Bxd3 Qxd3 18.Bg5 Rfe8 Diagram

[Instead, 18...h6? is too provocative: 19.Bxe7 Rfe8 20.Rxb7 Qa6 21.Qb4! Rac8 22.d6 Bc3 23.Qb1 Bc2 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.Rxb5+- Grischuk, A - Puranik, A Titled Tuesday online blitz 2022, and the passed d-pawn wins the day.]



19.Qb4N Flear,Glenn: 'Finally, we arrive

on virgin territory.'
[Flear,Glenn: 'Previously, in the two games that had reached this position, both players captured on b7:' 19.Rxb7 Bb5 20.Bxe7 Qxf1+ 21.Qxf1 Bxf1 22.Kxf1 Flear,Glenn: '(the unbalanced pseudo-endgame that follows is equal according to Stockfish)' Rab8 *(22...Bf8 23.Bxf8 Kxf8 24.Ng5 h6 25.Nxf7 Rab8 26.Rxb8 Rxb8= 27.Ne5* Grischuk, A - Antipov, M Titled Tuesday online blitz 2022.*)* 23.Rxa7 Bf8 24.Bxf8 Kxf8 25.Ng5 h6 26.Nxf7 Rxe4 27.g3 Re7= Flear,Glenn: 'Sevian, S - Vachier-Lagrave, M Chess.com rapid 2022']
[RR 19.Rxb7 Bb5 20.Bxe7 Qxf1+ 21.Qxf1 Bxf1 22.Kxf1 Bf8 23.Bxf8 Kxf8 24.Ng5 h6 25.Nxf7 Rxe4 26.d6 Rf4 27.Ne5 Re4 28.Nd7+ 1-0 (28) Atalik,S (2441)-Phatak,A (1981) Belgrade 2023]

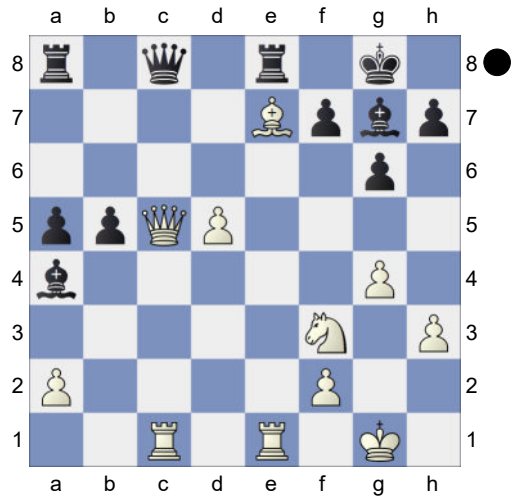
19...b5 20.Rbc1
[20.Bxe7 a5 21.Qd6 b4 22.Rbc1 Bc3 23.e5 Ra6 24.Qc5 Qb5∞]

20...a5 21.Qc5 Flear,Glenn: 'Instead of grabbing pawns, Maghsoodloo gives up his own e-pawn in his quest for the initiative.' **21...Qxe4 22.Rfe1 Qf5 23.g4** Flear,Glenn: 'Chasing the royal intruder back into it's own camp.'
[23.Bxe7 Rac8 24.Qd6 Rxc1 *(24...Rc4 25.Rxc4 bxc4 26.Qa3 Qd7 27.d6 Qb5∓)* 25.Rxc1 b4∓]

23...Qc8
[23...Qxf3?? drops the queen to 24.Re3]

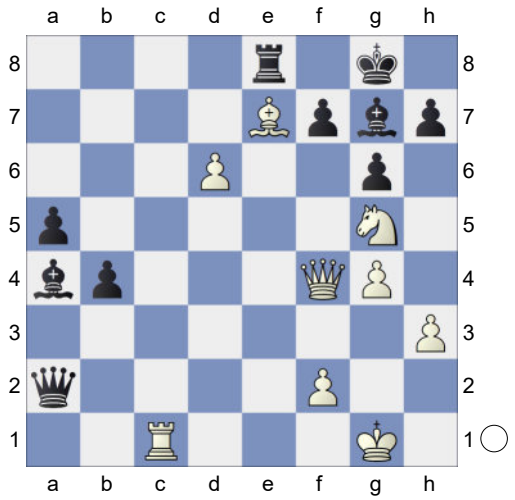
24.Bxe7 Diagram

(Diagram)



Flear,Glenn: 'Only now! The passed d-pawn might seem to be more dangerous than the queenside majority, but the silicon experts assure me that it's still equal.' **24...b4**
[24...Qxc5! 25.Rxc5 *(25.Bxc5?! b4∓)* 25...Rxe7 26.Rxe7 Bf8 27.d6 *(27.Rec7 Bxc5 28.Rxc5 b4 29.Ne5 b3 30.axb3 Bxb3 31.d6 a4 32.d7 Be6 33.Ra5 Rd8 34.Rxa4 Kf8 35.Rd4 f6=)* 27...Bxe7 28.dxe7 f6 29.Rd5 Re8 30.Nd4 Rxe7 31.Nxb5 Bxb5 32.Rxb5 Re5 33.Rxe5 fxe5 34.Kg2 Kf7 35.Kf3 Ke6=]

25.Qe3 Qb7 26.d6 Rac8 27.Ng5 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Qd5 29.Qf4 Qxa2 Diagram
[Flear,Glenn: 'A safeish equality could be achieved with exchanges:' 29...Bh6!
A) 30.Rc5 Bxg5 31.Qxg5 Qxa2 *(31...Qxg5?! 32.Bxg5 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Rd1 34.Bf6 Bd7 35.Rxa5 Bc6 36.Be7±)* 32.Kg2 Qe6 33.Qf4 f6∞;
B) 30.Qc4 Qxc4 31.Rxc4 f5 *(31...Bxg5 32.Bxg5 Re6=)* 32.Nf3 fxg4 33.hxg4 Bf8 34.Bxf8 Kxf8 35.Rc5 Rd8 36.Rxa5 Bd1 37.Ne5 Rxd6=]



Flear,Glenn: '?!' Flear, Glenn: 'A key decision which proves to be a questionable one.' **30.Rc4! f5?** Flear,Glenn: 'Despite Erigaisi wanting to seek confusion and perhaps solace in the complications, the tactics don't really work for him.'

[Flear,Glenn: 'The best chance was' 30...f6

A) RR31.Ne6 Bb5! 32.Nxg7 *(32.Rc5 Qxe6 33.Rxb5 Bf8=)* 32...Qxc4 33.Qxc4+ Bxc4 34.Nxe8 Kf7 35.Nxf6 b3 36.Ne4 b2 37.Nc3 a4 38.Nb1 Ba2 39.Na3 b1Q+ 40.Nxb1 Bxb1= Perunovic, Milos;

B) 31.Ne4 g5 Flear, Glenn: 'when many an opponent would bail out by capturing on f6 (32.Nxf6+ Bxf6 33.Qxf6 Qxc4 34.Qxg5+ etc.) thus taking a perpetual. Nevertheless, White could certainly try for more with' 32.Qc1 *(32.Nxf6+ Bxf6 33.Qxf6 Qxc4 34.Qxg5+ Kf7 35.Qf6+ Kg8 36.Qg5+ Kf7=)* 32...b3 33.Nc3 b2!

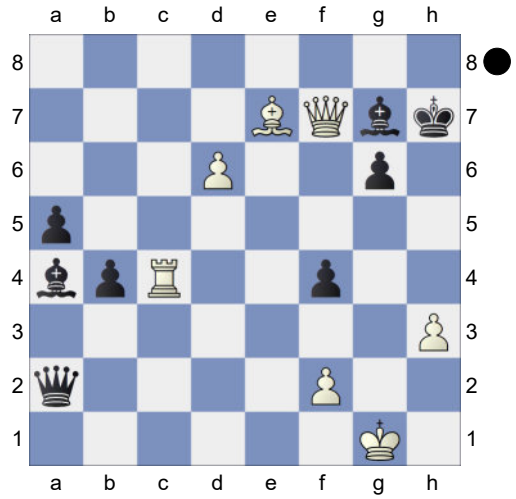
B1) 34.Nxa2 bxc1Q+ 35.Nxc1 Bd7 36.Rc7 Rc8 37.Rxd7 Rxc1+ 38.Kg2 Flear,Glenn: '⩲' Flear,Glenn: 'but this is probably defensible.' Kf7 39.Ra7 Rd1 40.Bd8+ *(40.Rxa5 Bf8=)* 40...Ke8 41.Bxa5 Bf8! 42.Bc3 h6 43.Bxf6 Rxd6 44.Bb2 Re6=;

B2) 34.Qf1 Qb3 35.Rxa4 Qxc3 36.d7 Rb8 37.Rc4 Qb3 38.Rc8+ Kf7 39.Qb1 Qxh3 40.d8Q Qxg4+ 41.Kf1 Qh3+ 42.Kg1 Qg4+=]

31.gxf5 h6 32.f6? Flear, Glenn: '?!'

[Flear,Glenn: 'The engine gives the strange-looking' 32.Kg2! Flear,Glenn: 'as basically winning, a typical continuation being' Bb5 *(32...hxg5 33.Qe4 gxf5 34.Qe6+ Kh8 35.Rh4++- gxh4 36.Qxa2+-)* 33.f6! Bxc4 34.fxg7 hxg5 *(34...Bd5+ 35.Kg3+-)* 35.Qf8+ Kh7 36.Qxe8 Bd5+ 37.Kg3 Bg8 38.d7+-]

32...hxg5 33.f7+ Kh7 34.fxe8Q gxf4 35.Qf7 Diagram



Flear, Glenn: 'The new queen replaces the old one. Now, with an extra exchange in the tense middlegame it would seem that White is on top. However, it turns out that Black is OK if he is precise, but this is no easy task, especially just coming up to move forty.'

35...Be8?
[Flear,Glenn: 'Correct is' 35...Qa1+ Flear,Glenn: '!'
A) 36.Kg2 Bb3 37.Qxf4 *(37.d7 Bxc4 38.Qxc4 f3+!* and, in all cases, the d-pawn will be seized before it promotes*)* 37...Bxc4 38.Qh4+ Bh6 39.Qxc4 Qe5= with the well-placed black queen thwarting any efforts to promote the d-pawn.;
B) 36.Kh2 Bb3 37.d7 *(37.Bh4 Bxc4 38.Qxc4 Qc3 39.Qxc3 bxc3 40.d7 c2 41.d8Q c1Q 42.Qxa5=)* 37...Qf1! 38.Qxf4 Be5! 39.Qxe5 *(39.Bc5 Bxf4+ 40.Rxf4 g5! 41.d8Q gxf4=)* 39...Qxf2+= Flear,Glenn: 'with a draw! How many folk would have found that, I wonder!?']
36.Qxf4 b3 37.d7! Bxd7 38.Qf7 Flear,Glenn: '+-!' Flear,Glenn: 'Now the threat of Rh4+ forces desperate measures, but these come to naught.' **38...Qa1+ 39.Kg2 Bxh3+ 40.Kh2!+- Qe5+ 41.Kxh3 Qf5+ 42.Qxf5 gxf5 43.Rc7 Kg6 44.Ba3 Be5 45.Rc5 Bd4 46.Rxa5 Bxf2 47.Rb5**
1-0

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **So,Wesley** **2760**
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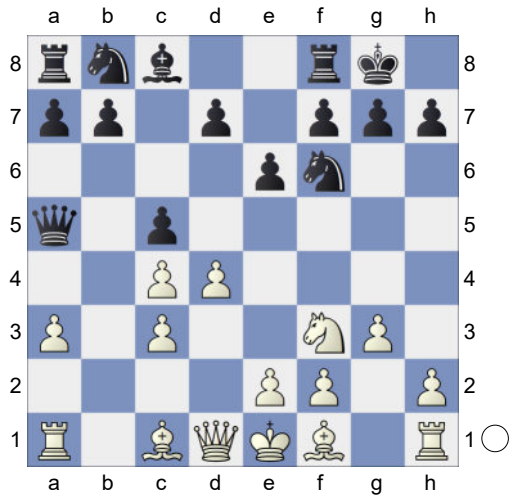
[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.g3 7.Qc2 is setting a new trend.7.Dc2 setzt einen neuen Trend. **7...Qa5** Diagram
[7...b6 - 152/179]
[RR 7...b6 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.d5 d6 10.0-0 Qe7 11.Nh4 Nbd7 12.Re1 Ne5 13.e4 Nxc4 14.Bf1 Ne5 15.c4 Ng6 16.Ng2 b5 17.cxb5 exd5 18.exd5 Qd7 19.Ne3 Rfe8 20.Bb2 Nxd5 21.Nxd5 Rxe1 22.Qxe1 Tabatabaei,M (2623)-So,W (2778) Berlin 2022 1-0]
[RR 7...Nc6 8.Bg2 Na5 9.Nd2 d6 10.0-0 Rb8 11.e4 e5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Qe2 b6 14.Rd1 Qe7 15.Nf1 Ba6 16.Ne3 Qe6 17.f3 Nxc4 18.Nxc4 Bxc4 19.Qf2 Rfd8 20.Be3 h6 21.h4 Bb3 22.Rd2 Seres,L (2284)-Li,W (2260) Budapest 2025 0-1 (41)]



8.Bg2N
[Predecessor: 8.Bd2 b6 9.Bg2 Bb7 10.0-0 Qa6 11.Bg5 Ne4 12.Qd3 d5 13.cxd5 Qxd3 14.exd3 Nxc3 15.dxc5 Bxd5 ½-½ Petkov,P (2189)-Parushev,A (2318) BUL-ch51 email 2016]
[RR 8.Bd2 Ne4 9.Qc2 Nxd2 10.Nxd2 d6 11.Bg2 e5 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Ne4 cxd4 14.Nxd6 Qc5 15.Nxc8 Raxc8 16.Qa4 dxc3 17.e3 Na5 18.Rfc1 Nxc4 19.Rxc3 b5 20.Qa6 Qb6 21.Qxb6 Nxb6 22.Rb3 Rc5 Mottais,F-Falbo,S (2211) San Remo 2001 ½-½]

[RR 8.Bd2 b6 9.Bg2 Bb7 10.0-0 Qa6 11.Qb3 Ne4 12.Be3 Rc8 13.Qc2 cxd4 14.Bxd4 f6 15.c5 bxc5 16.Be3 d5 17.Rab1 Nd7 18.c4 Bc6 19.Rfc1 d4 20.Bd2 Nd6 21.Ne1 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Nb6 Berrak,S-Cheung, J (2150) Berkshire 2006 0-1 (69)]

8...cxd4

[8...Nc6 9.Bd2 d6 10.0-0∞]

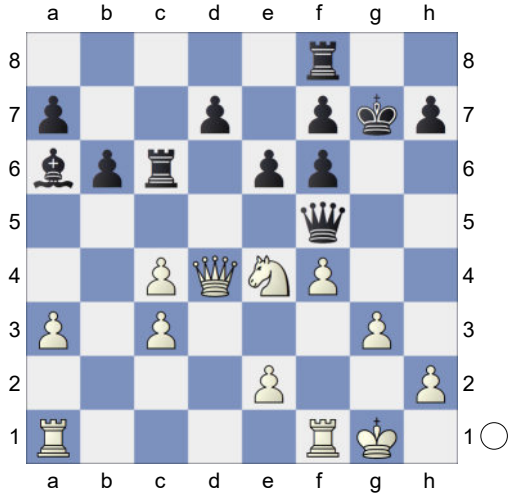
[8...Qxc3+ 9.Bd2 Qxc4 10.dxc5 Nc6 11.Rc1 Qa6 12.0-0⩱]

9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qd3 b6 11.0-0 Ba6 12.Bg5 Rac8! 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.Qd4 Kg7

[15...Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Rxc4 17.Qxf6 Rfc8 18.Bf3 Qxc3 19.Qe7⩱]

[⩲15...Qc5 16.Ne4 Qxd4 17.cxd4 Nxc4 18.Nxf6+ Kg7 19.Nxd7 Rfd8 20.Ne5 Rxd4∓]

16.f4 Nc6 17.Bxc6 Rxc6 18.Ne4 Qf5 Diagram



19.Rf3?!

[19.g4 e5 *(19...Qxg4+ 20.Kh1 e5 21.fxe5 Qxe2 22.Rf2 Qxc4 23.Nxf6⩱)* 20.gxf5 exd4 21.cxd4 Bxc4 22.Ng3=]

19...h5?!

[19...d5! 20.Nd2 h5∓]

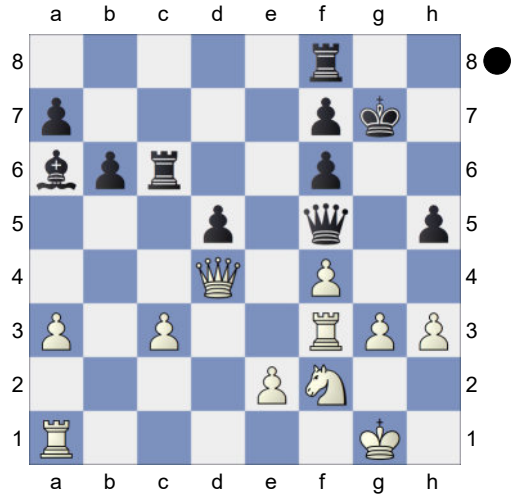
20.h3?!

[20.Nd6 Qc5 21.Rd3 Bxc4 22.Nxc4 Qxc4 23.Qxc4 Rxc4 24.Rxd7 Ra4 25.Rad1 Rxa3 26.Rb7⩱]

20...d5! 21.cxd5

[⩲21.Nd2]

21...exd5 22.Nf2 Diagram



22...Bxe2?!

[22...Rc4! 23.g4 *(23.Qd2 d4∓)* 23...Qc8 *(23...Rxd4 24.gxf5 Rd2 25.e4 Re8∓)* 24.Qd2 d4∓]

23.Re3 Qc2

[23...Ba6 24.g4 hxg4 25.hxg4 Qg6

A) 26.Qa4 b5 *(26...Bb7 27.Qxa7 Ba8 28.Qd7=)* 27.Qb4⩱;

B) 26.Qxd5 Rc4 27.Rae1 Rxf4 28.Qd6 Qh6 29.Re8 Rxe8 30.Rxe8 Bb5 31.Ra8 Rf3 32.Qf8+ Kg6 33.Qxh6+ Kxh6 34.Rxa7 Bc4 35.Rc7=]

24.Re1 Ba6 25.Qxd5 Rxc3 26.Qxh5 Rxe3

[26...Bc8!?]

27.Qg4+ Kh6 28.Qh4+ Kg7 29.Qg4+ Kh6 30.Qh4+ Kg7 31.Qg4+

½-½

217 **E10**
□ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2725**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
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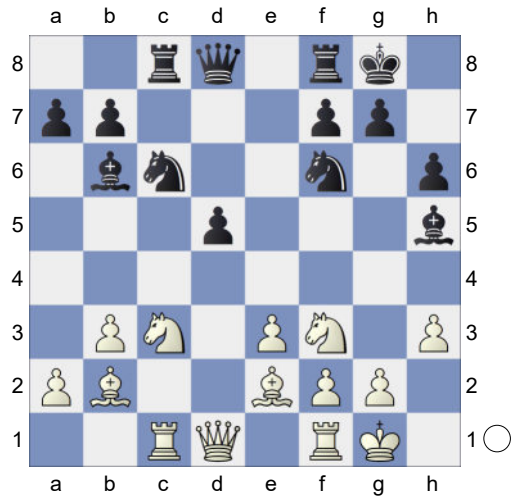
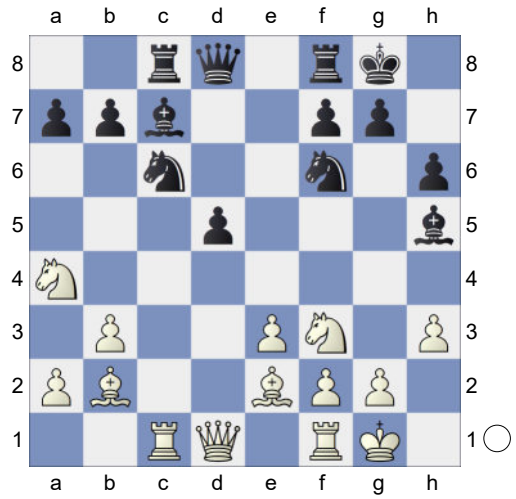
[Kitty Kat]*

E50: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4...0-0 5 Nf3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 h6N**
[3...c5 4.Nc3 *(4.g3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Bg2 Qc7 7.Qd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 Rd8 10.b3 d6 11.Bb2 Bd7 12.Rac1 Be8 13.Rfd1 Nbd7 14.h3 Rac8 15.g4 Ne5 16.Qe3 Qb8 17.f4 Nc6 18.Nxc6 Bxc6* 0-1 Ollitervo,T (2425)-Visakh,N (2405) Deutsche Schz-5 corr3435 1934*)* 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.g3 Qc7 7.Bg2 Nc6 *(7...Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bf4 d6 10.Nb3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Nh5 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Na4 Bd7 14.Nb6 Rad8 15.Qd2 Be8 16.Qa5 Kh8 17.f4 Ng4 18.Bd2 Ngf6 19.e4 Bc6 20.Rfe1 Ne8 21.Nd5 Qxa5 22.Bxa5* 1-0 Dautov,R (2615)-Lutz,C (2555) 66/458 Nussloch 1996 *)* 8.0-0 Be7 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 d6 11.Rc1 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Bd7 13.Rfd1 Rfd8 14.h3 Rac8 15.e3 Qb8 16.a4 Bc6 17.e4 b5 18.cxb5 1-0 Gheng,J (2576)-Brittner,S (2046) Enghien les Bains 2003 (1)]
4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 c5 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 exd5N
[RR 8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nxd5 10.Bc2 Nc6 11.Qd3 f5 12.Bb3 Kh8 13.Re1 b6 14.a3 Bd6 15.Bd2 Bb7 16.Rxe6 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Bxf4 18.Rae1 Na5 19.Ba2 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Qxd4 21.Ne2 Qxb2 22.Nxf4 Qxa2 23.Ng6+ Andreikin,D (2729)-Rastbod,A (2256) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (34)]
9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.b3 White is slightly better. **10...Nc6 11.Bb2 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Rc1** Hoping for g4. **13...Bb6 14.Be2 Rc8**

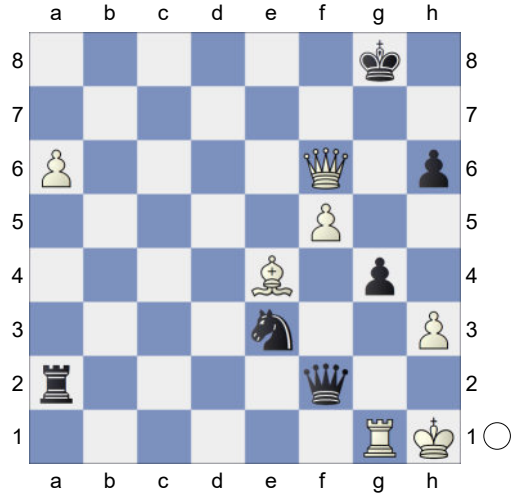


15.Na4! Bc7



16.Nc5 0.57/25
[16.Bxf6!± 0.97/26 Qxf6 17.Qxd5]
16...Bxf3!± 17.Bxf3 Be5! 18.Qd2
[18.Nxb7 Qe7 19.Bxe5 *(19.Bxd5? Nxd5 20.Qxd5 Bxb2-+)* 19...Nxe5∓]
18...Qe7 19.Nd3 aiming for Rxc6!
[19.Bxd5? Bxb2 20.Bxf7+ Qxf7-+ *(20...Rxf7? 21.Qxb2 Rd8 22.Qe2-+)*]
19...Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Rfd8 21.Rfd1 g5 1.08/23
[21...a5± 0.66/23]
22.b4± a6 23.a4 Qd6 24.b5 Ne7 25.a5 1.02/24
[⌓25.Nc5 1.53/26 Rxc5 26.Rxc5]
25...axb5 26.Qxb5 Nc6 27.Ra1 Rc7

28.g3 0.40/23
[28.Qb6± 0.90/23]
28...d4± ...dxe3 would now be deadly.
29.Nb2 exd4 is the strong threat.
29...Nd5 30.Nc4
[30.exd4 Nc3 31.Qb6 Nxd1 *(31...Nxd4? 32.Rxd4 Qxd4 33.Qxc7+-)* 32.Rxd1 Nb4 *(32...Nxd4 33.Rxd4 Rc1+ 34.Rd1=)*]
30...Qe6 White must now prevent ...Nc3.
31.exd4 And now Rac1 would win.
31...Nc3 A dynamic duo of knights.
32.Qb6
[32.d5? Qf6 *(32...Qxh3? 33.Qb6+-)* 33.Qb6 Qxf3-+ *(33...Nxd1 34.Ra3∓)*]
32...Nxd1 33.Qxc7
[33.Rxd1 Nxd4 34.Rxd4 Rxd4 35.Qxd4 Qxc4 *(35...Rxc4 36.Qd8+ Kg7 37.Bxb7∓)* 36.Qxc4 Rxc4 37.Bxb7 Ra4]
33...Qe1+ 34.Kh2 Active counter play!
34...Qxf2+ 35.Bg2 Rxd4 36.Qxb7 Rxc4 37.Rxd1 Strongly threatening Rf1.
37...Rc2! 38.Rg1 Nd4 (⟶ ...g4!)
39.Kh1
[39.Rf1? Qxf1-+]
39...Nf5
[39...Ne2!? 40.Qb8+□ Kh7 41.Be4+ f5=]
40.Qb8+ Kg7 41.a6? -4.63/27
[Wrong is 41.Kh2? Qe3 42.a6 Nd4-+]
[41.g4!= -0.01/24 and White stays safe. Ng3+ 42.Kh2 Nf1+ 43.Kh1 Ng3+ 44.Kh2 Nf1+ 45.Kh1 Ng3+]
41...Ra2? 0.01/25
[41...Qxg3? is the wrong capture. 42.a7 Ra2 43.a8Q+- *(43.a8R Rxa8 44.Qxa8 Qe5+-)*]
[41...Nxg3+-+ -4.63/27 42.Kh2 Nh5]
42.Qe5+= Kg6? 4.02/31 **43.g4+- Ne3** 17.43/30
[43...Ng3+ 3.57/23 44.Qxg3 Remove Defender Qxg3 45.Be4+ Discovered Attack Kg7 46.Rxg3 Rxa6]
44.Be4+ f5 45.Qd6+ Kf7 46.gxf5 White wants to mate with Qe6+. **46...g4**
47.Qe6+ White mates.
[47.Qxh6? Qh2#]
47...Kf8 48.Qf6+ Kg8



49.Bd5+! Double Attack. Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.48
1-0

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2681**
85th Tata Steel Masters (5.6) 19.01.2023
[TA]*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Nxe5 b5 7.f3
[7.Be2 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert' Nxe4! 8.0-0
A) 8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bxc3
A1) 10.Bh5!? 0-0 11.Qf3 f6 12.Ng6 *(12.Qxa8 Bxa1)* 12...hxg6 13.Bxg6 Be6 14.Qh5 Re8 15.Ba3 b4 16.Rac1!? Bd2 17.Rcd1 Qd5 18.Qh7+ Kf8

19.Bxe8 Bg8 20.Qg6 Na6 21.Ba4 Bc3 22.Bc1 Rd8∞;

A2) 10.Bxc4!

A2a) 10...Bxa1?? 11.Bxf7+ Ke7 *(11...Kf8 12.Ba3++-)* 12.Bg5+ wins the queen.;

A2b) 10...bxc4 11.Qa4+ c6 12.Qxc4 Be6 13.Qxc3 0-0±;

B) 8...Bxc3 9.bxc3 Nxc3 10.Qc2 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 0-0 12.Ba3 Nd7 13.Bxf8 Qxf8⩲

B1) 14.a4?! Nxe5 15.dxe5 *(15.Qxe5?? b4-+* Nepomniachtchi-Dominguez Perez, Saint Louis 2022*)* 15...c6 16.axb5 cxb5 17.Qf3 Be6 18.Rfb1! Rb8 19.Rxa7 b4 20.Rb7=;

B2) 14.Qe4 Rb8 15.Nc6 Bb7 16.Rfe1 Kh8 17.Qd5 Nb6 18.Qxb5 a6 19.Qc5 Qxc5 20.dxc5 Bxc6 21.cxb6 cxb6⇄]

[7.Bg5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert'

A) 7...h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Be2 *(9.a4 Nc6! 10.Nxc6 Qxc6 11.Be2 a6* Paunovic,Tomislav: 'see 9.a4' Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert: 'see 9.a4'' *12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Rb8⇄)* 9...c5 *(9...Nc6 10.Nxc6 Qxc6 11.a4 a6* see 9.a4 *)* 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Qxd4 Nd7 12.Nf3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nb6 14.Qc5?! Bd7 15.Nd4 Na4 16.Qd5 0-0 17.Qxd7? *(17.Nxb5 Bxb5 18.Qxb5 Nxc3 19.Qxc4 Rac8=)* 17...Nxc3 18.e5 Qb6 19.Bxc4 Rad8 20.Qc6 Bjerre-Sarkar, Sitges 2019 bxc4! 21.Qxb6 axb6 22.Rfc1 Rxd4 23.Rxc3 b5∓;

B) 7...0-0 8.Be2 c5 9.0-0 cxd4 10.Nd5 Be7 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Qxd4 Rd8 13.Qc3 Ding-Yu, Ningbo 2019 h6 14.Bh4 Re8 15.f4 Nbd7 16.Nxd7 Bxd7 17.e5 Nd5 18.Bxe7 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Rxe7=;

C) 7...c5 8.dxc5 Qe7 9.Nf3 Nbd7 *(9...Qxe4+?! 10.Be2±)* 10.Be2 Bb7 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 0-0 13.a4 a6 14.axb5 axb5 15.Rb1 Qxc5 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Rxb5 Bxe4 Kasimdzhanov-Stevic, Germany 2022 18.Rb4 Bd5 19.Re1±]

7...0-0 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Diagram

[7...a6 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert'

A) 8.a4 Bb7! 9.axb5 axb5 10.Rxa8 Bxa8

A1) 11.Bxc4 Bxc3+! 12.bxc3 bxc4 13.Qa4+ Nbd7 14.Ba3 Bb7! 15.Qxc4 *(15.Nxc4 Qa8 16.Qb4 Kd8 17.0-0 Re8∞)* 15...Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nxe4 17.0-0 *(17.fxe4 Qh4+=)* 17...Nd2 18.Qb5+ Qd7 19.Qxb7 Nxf1 20.Qa8+ Qd8 21.Qc6+=;

A2) 11.Be3 0-0 12.Kf2 Nbd7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7∞ Banusz-Huschenbeth, Austria 2017;

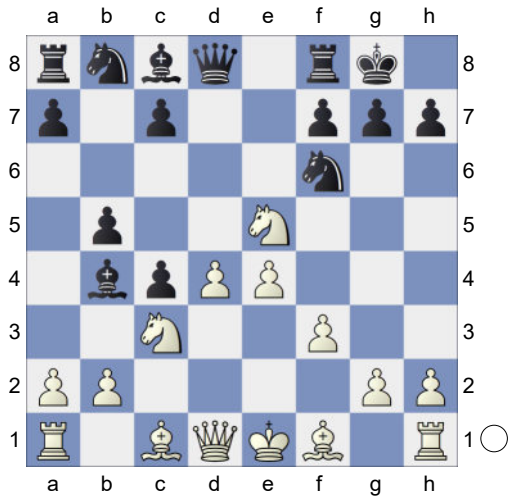
B) 8.a3 Ba5 9.Be2 0-0 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'see 8.a3' Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert: 'see 8.a3'' *(9...Nbd7?? 10.Nc6+-; 9...Nfd7!?)* 10.a4 Bb7 11.0-0 c5 12.dxc5 Qe7 13.Qd6 Qxd6 14.cxd6 Re8 15.f4 *(15.Bf4 Bb6+ 16.Kh1 Bd4 17.Ng4 Nxg4 18.fxg4 Nd7±)* 15...Bxc3 16.bxc3 Nxe4 17.Re1 Nxd6 18.Ba3 Ne4 19.Bf3 f5 20.Rab1 Bc6 21.Rbd1 Bb7 22.a5 Nc6 23.Bxe4 fxe4 24.Nxc6 Bxc6 25.Rd6 Bb7 26.Rb6 Bc8 27.Kf2 Bf5 28.Bc5 Red8 29.Bd4 h5 30.Ke3 Rd7= Chytilek-Nickel, ICCF email 2017;

C) 8.Be2 c5 *(8...0-0 9.a3 Ba5*

see 8.a3)

C1) 9.d5?! Qe7 10.f4? Nxe4 11.0-0 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bxc3 13.d6 Bd4+?? (13...Qa7!-+) 14.Qxd4 cxd4 15.dxe7+- Fier-Van Foreest, Chess.com 2017;

C2) 9.a3 Ba5 10.dxc5 Qxd1+ 11.Kxd1 Bc7 12.Bf4 Bb7 13.Ng6 Bxf4 14.Nxf4 Nbd7 15.a4 b4 16.Ncd5 Bxd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Nxc5 19.Bxc4± Draw?]



' **8.a3**

[8.a4 Paunovic,Tomislav: '- 155/(143)' c5! Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert'

A) 9.dxc5 Qa5! 10.Bf4 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxc3+ 12.Kf2 Nh5 13.g3 (13.Rc1 Qa3 14.Be3 Qb2+ 15.Qc2 Qxe5 16.axb5≅) 13...Nxf4 14.gxf4 Nd7

A1) 15.Be2? Nxe5 16.fxe5

A1a) 16...b4?! 17.Qd6 Be6 (17...b3!) 18.Rhc1 Qb2 19.Rab1 Qa2 20.Ra1 Qb2 21.Rab1 Qa2 22.Ra1 Qb2 ½-½ Vidit-Nguyen, Prague 2022;

A1b) 16...Be6! 17.axb5 Qxe5;

A2) 15.Nxd7?! Bxd7∓;

A3) 15.Nc6 Nxc5 16.axb5 Qb2+ 17.Kg3 Qxb5 18.Ne7+ Kh8 19.Rb1 Qa5 20.Bxc4 Qc7 21.Bd5

A3a) 21...Qxe7 22.Bxa8 Qe6 23.Rb8!± (23.Bd5 Qh3+ 24.Kf2 f5 25.e5 Ba6 26.Ke3 Qh4∞ Sorensen-Peng, Uppsala 2022);

A3b) 21...f5!? 22.e5 (22.Bxa8 fxe4 23.Nd5 Qd6=) 22...Be6 23.Bxa8 Rxa8 24.Qd6 Ne4+! 25.fxe4 Qc3+ 26.Kh4 Qf3=;

B) 9.Be3 cxd4 10.Qxd4 Qe7 11.axb5 Rd8 12.Qxc4 Be6 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.Nc4!? (14.b6 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 Qxc3+ 16.Kf2 Qxa1 17.b7 Nbd7 18.bxa8Q Rxa8 19.Nxd7 Nxd7 20.Qa6 Qb1 21.Rg1±; 14.Nc6 Nxc6 15.bxc6 Qxc6≅ Pranav-Praggnanandhaa, Cattolica 2022) 14...Nbd7 15.Ra6! (15.Ra4 Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 Nc5 17.Rb4 Nd3+ 18.Qxd3 Rxd3 19.Bxd3 Nh5⇄) 15...Nc5!? 16.Rc6 Qe7 17.Qf2 (17.Kf2?! Nd3+ 18.Kg1 Bxc4 19.Rxc4 Ne5 20.Rd4 Rxd4 21.Bxd4 Rd8 22.Bf2 Bc5⇄) 17...Nfxe4 18.fxe4 Nxe4 19.Qf4! Nxc3 20.bxc3 Bxc3+ 21.Kf2 Rd5 22.Kg1 (22.g4 h5!∞) 22...Rxb5±]

8...Ba5 9.a4 c5? Evidently, Jorden had horribly mixed up his preparation

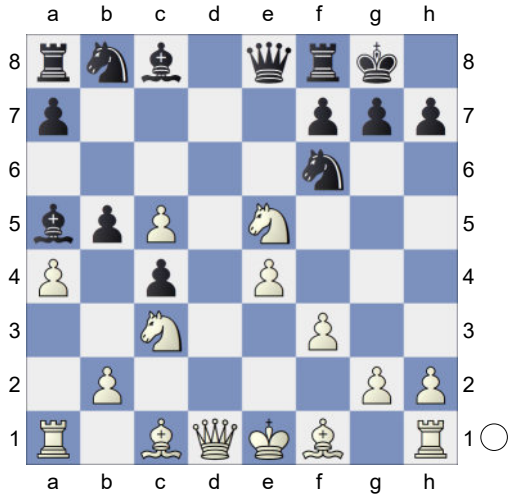
[9...a6 10.Be2 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert' Bb7 see 7...a6 (Chytilek-Nickel)]

[9...b4?! Paunovic,Tomislav 10.Ne2 Be6 (10...Ba6 11.Ng3 c5 12.Bxc4 cxd4 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.Nc6 Qc7

15.Nxa5 Qxa5 16.Nf5±) 11.Nf4 b3+ 12.Kf2 c3 13.Be3±]
[9...c6!? Paunovic,Tomislav]

10.dxc5! Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert: '!'' Had the bishop still been on b4 (8.a4) then Black could now have played Qa5. Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert: 'Had the bishop still been on b4 (8.a4) then Black could now have played Qa5.'' **10...Qe8** Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Diagram

[10...Qe7 11.Qd6!± Paunovic, Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert: ' ±!'' Qxd6 Paunovic,Tomislav 12.cxd6 Re8 13.Bf4±]
[10...Bxc3+ Paunovic,Tomislav 11.bxc3 Qa5 12.Qd4±]



' **11.axb5! Bxc3+**

[11...Qxe5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert' 12.Rxa5+-]

12.bxc3 Qxe5 13.Qd4 Qc7

[13...Qxd4 14.cxd4+- Paunovic, Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert: '+-'' c3 Paunovic,Tomislav 15.Be3+-]

14.c6N

[14.Bxc4! Rd8 15.Bd5 Nxd5 *(15...Bb7* Paunovic,Tomislav *16.c4±)* 16.exd5 Nd7 17.c6 Paunovic, Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert' *(17.Ba3±* Paunovic,Tomislav*)* 17...Nb6 18.c4 Nxc4 19.Bf4 Qe7+ 20.Kf2 Nb6 21.Rhe1+-]
[RR 14.Bxc4 Rd8 15.Bd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Nd7 17.c6 Nb6 18.c4 Nxc4 19.Bf4 Qe7+ 20.Kf2 Be6 21.Qxc4 Rxd5 22.Rhe1 Qh4+ 23.Kg1 Rd2 24.Qc5 Qxf4 25.Rxa7 Rxa7 26.Qxa7 h6 27.Qe3 Qb4 28.g4 Rc2 Indjic,A (2602)-Romanov,E (2577) Tashkent 2024 0-1 (39)]

14...Be6 15.Be2 Nxc6 16.bxc6 Rfd8

[16...a5 Paunovic,Tomislav 17.Ba3 Rfc8±]

17.Qf2

[17.Qc5 Nd7 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert' 18.Qa5 Qxc6 19.Be3 Rdc8±]

17...a5

[17...Qxc6 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert' 18.Rxa7 Rxa7 19.Qxa7±]

18.Be3 Qxc6 19.0-0 a4

[19...Rdb8!? Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert']

20.Bd4 Ne8

[⌓20...Rdb8 Paunovic,Tomislav]

21.f4 Qxe4

[21...f5!? Paunovic,Tomislav]

22.f5

[22.Bf3 Qxf4
A) 23.Bb6 Paunovic,Tomislav Rd5 24.Bxd5 Qxf2+ 25.Rxf2 Bxd5 26.Rd1 Nf6 27.Bc7!? *(27.Rxf6?! gxf6 28.Rxd5 a3 29.Rd1 a2 30.Ra1 Rb8=)* 27...Bc6±;
B) 23.Bxa8 Qxf2+ 24.Rxf2 Rxa8 25.Rfa2 Bd7±]

22...Bd5 23.Rae1 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Diagram

[23.Bd1 Paunovic,Tomislav Qe7! 24.Bxa4 Nf6=]

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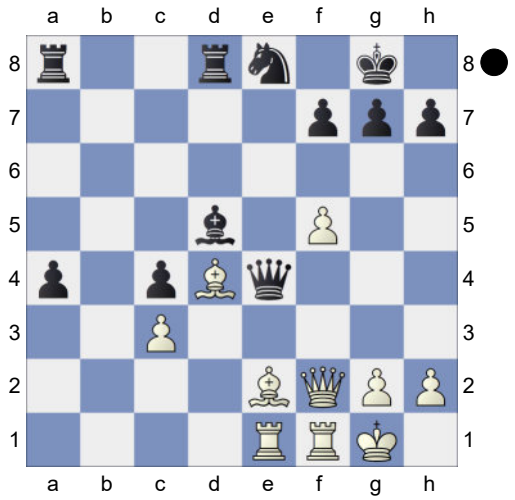

' **23...a3?**
[23...Qe7!
A) 24.f6 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert' Nxf6 25.Qg3 Qd6 26.Be5 *(26.Rf4 Kf8!?)* 26...Qb6+ 27.Bd4 *(27.Kh1? Ne8!)* 27...Qd6 28.Be5=;
B) 24.Bxc4 Qb7 Paunovic, Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert' *(24...Qd7=* Paunovic,Tomislav*)* 25.Bxd5 Qxd5 26.f6 Nxf6 27.Qg3 Qd6 28.Be5 Qb6+ 29.Bd4 *(29.Kh1? Ne8!)* 29...Qd6=]
[23...Qc2 Paunovic,Tomislav 24.Qg3 f6 25.Bf3 Bxf3 26.Qxf3↑]
24.Bh5! a2
[24...Qd3 25.Rd1
A) 25...Qe4 Paunovic,Tomislav 26.Rfe1 a2 *(26...Qxg2+ 27.Qxg2 Bxg2 28.Kxg2+-)* 27.Rxe4 Bxe4;
B) 25...a2 26.Rxd3 cxd3 27.c4 Bxc4 28.Ba1±]
25.Rxe4 Bxe4 26.Ra1 Paunovic, Tomislav: '- 24...a2' **26...Rdb8** Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Diagram
[26...Bb1 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert' 27.Bf3 Ra6 28.Qb2+-]

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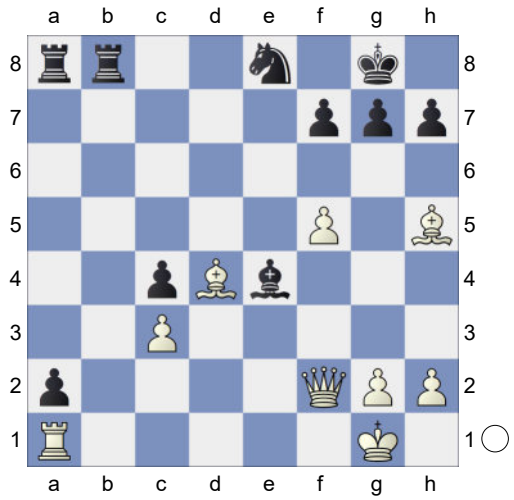

' **27.Bb6**
[27.Bxf7+ Kxf7 28.Qe2! Paunovic, Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert: '!'' Rb1+ 29.Kf2 Rxa1 *(29...Bxf5 30.Rxa2 Rxa2 31.Qxa2 Bd3* Paunovic, Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert' *32.Qa7+ Kg8 33.Qe7±)* 30.Qxc4+ Ke7 31.Qe6+ Kd8 32.Bb6+ Nc7 33.Qg8+ Kd7 34.Qxg7+ Kc6 35.Qxc7+ Kb5 36.Bd4
A) 36...Rb1 Paunovic,Tomislav 37.Qe5+ Kc4 38.Qxe4 Rf1+ *(38...a1Q 39.Qe6+! Kb5 40.Qd5+ Ka4 41.Qxa8+ Kb3 42.Qxa1 Rxa1 43.f6+-)* 39.Kxf1 a1Q+ 40.Kf2;
B) 36...Rf1+ Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert' 37.Ke3 a1Q 38.Qc5+ Ka4 39.Qb4#]
27...Ra6 28.Rxa2 Raxb6 29.h3± Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Ris, Robert: ' **±"**
29...Nf6 30.Be2 Rb5
[⌓30...Rb1+ Paunovic,Tomislav 31.Kh2 Rc8]
31.Bxc4 Rxf5 32.Qa7 Rf8 33.Rb2 h5 34.Rb8 Rxb8
[⌓34...Nh7 Paunovic,Tomislav]
35.Qxb8+ Kh7 36.Bxf7 Rg5 37.g3 Ra5 38.Be6 Ra1+ 39.Kf2 Bg6 40.g4 Rb1 41.Qe5 Ne4+ 42.Kg2 Rb2+

43.Kf3 h4
[43...Rb1!? Paunovic,Tomislav]
44.Bd5 Nf6 45.Qg5
1-0

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□ **Ding,Liren** **2811**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
Tata Steel-A 85th (2) 15.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
1.e4 Marin,Mihail Kosten,Tony **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6! 10.a5**
[10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006]
10...Ba7
[RR 10...Nxa5 11.Rxa5 Bxa5 12.dxe5 Ng4 13.Bg5 f6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Bh4 c5 16.h3 h5 17.Nbd2 *(RR 17.hxg4 hxg4 18.e5 gxf3 19.Bxf6 fxg2 20.Re1 Qd7 21.exd6+ Kf8)* 17...Rb7 18.Bd5 Rg7 19.e5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 dxe5 21.Ne4 Rh6 22.Qf3 Rgg6 23.Rd1 Kf8 24.Bf7]
11.h3! Against Bg4 **11...0-0**
[11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)]
12.Be3 White is slightly better.
12...Ra8N 12...Re8 is the modern continuation. 12...Te8 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. Kosten,Tony: 'The mainline, simply defending the a7-bishop.' Kosten,Tony: '12...Re8 is the modern continuation.'Kosten,Tony: '12...Te8 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.'
[12...Re8 13.Ng5 *(13.Re1* (Kosten,Tony) is Grischuk,A-Caruana,F. *)* 13...Rf8 14.Re1 Ra8 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 exd4 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.e5 Nfd5 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Bb7 21.Rc1 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxd4 23.Qh5 Nd5 *(23...Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Nd3 25.Rxd3 Qxd3 26.Nc5 Qd2 27.Rd1 Rae8 28.Rxd2 Rxe5 29.Nxb7 c5 30.f4 Re1+ 31.Kf2 Rc1 32.Bc2 c4 33.Nc5 b4 34.b3 Rc8 35.Nxa6 cxb3 36.Bxb3 R1c3 37.Rb2* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 24.Rf3 Qe7 *(24...Bxe5 25.Qxe5 Qe7 26.Qd4 Qb4 27.Rd3* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 25.Nxf7 Qxe4 26.Rxc7 Nf4 27.Ng5+ (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1]
[12...exd4!? (Kosten,Tony) has also been examined a few times, 13.cxd4 Nb4! *(13...Nxe4?* is a mistake, see Timofeev,A-Halkias,S.*; 13...h6?!* Zhigalko,S-Golubenko,V.*)* 14.Nc3 see Vachier Lagrave,M-Caruana,F.]
[RR 12...exd4]
13.Nbd2 Bb7
[13...h6 (Kosten,Tony) see Kryvoruchko,Y-Durarbayli,V, also in the PGN Archive.]
[RR 13...h6 14.Re1 Re8 15.Qc2 exd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 c5 18.e5 c4 19.exf6 cxb3 20.Qc6 Rb8

21.Bf4 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Bb7 23.Qxd6 g5 24.Re7 gxf4 25.Qxf4 Qd5 26.Ne4 Qh5 27.Qg3+ Qg6 28.Qxg6+ Saric,I (2689)-Maghsoodloo, P (2649) Batumi 2018 1-0 (63)]

14.Re1 Kosten,Tony: 'simply transposes. ' **14...Re8**

[Black often prefers to stop a piece going to g5 with 14...h6 (Kosten,Tony) but if this isn't strictly necessary then the text is more accurate. 15.Bc2 *(15.Nf1 Re8 16.Ng3)* 15...Re8 Fedorchuk, S-Shirov,A, in the Archive. RR 16.Qb1 exd4 17.cxd4 Nb4]

[14...Nd7!? (Kosten,Tony) is probably not very good, see Aagaard,J-Godena, M.]

[RR 14...Nd7 15.Bd5 Rb8 16.b4]

[RR 14...h6 15.Bc2 Re8 16.d5 Ne7 17.Bxa7 Rxa7 18.b4 Ng6 19.c4 bxc4 20.Nxc4 Nf4 21.Ba4 Rf8 22.b5 axb5 23.Bxb5 Bc8 24.a6 Bd7 25.Na3 Nh7 26.Bf1 f5]

[RR 14...exd4 15.cxd4 Nb4 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Nd3 18.Re3 Nf4 19.e5 dxe5 20.dxe5 Bxe3 21.fxe3 Ng6 22.exf6 Nxh4 23.Nxh4 Qxf6]

15.Ng5 Kosten,Tony: 'Obviously critical, hitting f7.'

[15.Qc2 (Kosten,Tony) supports e4, h6 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.Bxa7 Rxa7 19.c4 Qe7 20.Rac1 Bc6 so the rook can go to b7, Schwetlick,T (2488)-Rice,R (1367) ICCF email 2017, 1-0 (58).]

[RR 15.Nf1 exd4 16.cxd4 Rxe4]

[RR 15.Bc2]

[RR 15.Bc2 h6 16.dxe5 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Nxe5 18.Qe2 c5 19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.c4 Nh5 21.Qxh5 Qxd2 22.Bb3 Qxb2 23.Rd1 Re7 24.Rd6 Qc1+ 25.Rd1 Qb2 26.Rg3 b4 27.Qxh6 f6 28.Qxf6 Rf7 29.Rd8+ Rxd8 Aizenberg,B (2450)-Nurmanova, A (2315) Fujairah 2025 ½-½ (50)]

15...Re7 Kosten,Tony: '!'

[15...Rf8 (Kosten,Tony) is sometimes played to offer a repetition, or simply to gain a bit of time on the clock.]

[RR 15...Rf8 16.Nf1 Ne7 *(RR 16...h6 17.Nf3 Re8)* 17.dxe5 Bxe3 *(RR 17...dxe5 18.Qxd8)* 18.Bxf7+]

16.Ndf3N Kosten,Tony: 'White is ready to capture on f7 and brings up some reinforcements.'

[16.d5 Kosten,Tony Nb8 was annotated by Victor in Anand,V-Shirov,A. *(16...Bxe3!?)*]

[RR 16.d5 Nb8 17.Bxa7 Rxa7 18.Nf1 c6 19.Ne3 *(RR 19.dxc6 Nxc6)* 19...cxd5 20.exd5 h6 21.Nf3 Rc7 22.Nd2 *(RR 22.c4 Rc5)* 22...Nbd7 23.c4 Nc5 *(RR 23...Rc5 24.Ba2 bxc4 25.Ndxc4)* 24.Bc2 *(RR 24.cxb5 axb5)* 24...b4 25.Ndf1 *(RR 25.Nb3 Bc8 26.Nxc5 Rxc5 27.Qd2 Rb7)* 25...Bc8 26.Ng3 g6 27.b3 Nh7 *(RR 27...Rab7 28.Qd2 h5 29.Kh1 h4 30.Ngf1 Nh5)* 28.Ne4

A) RR 28...Nxe4 29.Bxe4 Nf6 30.Nc2 *(RR 30.Bd3 Nd7 31.Qd2 Nc5 32.Rab1 Qg5)* 30...Rab7 31.Qd2 Nxe4 32.Rxe4 Bf5 33.Re2 Bxc2 34.Qxc2 Qg5;

B) 28...f5 29.Nxc5 Rxc5 30.Qd2 Rb7 Anand,V (2790)-Shirov,A (2723) Wijk aan Zee 2010 CBM 135 [Marin,Mihail] 1-0 (55)]

[RR 16.Nf1 h6 17.d5 hxg5 18.dxc6 Bxc6 19.Bxg5 Nxe4 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Ne3 Qf6 22.Qe2 g6 23.Rf1 Kg7 24.Nd5 Qh4 25.Nxc7 Rh8 26.Qf3 f5 27.Kh2 Nxf2 28.Ne6+ Kf6 29.Rxf2 Bxf2 30.Qd3 Be4 Kosteniuk,A (2552)-Shirov,A (2630) Douglas 2017 0-1]

16...h6! Kosten,Tony: 'This forces White's hand, but Black can hold his own in the resulting complications.' **17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18.dxe5 Bxe3!** Kosten,Tony: 'Forced.'

[18...dxe5? Kosten,Tony 19.Qxd8+ Nxd8 20.Bxa7 Rxa7 21.Nxe5 wins.]

19.exf6

[19.Rxe3? Kosten,Tony dxe5 favours Black.]

19...Ba7 Kosten,Tony: 'A wild position, White will capture on f7 eventually and the material will be roughly equal but Black's king will be exposed.' **20.fxg7N** -0.39/25

[Predecessor: 20.Bxf7+= 0.52/22 20.e5 0.01 Kxf7= Kosten,Tony: 'transposes to the note below.' 21.Qd5+ *(21.e5!?* Kosten,Tony *dxe5 22.fxg7 Kxg7 23.Qe2)* 21...Kf8! *(21...Kxf6 22.Qf5+ Ke7 23.e5±)* 22.e5 *(22.fxg7+ Kxg7 23.Rad1)* 22...dxe5 23.fxg7+ Kxg7 24.Qe4 Qf6 ...Rg8 is the strong threat. 25.Rad1 Kosten,Tony: 'Kurmann,O (2466)-Kenneskog,T (2307) Sitges 2021, 1-0 (31), should be met by' Rd8? 4.04/27 Wards off Rd7+ *(25...Bc8!=* 0.01/24 Kosten,Tony: '!' *26.g4* (Kosten,Tony) to stop ...Bf5, *b4)* 26.Qg4++- Kh7? 6.35/28 *(26...Qg6* 3.67/25 *)* 27.Rxd8+- Nxd8 28.Rxe5 Nf7 12.24/24 *(⌓28...Bxf3* 5.15/24 *29.Qd7+ Kg6 30.Qd3+ Kg7)* 29.Re6 1-0 Kurmann,O (2466)-Kenneskog,T (2307) Sitges Sunway op 8th 2021 (4)]

[20.e5!? (Kosten,Tony) is interesting: dxe5 21.fxg7 Qe7 22.Re4 Kxg7 23.Rg4+ Kh8 24.Bxf7 Qxf7]

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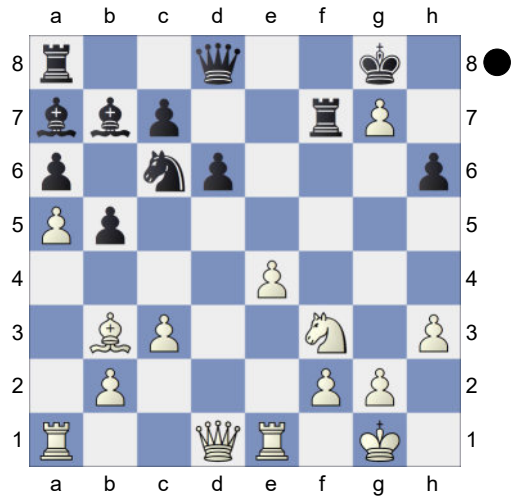


Kosten,Tony: 'N!?' Kosten,Tony: 'A new move, presumably home preparation.' **20...Qf6!∓** Kosten,Tony: '!' Kosten,Tony: 'Bringing the queen over to help her king. '

[20...Kxg7 Kosten,Tony 21.Bxf7 Kxf7 22.e5 dxe5 23.Qc2 Qf6 24.Qh7+ Qg7 25.Nxe5+ *(25.Qf5+)* 25...Nxe5 26.Qxg7+ Kxg7 27.Rxe5 is the similar to the game, but the black king is on a worse square.]

21.Qd5 Chess con chili. **21...Kxg7** 0.06/26 Kosten,Tony: 'Hastening the king out of the pin.'

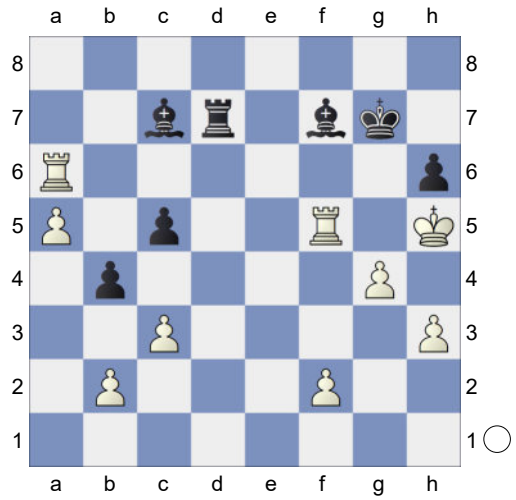
[21...Qxg7!∓ -0.45/25 22.Qh5 Pin Raf8]

22.Qxf7+ -0.51/26

[22.e5!= 0.06/26 Kosten,Tony: 'is possible, and probably more precise:' Nxe5 23.Qxb7 Nxf3+ 24.gxf3 Qxf3 *(24...Qh4* Kosten,Tony *25.Qxa8 Qg3+ 26.Kh1 Qxh3+* draws. *)* 25.Qxf3 *(25.Qxa6? Bxf2+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *26.Kh2 Qg3+* Deflection *27.Kh1 Qxh3#)* 25...Rxf3 26.Bd5 Bxf2+ *(26...Rxh3? 27.Bxa8 Rg3+ 28.Kf1+-)* 27.Kg2 Bxe1 28.Rxe1]

22...Qxf7 23.Bxf7 Kxf7 Kosten,Tony: 'transposes.' **24.e5 Nxe5** 0.29/23

Kosten,Tony: '?!' Kosten,Tony: 'This is not forced.'
[Black should try 24...d5!∓ -0.53/23 Kosten,Tony: '!?' 25.e6+ Kosten,Tony Ke7 26.Nh4 Kf6 favours Black.]
25.Nxe5+= dxe5 26.Rxe5 Rg8 0.81/29 Kosten,Tony: 'transposes.'
[26...Rd8± 0.45/24 might be stronger.]
27.g4± Kosten,Tony: 'An interesting endgame, White has rook and two pawns against two strong bishops.'
27...Rd8 1.17/24
[27...Rg5± 0.53/27 28.Rae1 Bc5]
28.Rae1! Rd7 Prevents Re7+ **29.Kh2** 0.21/22
[29.b4± 1.12/23 Kosten,Tony: '!' Kosten,Tony: 'hinders Black's next possibility,' Bd5 Kosten,Tony 30.Rf5+ Kg7 31.Re8 c6 32.Rfe5 with some advantage, the a6-pawn might prove a problem.]
29...c5? 2.23/25
[29...Bd5= 0.21/22 and Black stays safe.]
[29...b4! Kosten,Tony 30.Rf5+ *(30.cxb4 Bd4 31.Rf5+ Kg7 32.Re6 Bd5 33.Rxa6 Be4 wins an exchange. 34.Kg1)* 30...Kg7 31.Re6 b3 32.Kg3 Bd5 33.Rxa6 Bc5 is unclear.]
30.Rf5++- Kg7 31.Kg3 1.22/24
[Only move: 31.Re8!+- 2.42/25]
31...Bb8+± 32.Kh4! Kosten,Tony: 'The white king is becoming active.' **32...Bc7** 1.96/26
[32...b4± 1.52/27 was worth a try.]
33.Re6+-
[33.Rxc5 Bd8+ 34.Kg3 Bxa5=]
33...Bd5 2.73/27
[⌓33...Bxa5 1.63/28 34.Kh5 *(34.Rxc5 Bd5=)* 34...Bd8 35.Rg6+ Kosten,Tony Kh7 36.Rxh6+ Kg7 37.Rg6+ Kh7 38.f4 the active rooks and advancing pawns will win.]
34.Rxa6
[34.Rxd5? Bd8+ 35.Kg3 Rxd5 36.Rxa6 Rd3+ 37.Kf4 Rd2∓ *(37...Rxh3 38.Ra8=)*]
34...b4 Kosten,Tony: '!' **35.Kh5 Bf7+**



36.Rxf7+! Deflection Kosten,Tony: 'The best chance.'
[36.Kh4 Kosten,Tony bxc3 37.bxc3 Bd8+ 38.Kg3 Bc4 39.Ra8 Bd3 40.Rxc5 Be7 41.Rcc8 Be4 with plenty of counterplay.]
36...Kxf7
[36...Rxf7 37.Rg6+ Kf8 38.a6=]
37.Kxh6 0.44/25
[37.Ra7± 1.51/23]
37...bxc3± 38.bxc3+- Endgame KRB-KR Kosten,Tony: 'White has 4 pawns for the piece, and good winning chances.'
38...Be5! 39.Rc6 Bxc3 1.21/22
[39...Rd8!± 0.45/24 Kosten,Tony: '!' Kosten,Tony: 'is stronger,' 40.Rxc5 Kosten,Tony Kf6 threatening mate, 41.Rc6+ Bd6 42.g5+ Kf5 43.g6 Rh8+ 44.Kg7 Be5+ 45.Kf7 Ra8! to play ...Ra7+, and amazingly this equal.]
40.Rxc5± Bd2+ 41.g5 Rd4 Kosten,Tony: 'Threatening mate.' **42.Kh5** Prevents Rh4+. **42...Ra4 43.Rc7+ Kf8**

44.Rd7
[44.h4 (Kosten,Tony) is a good alternative, Rxa5 45.Rc2 Bf4 46.Rc4 Bd6 47.f4 Kf7 48.Kg4 and Black still has to play accurately to keep the pawns from advancing too far.]
44...Bc3
[44...Be1! (Kosten,Tony) gains a tempo on the f-pawn.]
45.Kg6 Rxa5 46.h4? 0.43/25 Kosten,Tony: 'The wrong pawn!'
[46.f4+- 2.94/28 Ra6+ Kosten,Tony 47.Kh7 Ra5 *(47...Ra4 48.f5)* 48.h4 Rf5 49.Rd8+ Ke7 50.Rd3 Bb2 51.Rf3 Ke6 52.Re3+ Kf7 53.h5 Rxf4 54.g6+ Kf8 55.h6 and g7+.]
46...Ra6+± 47.Kh7 White has compensation. **47...Ra4** Kosten,Tony: '!'
48.h5 Rf4? 5.91/27
[48...Ke8± 0.88/25 keeps some hope. Kosten,Tony: '!' 49.Rc7 *(49.Rd5* Kosten,Tony *Ra7+ 50.Kh6 Kf7* draws. *)* 49...Bd2]
49.Rd3? 1.03/28 Kosten,Tony: 'White had to stop the rook check.'
[49.Rc7+- 5.91/27 is the precise move to win. Be5 Kosten,Tony 50.Rc8+ Ke7 51.Rc5 Bb2 52.Rc2 Rb4 53.h6 Rb7 54.f4 Ke8+ 55.Kg6 the pawns can't be stopped.]
49...Rf7+± 50.Kg6 Rg7+ 51.Kh6! Rc7 52.f4! Rc6+? 2.62/30
[52...Kf7± 1.11/27 Kosten,Tony: '!']
53.Kh7 1.06/25 **Rc7+ 54.Kg6 Rc6+**

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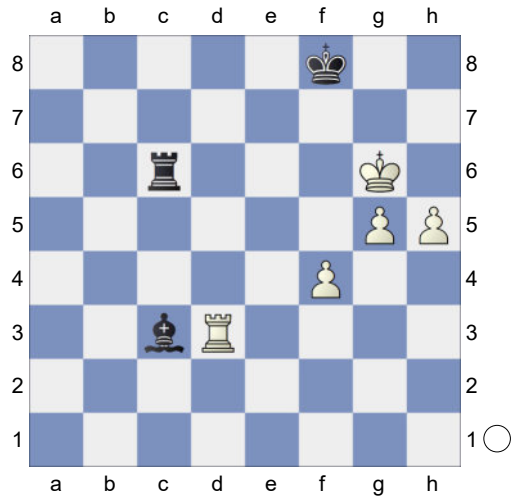
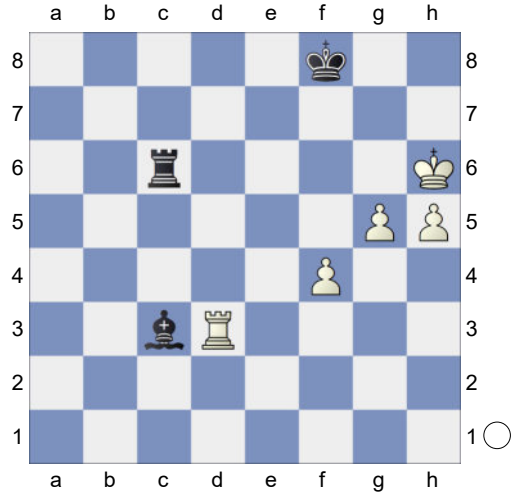


Weaker is **55.Kh7** -0.01/24
[55.Kf5!± 1.11/30]
55...Rc7+!± 56.Kh6 Rc6+!



57.g6!+- 2.62/30 is more deadly. Kosten, Tony: '!' **57...Bf6 58.Ra3 Rc8** Against Ra8 **59.Ra6 Bc3 60.Ra7?** 0.01/28
[60.Kg5+- 2.29/28 Kosten,Tony: '!' Kosten,Tony: 'to play h5-h6.' Rc5+? Kosten,Tony 61.f5 Bd2+ 62.Kg4]
60...Kg8! 61.Kg5 Rc5+! 62.Kg4
[62.f5 Kosten,Tony Bd2+ 63.Kf6 Bc3+ draws.]
62...Rc6! 63.Rd7 Kg5 would now be deadly. **63...Bb2! 64.Rd8+ Kg7 65.Rd7+ Kg8 66.Kg5 Rc5+!** The position is equal. **67.Kh6 Bf6**

Against Rd8+ Kosten,Tony: 'Stopping Rd8 mate. Now Black is drawing.' **68.Rf7 Rc6**
[68...Rf5 Kosten,Tony]
69.Ra7 Intending Ra8+ and mate.
69...Rd6 70.Ra8+ Rd8! 71.Ra7 Rd6 72.Rb7 Rd8 73.f5 Rd6 74.Ra7 Rd8 75.Ra6 Rf8 76.Rc6 Bd8 77.Re6 Bf6 Kosten,Tony: '!'
[77...Rxf5?? Kosten,Tony 78.Re8+ Rf8 79.Rxf8+ Kxf8 80.g7+ Kg8 81.Kg6 wins.]
78.Rc6 Bd8 79.Re6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.24 (precise)
79...Bf6 Kosten,Tony: 'White can't make any progress.'
½-½

220 **A07**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2696**
85th Tata Steel Masters (1.7) 14.01.2023
[David Cummings,TA]*

1.Nf3 * 1...d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c5 4.c4 d4 5.e3 Nc6 6.exd4 cxd4 7.d3 e6 8.0-0 h6
[8...Bd6 can be considered the mainline. After 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nbd2 Qe7 see for example Aronian-Robson in the Archives.]
[8...Be7 places the bishop less actively, and now another plan for White is 9.Re1 0-0 10.Na3 Nd7 11.Nc2 e5 12.b4 which is covered in the archived game Fridman-Grabarczyk.]
[8...Bc5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 gxf6!? was an unusual idea essayed by Keymer in an online game, Praggnanandhaa-Keymer from 2022, also in the Archives.]
9.Re1
[9.Na3 Bxa3 taking the knight in one go is an advantage of Black's move order. Now 10.bxa3 0-0 11.Bf4 Ng4 12.Bd2 e5 is examined in Vachier Lagrave-Anton Guijarro in the Archives.]
[9.Bf4 is more critical. White is happy to trade the "problem" c1-bishop, and if Black doesn't offer the bishop trade, then it is harder to achieve the ...e6-e5 break. After Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Nbd2 0-0 White has tried:
A) 12.Rc1 and now:
A1) 12...e5 is a bit premature as Black's centre can now come under pressure: 13.c5 Qc7 *(13...Qe7* can be met with *14.Re1* and the x-ray along the e-file causes Black problems*)* 14.Nc4 with an edge for White according to Kuljasevic;
A2) 12...Rd8 13.a3 a5 14.c5 Qe7 15.Re1 *(15.Qa4!?* stopping the a-pawn from advancing, and applying pressure on the queenside, looks like an improvement*)* 15...a4 16.Nc4 Nd7 17.Nfe5 Ncxe5 18.Nxe5 was played in Gombocz, F (2210)-Gavrilescu, D (2473) Pardubice 2019 1/2-1/2 (45) , and here Ra5 targeting the exposed c5-pawn is at least fine for Black.;
A3) 12...Qb4!? probes White's queenside. If 13.Nb3 then Black can now continue e5 and the b3-knight is sub-optimally placed, when compared to the note to 12...e5.;
B) 12.Re1 a5 is analyzed in

Kollars-Huschenbeth in the Archives]

9...Bd6 10.Na3 0-0 11.Nc2 a5 12.a3

[12.Ncxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Bb4 14.Be3 Bxe1 15.Qxe1 Ng4 but White probably doesn't have quite enough for the sacrificed material, Seeman,T (2411)-Volodin,A (2457) Viljandi 2021 1-0 (45)]

12...e5 13.Rb1 a4 14.Nb4

[14.b4 axb3 15.Rxb3 Nd7 Black brings the knight to the ideal c5-square with tempo 16.Nb4 Nc5 17.Rb1 Re8 18.Nh4 Bd7 and Black is clearly better. It is true that White has control of the d5-square, but can't do much with it, Almeida Quintana,O (2539)-Fernandez de La Vara,A (2486) Villa Clara 2020 1-0 (67)]

[14.Bd2 Re8 15.Bb4?! Trying to swap the bishop, but Black side-steps and leaves it oddly placed on the b4-square. Bc7 16.Nd2 Bf5 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Qd7 19.Bxf5 Qxf5 20.Qe2 Rad8 with strong central control for Black, Gorbatov,A (2375)-Fantinel,T (2382) San Sebastian 2016 0-1 (80)]

14...Re8 15.c5

[15.Nd5 - 151/7 could be the best try to hold the balance, and was played in Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2595)-Huschenbeth,N (2611) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (32), a game which White won, but Black can improve here with Bg4 *(15...Nxd5* gives Black an edge according to the engine, but the lines look rather irrational*)* 16.h3 Bd7 17.Nd2 Na5 and Black is at least fine]

15...Bc7 16.Nd2 Bg4 Diagram

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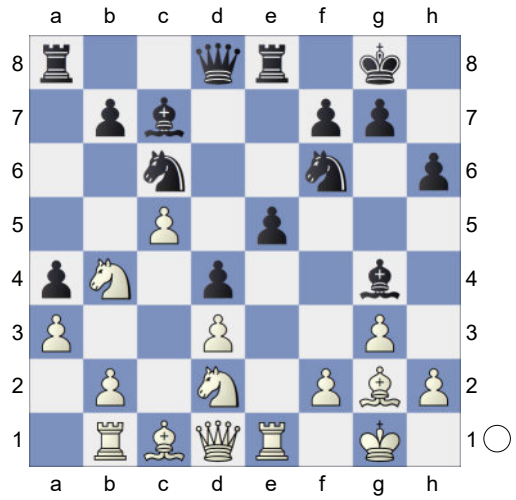


17.Bf3N

[17.Qc2 Qd7 18.Nc4 Bh3 19.Bh1 Savchenko,B (2550)-Iljiushenok,I (2567) Sochi 2022 □-□ (38), and now Nxb4 20.axb4 Bf5 is good for Black, since White can't grab with 21.Bxb7? since after Rab8 22.Bg2 e4 Black crashes through in the centre.]

17...Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Ra5

[18...Ba5! 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Qxc6 Qd7! for example 21.Qxd7 Nxd7 22.c6 Nc5 when Black will soon recover the sacrificed pawn, and White is tied up.]

19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Qxc6

[20.b4 axb3 21.Nxb3 activates White's pieces, although after Ra6 remains better]

20...Re6 21.Qf3 Rxc5∓ 22.b4 axb3 23.Nxb3 Rc3 24.Bd2 e4 Black achieves the thematic breakthrough. **25.Qd1** A critical position for the outcome of the game. **25...exd3?** Here:

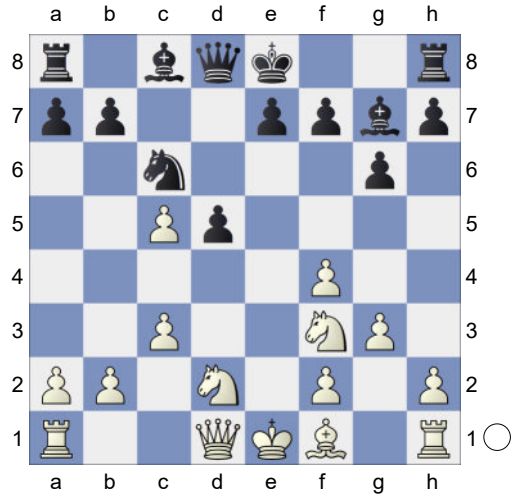
[25...Rxd3! is very strong, for example 26.Nc5 Rxd2 27.Qxd2 Re5 28.Rec1 d3 with tremendous compensation for the exchange. Even if White later gives up the knight for Black's d- and e-pawns, then Black retains a rook

(along with bishop and knight), which is a more favourable material balance than in the game.]

26.Rxe6 White frees his position by trading pieces. **26...fxe6 27.Nxd4 Qxd4 28.Bxc3 Qxc3 29.Rb3 Qc6 30.Qxd3** After the dust has settled, White has rook and pawn fighting two minor pieces, but White also has an outside passed pawn, while Black's e6-pawn is isolated. The computer gives it the full 0.00 assessment. **30...Ne4 31.Qe2 Bd6 32.Re3 Nxf2** Black decides to kill the game here. **33.Kxf2** ½-½ (33) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Keymer,V (2696) Wijk aan Zee NED 2023 [David Cummings] **33...Bc5N** and the resulting queen endgame is drawn.
½-½

221 **D02**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**
■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2668**
Deutschland 156/136 2023
[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 Nh5
[5...cxd4 - 151/140]
6.dxc5 Nxf4 7.exf4 g6 8.c3 Bh6 9.g3
[RR 9.Qa4 0-0 10.Bb5 Qc7 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.g3 f6 14.Ng4 Bg7 15.h4 h5 16.Ne3 e5 17.0-0-0 Rae8 18.f5 Bc8 19.g4 e4 20.Rdg1 hxg4 21.Rxg4 gxf5 22.Rg6 f4 23.Rhg1 Re7 Firouzja,A (2751)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2721) Saint Louis 2024 ½-½ (40)]
9...Bg7 Diagram
[RR 9...0-0 10.Bg2 b6 11.Nb3 e6 12.0-0 bxc5 13.Nxc5 Qb6 14.Nd3 a5 15.Re1 Ba6 16.Rb1 Bg7 17.h4 Rfd8 18.h5 Rac8 19.Nde5 Nxe5 20.fxe5 Bc4 21.b3 Ba6 22.Qd2 Rc7 23.Nd4 Qc5 24.Re3 Woodward,A (2544)-Pichot,A (2617) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (51)]



10.Bb5N
[10.Bg2]
[10.Nb3]
[RR 10.Nb3 a5 11.Bb5 Bh3 12.Ng5 Bf5 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.0-0 e5 15.Ndf3 h6 16.Qxd5 hxg5 17.Nxg5 0-0 18.Rad1 Bg4 19.f3 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Ne7 21.Rd2 Bf5 22.g4 Bc8 23.Re1 exf4 24.Rxe7 Bf6 Grischuk,A (2745)-Maghsoodloo,P (2716) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (52)]
[RR 10.Nb3 0-0 11.Qd2 b6 12.0-0-0 Bg4 13.Be2 e6 14.Nfd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 a5 17.cxb6 Qxb6 18.Kb1 a4 19.Nc5 a3 20.b3 Ra7 21.Qd2 Rc8 22.Rc1 Rac7 23.h4 Bxd4 24.Qxd4 Rxc5 Formento,P (2336)-Mastrovasilis,D (2621) Montesilvano 2022 0-1 (39)]
10...0-0 11.Nb3 a5
[11...Bh3 12.Ng5 Bf5 13.0-0 e5 14.Qd2 f6 15.Nf3 a5 16.a4 Kh8♕]
12.a4 Bh3 13.Ng5 Bf5 14.Nf3
[14.Nd4 Qc8 15.Nxf5 Qxf5 16.0-0

d4⩲]

14...Rc8

[14...Bh3]

15.0-0 Bg4 16.Qd3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 e6 18.Rfd1 Qc7 19.Rab1

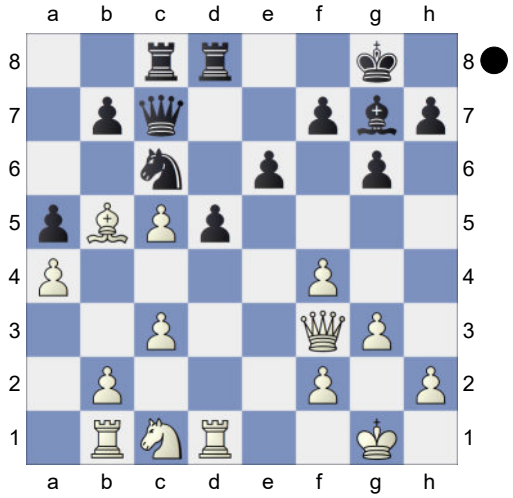
[19.Rd2!? Rfd8 20.Rad1]

19...Rfd8 20.Nc1?! Diagram

[20.h4

A) 20...h5 21.Nd4 Ne7 *(21...Nxd4 22.cxd4±)* 22.b4±;

B) 20...b6 21.cxb6 Qxb6 22.h5↑]



20...b6! 21.cxb6 Qxb6 22.b3?!

[22.Ne2]

22...Ne7

[22...Na7!?]

23.Ne2 Nf5 24.c4?!

[24.Bd3!?]

24...Nd4 25.Nxd4 Bxd4= 26.Kg2 Rd6 27.Rbc1 dxc4 28.Rxc4 Rxc4 29.Bxc4 Bc5 30.Rxd6 Bxd6 31.h4 h5 32.Qc3 Qc7

½-½

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□ **Blohberger,Felix** **2493**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2726**

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[TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.c4 Ngf6 5.Nc3 g6

[5...a6 - 138/(81)]

6.0-0 Bg7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4

[RR 8.Nxd4 0-0 9.Bxd7 Bxd7 10.h3 Qb6 11.Nde2 Qc6 12.Qd3 Rfc8 13.b3 Nxe4 14.Nd5 Re8 15.Nd4 Nc5 16.Qe3 Qc8 17.Bb2 Ne6 18.Rad1 Qd8 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Qc3+ Kg8 22.Ne3 Rf8 Pruess,W (2076)-Kesselmeier,K (1990) Germany 2025 0-1 (33)]

8...0-0 9.Bxd7 Bxd7 10.Qd3 a6N

[RR 10...Bg4 11.Bd2 Nd7 12.Rac1 a6 13.h3 Nc5 14.Qe2 Bd7 15.Rfd1 Rc8 16.e5 dxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Nd3 19.Qd4 Be6 20.Nd5 Nxc1 21.Bxc1 Bxd5 22.Bh6 e5 23.Qxe5 f6 24.Qg3 Rxc4 25.Bxf8 Rychkov,O (2407)-Chigaev,M (2588) Chess.com INT 2020 0-1 (34)]

[RR 10...Rc8 11.Rb1 a6 12.b3 b5 13.Nd2 bxc4 14.Nxc4 Be6 15.Ne3 Nd7 16.Na4 Qa5 17.Bd2 Qb5 18.Nb2 Nc5 19.Qxb5 axb5 20.Nd5 Rfe8 21.f3 Bxd5 22.exd5 Ra8 23.b4 Nd7 24.Be3 Rxa2 25.Nd1 Medunova,V (2115)-Jurka,M (2309) Czech Republic 2008 0-1 (44)]

11.Re1 Rc8 12.Bd2 Diagram

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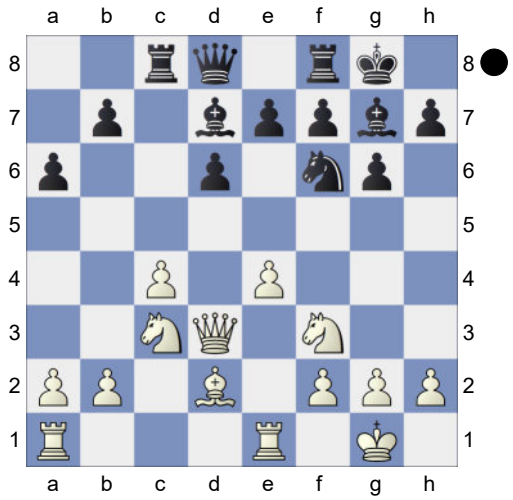
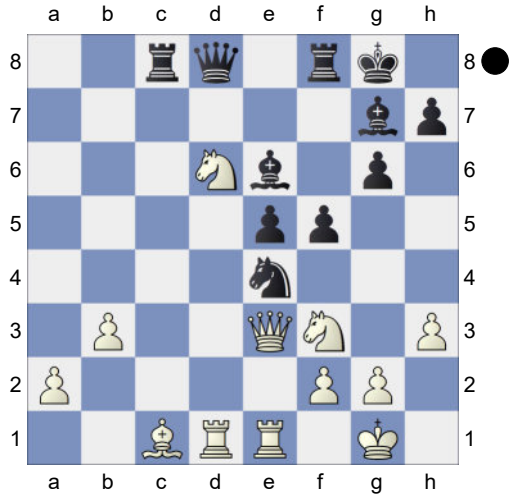
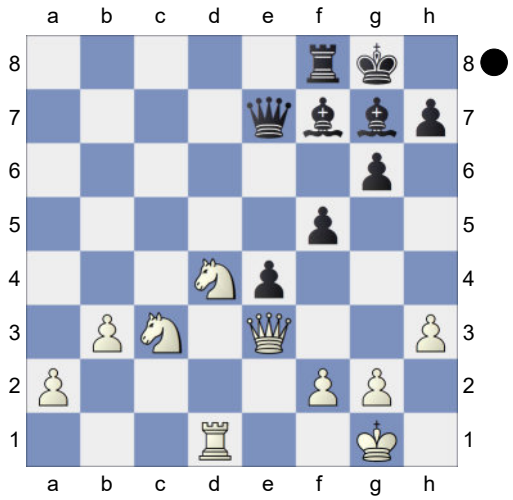


12...Bg4N
[12...Qc7! 13.b3 b5! 14.cxb5 axb5
A) 15.Nxb5 Qb6 16.Nbd4 *(16.a4 Bxb5 17.axb5 Ng4∓)* 16...e5 17.Nc2 d5↑;
B) 15.Rac1 Qb7↑]
13.b3 Nd7 14.Rac1 Nc5 15.Qe3 e5!?
[15...e6∞]
16.h3 Be6 17.Rcd1 f5 18.Bc1 b5?!
[18...f4 19.Qd2 Rc6 20.Ba3 b6∞]
19.cxb5 axb5
[19...fxe4 20.Ng5 Bf5 21.b4 Nd3 22.Ncxe4!
A) 22...Nxe1 23.Qb3+ d5 24.Rxd5 Nf3+ 25.gxf3 Rxc1+ 26.Rd1+ *(26.Kg2 Rc3! 27.Rxd8+ Rxb3 28.Rxf8+ Bxf8 29.axb3 axb5=)* 26...Kh8 27.Rxc1 Bh6 28.Nf7+ Rxf7 29.Qxf7 Bxc1 30.bxa6±;
B) 22...Bxe4 23.Nxe4 Nxe1 24.Nxd6±]
20.Nxb5
[20.exf5! Rxf5 *(20...Bxf5 21.Nxb5 d5 22.Nxe5 Re8 23.f4±)* 21.b4 Nb7 22.Nxb5
A) 22...Bxa2 23.Qa7 Bc4 24.Qxb7 Rf7 *(24...Rb8 25.Rxd6 Qf8 26.Qc6 Bxb5 27.Qd5+ Kh8 28.Bb2+-)* 25.Qxc8! Qxc8 26.Nxd6 Qc7 27.Nxf7 Bxf7 28.Bb2+-;
B) 22...Bc4 23.a4 d5 24.Bb2 d4 25.Nbxd4! exd4 26.Bxd4 Bxd4 27.Rxd4 Qf8 28.Qd2±]
20...Nxe4 21.Nxd6 Diagram

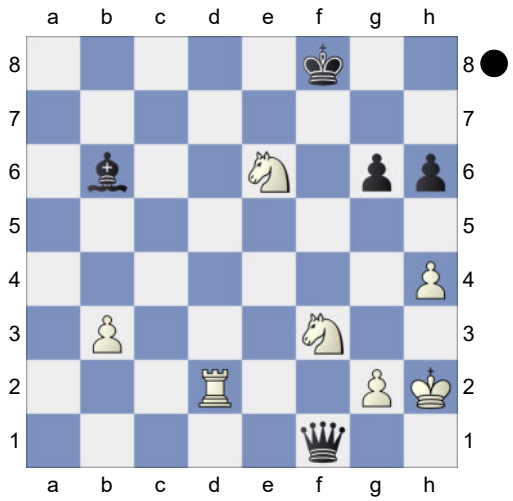


21...Rc3!
[21...Nxd6 22.Ba3 e4 23.Bxd6 Re8 24.Ng5±]
22.Qe2 Rxc1
[22...Nxd6 23.Ba3 Bc4! 24.Qb2 *(24.bxc4 Rxa3 25.c5 e4 26.Rxd6 Qa5 27.Ng5 Qxc5∞)* 24...Rxf3 25.bxc4 e4 26.Qb4 Rd3 27.Rxd3 exd3 28.Qxd6 Qxd6 29.Bxd6 Ra8 30.Rd1 Rxa2 31.Rxd3 Rc2 32.c5 Kf7=]
23.Nxe4 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Qe7 25.Nc3
[25.Neg5 Bc8 26.Qc4+ Kh8 27.Rc1 h6 28.Nf7+ Rxf7 *(28...Kh7? 29.N7xe5!±)* 29.Qxc8+ Kh7 30.Qc5 Qe8⩲]
25...e4↑ 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Qe3 Diagram
[27.Ndb5]

(Diagram)



27...f4! 28.Qxf4?
[28.Qxe4? Qxe4 29.Nxe4 Rd8-+]
[28.Qe2 Re8 29.Ndb5 h5↑]
28...Bxb3! 29.Qxf8+
[29.Nc6? Qc5 30.Qe3 Qxe3 31.fxe3 Bxd1 32.Nxd1 Kf7-+]
29...Kxf8 30.axb3 e3 31.Nce2 exf2+ 32.Kxf2 Be5∓ 33.Nf3 Bc7 34.Ned4 Bb6 35.Kg1 Qe2 36.Rd2 Qe4 37.Kh1 Qb1+ 38.Kh2 Qf1 39.h4 h6 40.Ne6+
Diagram



40...Ke7! 41.Ned4 Kf6! 42.Ne2?
[42.b4 Qc4 43.b5 Qf1∓]
42...Bc7+ 43.Ng3 Qa6 44.Rd4 Qe6 45.Rc4 Bb8 46.Rb4 Bd6 47.Rc4 g5 48.hxg5+ hxg5 49.Rd4 Bc7 50.Rc4 Bb8 51.Ng1 g4
0-1

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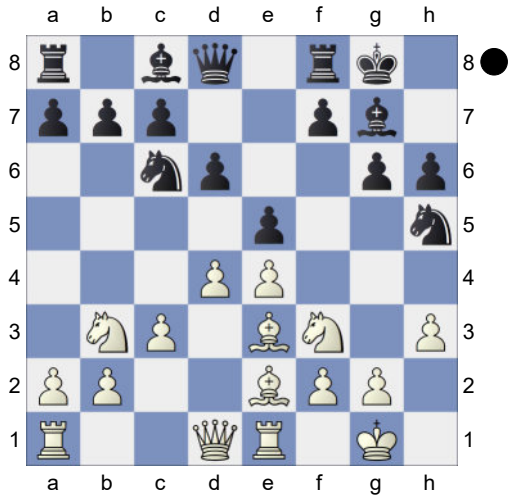
□ **Blohberger,Felix** **2493**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2726**
Oesterreich 156/69 2023
[TA]*

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Re1 e5 8.Nbd2
[8.h3]
8...Nh5
[8...Nd7± 9.Nb3 exd4 10.cxd4 a5 11.Bg5 Bf6! 12.Bh6 Re8 13.a4 Nb4± 14.Bf1 Nb6 15.h3]
9.Nb3 Bg4
[9...h6 10.h3 Qf6 11.Bf1 Nf4 12.Kh2 g5 13.g3+- Ng6 14.Be3 Nge7 15.Nfd2 Qg6]
[RR 9...h6 10.Be3 Re8 11.Nfd2 a5 12.a4 Nf6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.d5 Ne7 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.Nc4 b6 17.Nbd2 f5 18.f3 Nf6 19.b4 axb4 20.cxb4 g5 21.a5 bxa5 22.bxa5 Qc8 23.Qb3 Ng6 24.exf5 Alekseev,E (2708)-Tkachiev,V (2664) Moscow 2008 ½-½ (54)]
10.Be2 h6
[RR 10...Nf4 11.Bxf4 exf4 12.h3 Bd7 13.Qd2 g5 14.Rad1 Qe7 15.Nh2 Kh8 16.Bg4 f5 17.Bxf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 Qf7 19.d5 Ne5 20.Nd4 Nc4 21.Qe2 Bxd4 22.Qxc4 Bb6 23.Re6 Qxf5 24.Rde1 Rac8 25.a4 Stremavicius,T (2544)-Aravindakshan,S (2093) Sterling 2025 1-0]
11.h3 Bc8N
[11...Bd7 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Nc5 Bc8 14.Bb5+-]
[RR 11...Bd7 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Be3 b6 14.Qd2 Kh7 15.Rad1 Nf6

16.Qc2 Qe7 17.a4 Rad8 18.Nbd2 Nh5 19.Nc4 a5 20.b3 Nf4 21.Bf1 Qf6 22.Nh2 Bc8 23.Bc1 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Rd8 25.Ne3 h5 26.Nf3 Pektas,Y (2158)-Baglan,E (2325) Denizli 2023 0-1 (40)]

12.Be3 Diagram



12...Nf4N

[12...Qf6± 13.g3]

[12...Re8 13.Qc2 Qf6 14.Nh2 Nf4!]

13.Bf1

[13.Bxf4 exf4 14.Qd2 *(14.Bf1! Bd7 15.Qd2 g5 16.Rad1 Qe7)* 14...g5 15.Rad1]

13...g5 14.dxe5

[14.Kh2 f5]

14...Nxe5

[14...dxe5± 15.Qxd8! Nxd8 16.Rad1]

15.Nxe5

[15.Bxf4∞ gxf4 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Qh5 Qf6]

15...Bxe5!? 16.Nd4 Qf6

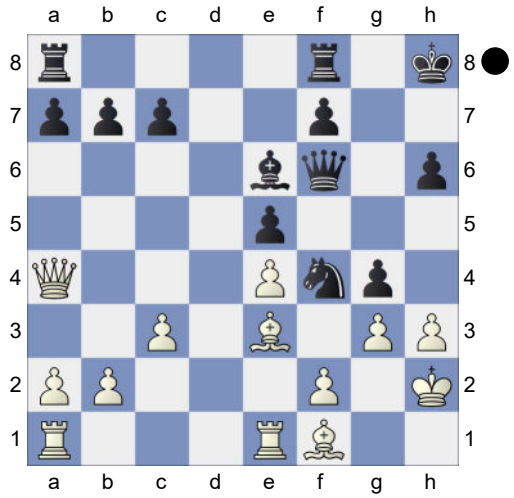
[16...Bd7 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 Qf6 19.Qc2]

17.Nf3 Be6 18.Nxe5 dxe5?! 19.Qa4 Kh8 20.Kh2

[20.Rad1 Rg8 21.Rd2 g4 22.hxg4 Bxg4 23.Bxf4 Qxf4= 24.Re3]

20...g4 21.g3 Diagram

[21.hxg4 Qh4+ 22.Kg1 Qxg4 23.Bxf4 Qxf4 24.Re3 Rg8 25.g3]



21...Nxh3! 22.Bxh3 gxh3 23.f4 Rg8

[23...Bg4⩱ 24.Qa5? *(24.f5)* 24...b6!± 25.Qxe5 Qxe5 26.fxe5!]

24.f5 Rg4

[24...Bc8? 25.Qc4 c6 26.Qf1-+]

[24...Rxg3 25.Kxg3 Rg8+ 26.Kf3↑ Bxf5 27.exf5 Qxf5+ 28.Bf4 *(28.Ke2 Rg2+ 29.Kd1 h2)* 28...Qg4+ 29.Ke3 exf4+ 30.Kd2]

25.Qd1

[25.fxe6 Rxg3

A) 26.Rf1 Rg2+ *(26...Qg6 27.exf7 Rg2+ 28.Kh1 Rh2+)* 27.Kh1 Qg6;

B) 26.Kxg3 Rg8+ 27.Kh2 Rg2+ 28.Kh1 Qf3]

[25.Rg1 Bxf5 26.Raf1 Rag8]

[25.Qb5 Rag8∓ 26.Bf2? Bc8]

[25.Qc2 Rag8 26.Rg1 Bc4 27.b3 Bb5-+]

25...Rag8↑ 26.fxe6

[26.Bf2 Qg5 27.Re3 Bc4 Diagram

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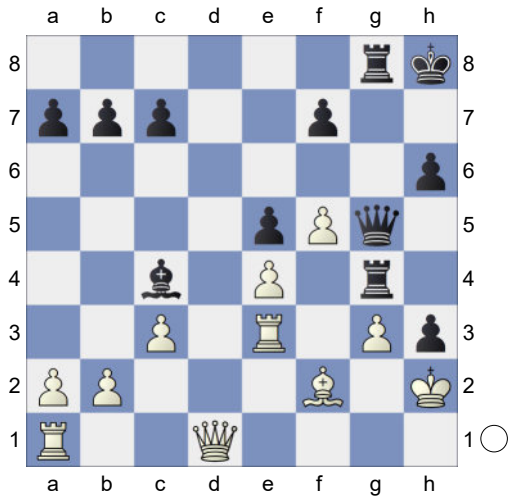
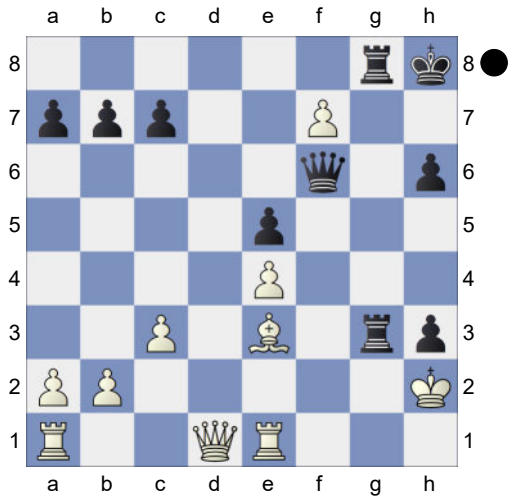


28.b3! Bb5]
[26.Rg1! Bc4?]
26...Rxg3 27.exf7 Diagram
[27.Qh5 Rxe3 28.Qxf7∓ *(28.Rxe3 Qf2+ 29.Kh1 Qg2#)* 28...Qg5 29.Qf2 Rg3 30.Rg1 Rg2+ 31.Rxg2 hxg2]



27...Qxf7! 28.Rf1? Qg6!
[28...Qg6 29.Rg1 Rg2+ 30.Kh1 Qg3]
0-1

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□ **Aronian,Levon** **2735**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
155/94 Wijk aan Zee 2023
[TA]*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.h4 g4 12.Nd2 Nxg3!N 'N!' A top novelty. Eine Top Neuerung. **13.fxg3 h5 14.Qc2**
[14.Bd3]
[RR 14.Bd3 c6 15.Qe2 a4 16.Qe3 Na6 17.Nxa4 cxd5 18.cxd5 Nb4 19.Nc3 f5 20.exf5 Nxd3+ 21.Qxd3 Bxf5 22.Qe3 Bg6 23.Nde4 b5 24.Qg5 Qxg5 25.Nxg5 b4 26.Nce4 Bh6 27.Rf1 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Bxg5 Vaganian,R (2590)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2716) Kallithea 2008 ½-½ (45)]
[RR 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.0-0 Nc5 16.Bc2 f5 17.exf5 Bd7 18.Nde4 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Bh6 20.f6 Be8 21.Qe2 Bg6 22.Ng5 Rxf6 23.Bxg6 Rxg6 24.Ne4 Qe7 25.Rf5 Rf8 26.Raf1 Rxf5 27.Rxf5 Kg7 28.Rxh5 Qf7 Barria Zuniga,D (2341)-Zilberstein,D (2358) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (35)]
14...Na6N
[RR 14...c6 15.0-0-0 Na6 16.a3 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Nc5 18.Kb1 Be6 19.Nb3 Nd7 20.Rhf1 Rc8 21.Qd2 a4 22.Nc1 Nc5 23.Nc3 Rc6 24.Qg5 Qxg5 25.hxg5 Kh7 26.Nd3 Nxd3 27.Bxd3 Kg6 28.Nxa4 Kxg5 29.Nc3 Gavriil,O (2122)-Patrelakis,E (2284) Thessaloniki 2019 1-0 (57)]
15.0-0-0 Diagram

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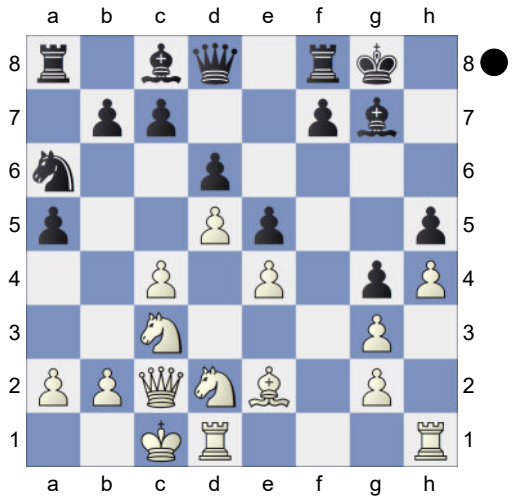
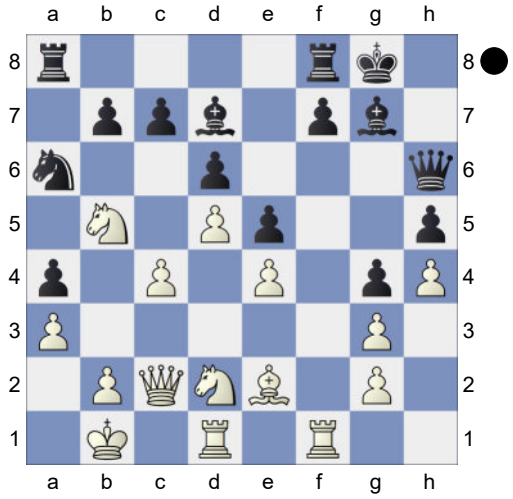


15...Qf6N 16.Rhf1 Qh6 17.Kb1 Bd7 18.a3 a4
[18...Qe3]
19.Nb5 Diagram



19...Nc5!
[19...Qe3]
20.Nxc7 Rac8 21.Nb5 Qe3! 22.Rfe1 Qxg3⩱ 23.Nxd6 Qxg2 24.Qc3 Qf2 25.Nf1 Qf6 26.Nxc8 Nxe4 27.Qe3
[27.Qc2 Rxc8]
27...Rxc8 28.Ng3 Nxg3 29.Qxg3 e4 30.Rd2 Bf5 31.Ka1 Qb6 32.Rc2 e3 33.Rec1 Bxc2 34.Rxc2 Qb3 35.Kb1 b5 36.d6 bxc4 37.d7 Rd8 38.Qc7 Qb8 39.Qxb8 Rxb8 40.Rxc4 Rd8 41.Rc8 Bf6 42.Kc2 Bxh4 43.Kd3 Bg5-+ 44.Ke4 Kg7 45.Rxd8 Bxd8 46.Kxe3 f5 47.Bb5 Kf6 48.Bxa4 Bb6+ 49.Ke2 f4 50.Bc6 h4 51.a4 h3 52.b4 h2 53.Bh1 Ke7 54.a5 Bc7 55.Kd3 Kxd7 56.Ke4 f3 57.Ke3 Ke6 58.Kf2 Kf5 59.a6 Kf4 60.a7 Bb6+ 0-1

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□ **Rapport,Richard** **2754**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**
Deutschland 155/67 2023
[TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.a4 a6 5.Be2 Ngf6 6.Nc3 b6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 Bb7 9.0-0 e6 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.Be3 Be7 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Nc4 e5
[13...d5 - 144/46]
14.Qd3
[14.Qd2 Bxe4 15.Nxd6 *(15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Qb4 Nec5 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Qc3 Rad8=)* 15...Bg6∞]
14...Rad8!
[14...Nc5 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.Qf3 Rad8 17.Ne3 g6 18.Bc4 Rd4 19.Bd5±]
15.Bf3
[15.Bg5 Nc5 16.Qe3 Ncxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Nxb6 f5∞]
[RR 15.a5 b5 16.Nb6 Nc5 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Qe3 Rd4 19.Ncd5 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.exd5 f5 22.c3 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Bd6 24.Ra1 e4 25.g3 Re8 26.f4 c4 27.Kg2 Bc5 28.Qd2 Rd8 29.Rd1 Qxa5 Aansh,N (2356)-Akhmedov,D (2448) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (33)]
15...Nc5 Diagram

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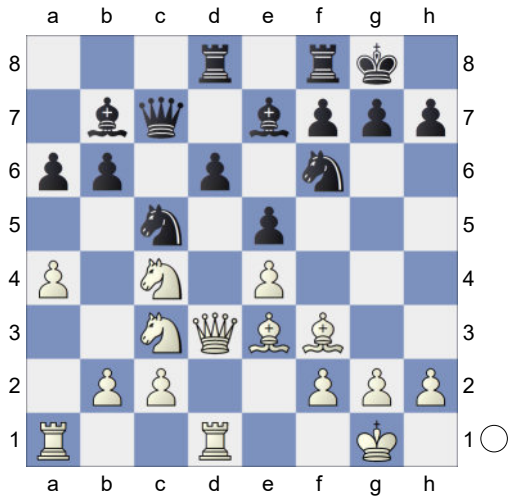

16.Bxc5N
[16.Qe2]
[RR 16.Qe2 d5 17.exd5 e4 18.Bxc5 Bxc5 19.Nxe4 Nxd5 20.Nxc5 Qxc5 21.Bxd5 Bxd5 22.Ne3 Bb7 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Rd1 Rc8 25.h3 a5 26.Qg4 g6 27.Rd7 Qc6 1-0 (27) Dvirnyy,D (2530)-Petrovskiy,V (2402) Katowice 2022]
16...dxc5 17.Nd5
[17.Qe2 Rd4 18.Ne3 g6 19.b3 Rfd8=]
17...Bxd5 18.exd5 Bd6 19.Nxd6
[⩲19.g3 Ra8 *(19...Rfe8 20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.Qxa6 e4 22.Bg2 e3 23.Qe2 exf2+ 24.Qxf2 Ng4 25.Qd2 c4⩱)* 20.Bg2 Rfe8 21.Qe2 e4 22.Ra3 h5 23.Rb3 Rab8 24.Nxd6 Qxd6 25.Qxa6 h4 26.Qe2 Ra8 27.Ra3 hxg3 28.hxg3 g6⩱]
19...Rxd6 20.Qxa6 e4 21.Be2 Nxd5 22.Qc4
[22.a5 Diagram

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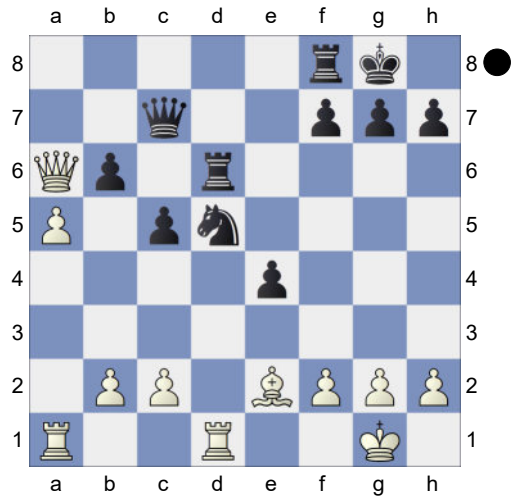

e3! 23.Bf3 *(23.f3 Rh6 24.g3 Nf4! 25.axb6 Rxb6 26.Qc4 Nxe2+ 27.Qxe2 Re6∞)* 23...Rh6 24.h3 exf2+ 25.Kxf2 Nf4∞]
22...Rh6 23.g3
[23.h3 Nf4 24.Bf1 Qe5 25.Ra3 Qf5∞]
23...Nf6 24.Qc3 Qc8 25.h4 Qf5 26.Qd2
[26.a5 Nd5 27.Qc4 *(27.Qb3 Rf6 28.Rf1 e3 29.f4 Nb4∞)* 27...Nf4 28.Bf1 *(28.gxf4? Qxf4 29.Bf1 Rxh4 30.Bg2 Qh2+ 31.Kf1 Rg4 32.Bxe4 Qh3+ 33.Ke2 Re8∓)* 28...Rxh4 29.gxh4 Qg4+ 30.Kh2 Qxh4+ 31.Kg1 Qg4+=]
26...Rg6 27.a5
[27.Ra3 Ng4=]
27...bxa5 28.Rxa5 Ng4 29.Bxg4
[29.Rf1 h5 30.Qc3 Rc8=]
29...Qxg4 30.Rda1
[30.Ra8 Diagram

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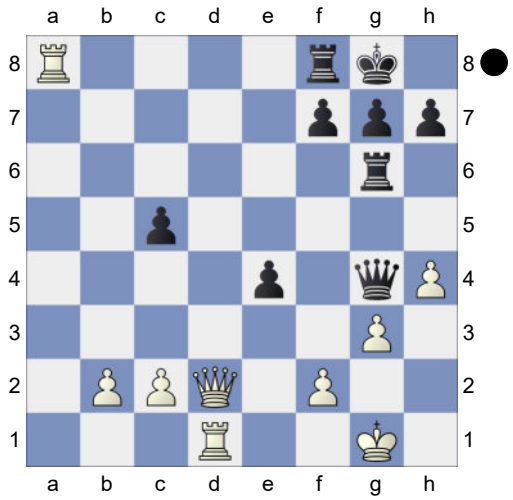

Qxd1+! 31.Qxd1 Rxa8 32.Qd5 Rc8 33.Qxe4 Rb6 34.b3 c4!=]

30...h6 31.Kh2 Re8

½-½

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□ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu** **2684**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

155/89 Wijk aan Zee 2023

[Arsovic,Goran, TA]

1.e4 Roiz,M **1...c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e5** '!' '!' The main line 6...e5 scores better than 6...e6. Die Hauptvariante 6...e5 punktet besser als 6...e6.The main line 6...e5 scores better than 6...e6. Die Hauptvariante 6...e5 punktet besser als 6...e6. **7.Nf3** Roiz,M: 'This retreat became quite popular these last 2 years.'

7...Qc7 Roiz,M: 'One of a few reasonable ways to meet White's setup. As usual, this move is mainly aimed at preventing Bc4.'

[7...Be7 - 152/84]

8.Nh2

[8.g4 Roiz,M h6 leads to double-edged play, as in Ponkratov,P (2623) -Bocharov,D (2528) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2020 [Roiz,M]]

8...Nbd7N Roiz,M: 'Parham comes up with a natural novelty. Black connects his knights to maintain control of d5.'

[Predecessor: 8...Be6 9.Be2 *(9.Ng4* Roiz,M *Nbd7 10.Ne3 Qc6=)* 9...Nbd7 10.a4 Be7 11.Ng4 Qc6 12.Bf3 0-0 Roiz,M: '=' Roiz,M: 'lead to an approximate equality in Nestorovic, N - Lazov,T Paracin 2017' 13.0-0 b5 14.Ne3 b4 1-0 Nestorovic,N (2509)-Lazov,T (2279) Paracin Summer op-A 10th 2017 (7.17)1-0 Nestorovic,N (2509)-Lazov,T (2279) Paracin Summer op-A 10th 2017 (7.17)]

9.Ng4

[RR 9.Be3 b5 10.g4 b4 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Be7 13.g5 Nb6 14.Qf3 Nc4 15.0-0-0 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Bf5 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Rxd3 Rc8 19.Rd2 Qc5 20.Qg3 h6 21.gxh6 Rxh6 22.Kb1 Rg6 23.Qd3 Qc4 Perossa,N (2244)-Akhvlediani,I (2360) Arco 2024 0-1 (51)]

9...b5 'Black had no reason for delaying the standard counter-attacking advance.'

[Less precise is 9...Be7 Roiz,M 10.a4 0-0 11.Bd3 Nc5 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Nd5±]

10.Ne3 Nb6!

[Roiz,M: 'Less precise is' 10...Bb7 11.a4 Roiz,M: '!' b4 12.Ncd5 Roiz,M: ' ±' Bxd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Qxd5 Nb6 15.Qa5±]

11.a3N

[Roiz,M: 'After' 11.a4 b4

A) 12.a5 bxc3 13.axb6 Qxb6 *(13...cxb2 14.Bb5+! axb5 15.Rxa8 bxc1Q 16.Qxc1 Qc6 17.Qa1 Be7 18.Qa7 0-0 19.Rxc8 Qxc8 20.Qxe7 Qb8 21.Qa7 Qxa7 22.bxa7 Ra8 23.f3 Rxa7 24.Ke2 Kf8 25.Rb1 Ra5∞)* 14.bxc3 Qc6

15.Bc4 Be6 16.Bd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Qxc3+ 18.Bd2 Qc7 19.c4 Be7 20.Qa4+ Qd7 21.Qc6 0-0∞;

B) 12.Ncd5 Nbxd5 13.exd5 *(13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Qxd5 Bb7 15.Qd3 Be7 16.Be3 0-0∓)* 13...Be7 14.Bd3 0-0 15.Bd2 Rb8∞;

C) 12.Na2 a5 13.c3 *(13.Bb5+* Roiz,M *Bd7⇄* White doesn't seem to achieve much because of the poor Na2. *)* 13...d5! 14.Nxd5 Nbxd5 15.exd5 Bc5 16.Bb5+ Bd7 17.Bxd7+ Qxd7 18.0-0 0-0 19.c4 Ne4 20.Qd3 f5⩱]

[RR 11.Bd3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.a3 g6 14.Qf3 Bb7 15.Rd1 Rad8 16.Ng4 Nxg4 17.hxg4 f5 18.gxf5 Rxf5 19.Qg3 Rf7 20.Bh6 Bf8 21.Bg5 Be7 22.Bh6 Kh8 23.Be2 g5 24.Bh5 Rf4 25.Bxg5 Bxg5 Zhapova,Y (2110)-Bodnaruk,A (2340) Sochi 2023 ½-½ (46)]

11...Be7 12.Bd3 Be6 Roiz,M: 'Both sides have almost mobilized their forces.'

13.Qf3 g6 Roiz,M: 'Parham reasonably decides to prevent Nf5. Black can cope with weakening his k-side a bit.'

[Possible was also 13...0-0 Roiz,M 14.Nf5 d5 15.exd5 Nfxd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.0-0 Rad8=]

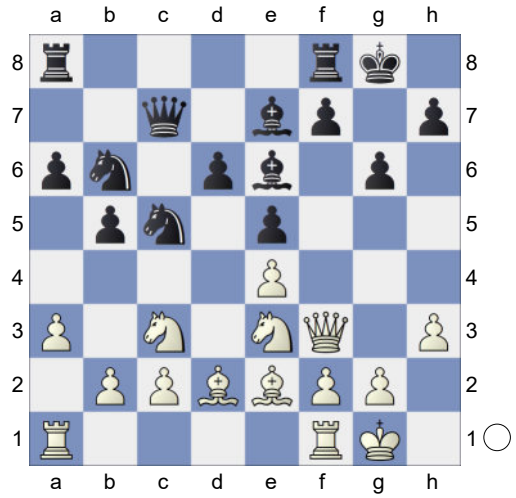
14.0-0 Nfd7?! Roiz,M: 'Quite a risky approach. Black leaves his king in the centre for a while to exchange the Bd3.'

[Roiz,M: 'Somewhat more natural looks' 14...0-0 15.Bd2 Qb7 16.Rfd1 Nfd7 *(16...Rfc8=* Roiz,M *)* 17.Be2 Rab8 18.Be1 f5! 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Qxb7 Rxb7 21.g3 Rc7∞]

15.Bd2 Nc5 16.Be2

[Another decent way of handling the position was 16.b4!? Roiz,M Nxd3 17.cxd3 0-0 18.Nf5± The knight is untouchable, so Black's king comes under pressure.]

16...0-0 Diagram



17.Nf5?! Roiz,M: 'White chooses a wrong moment for attacking measures.'

[Roiz,M: 'More promising was' 17.b4 Roiz,M: '!' Nca4 *(17...Ncd7 18.a4 bxa4 19.Nxa4 Nc4 20.Nxc4 Bxc4 21.Nc3 Nb6 22.Rfb1 Bxe2 23.Qxe2 Qc4 24.Qe1±)* 18.Nxa4 Nxa4 *(18...bxa4 19.c4±)* 19.c4! bxc4 20.Rfc1 c3 21.Nd1 Rfc8 *(21...c2* Roiz,M *22.Ne3±* , regaining the pawn in a favorable situation.*)* 22.Nxc3 Nxc3 23.Rxc3 Qb7 24.Rac1⩲]

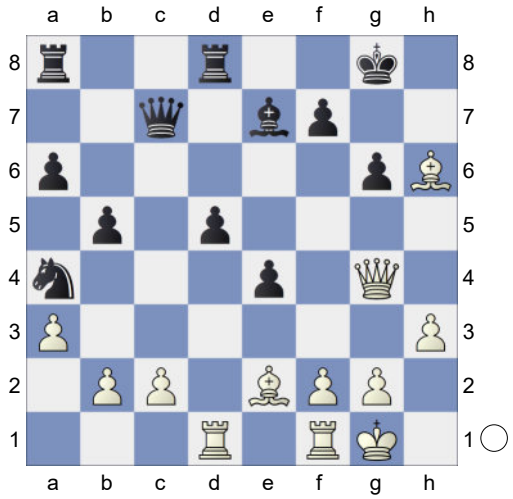
17...Bxf5

[Roiz,M: 'it was also possible to accept the challenge:' 17...gxf5 18.exf5 Kh8 19.b4 Ncd7 Roiz,M: '⇄' Roiz,M: 'Black's chances are by no means worse.' 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Qg4 Rae8 *(21...Rf6 22.Bd3 Rg8 23.Qh5 Nf8∓)* 22.Rad1 Bd8∓]

18.exf5 d5∓ Roiz,M: '!' Roiz,M: 'The strong pawn centre fully compensates White's bishop pair.' **19.Bh6 Rfd8 20.Rad1**

[Also after 20.Qg3 Roiz,M Bf6 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.f4 e4 White fails to create serious threats against Kg8.]

20...e4 21.Qg4 Nca4 Roiz,M: 'GM Maghsoodloo is putting strong pressure on White's q-side.'
[Worthy of attention is also 21...Qe5!? Roiz,M 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.Bf4 Qe6 with excellent play.]
22.Nxa4 Nxa4 23.fxg6 hxg6 Diagram



24.f4? Roiz,M: 'This impulsive move is the main cause of Pragg's defeat in this game.'
[Roiz,M: 'It was necessary to defend calmly with' 24.Rb1 Qc8 *(24...Qxc2? 25.Rfc1 Qb3 26.h4±)* 25.Qf4 Qe6 26.c3 Roiz,M: 'Possibly Black is a bit better here, but all the struggle is ahead.' Rac8∓]
24...Qb6+ 25.Kh1 f5 Roiz,M: '!' Roiz,M: 'A very convincing way of securing the Kg8. White is positionally busted from now on.' **26.Qg3 Nxb2 27.Rb1 Nc4** Roiz,M: '-+' Roiz,M: 'Black is up a pawn in a better position.'
[27...Na4 28.c4 Rac8 29.cxb5 Nc3 30.Rb2 Nxe2 31.Rxe2 d4-+]
28.a4 Kh7 Roiz,M: '?!'
[28...Rd6-+]
[The simple 28...b4 Roiz,M 29.Bg5 Bxg5 30.Qxg5 Rd6-+ would have kept everything under control.]
29.Bxc4 Roiz,M: '?' Roiz,M: 'Immediately returning the favor!'
[Roiz,M: 'It was necessary to play' 29.Bg5 Roiz,M: '!' Bxg5 30.fxg5 Rac8 31.Qh4+ *(31.Bxc4* Roiz,M *Rxc4 32.Qh4+ Kg8 33.axb5 axb5 34.Qh6∓* The limited material balance leaves White some drawing chances. *)* 31...Kg8 32.axb5 axb5 33.Qh6 Qd6 34.Rxb5 Ne5 35.Rb7 Rd7-+]
29...Kxh6 30.Bb3 Rac8 31.axb5 axb5 Roiz,M: 'It is only a matter of time before Black's connected pawns will decide the game.' **32.Rfd1 d4 33.Qf2 Rc3** Roiz,M: 'Full domination!' **34.Ra1 Qf6**
[34...e3 35.Qe1 *(35.Qf3 d3-+)* 35...Rxb3 36.cxb3 d3-+]
35.Ra7 Qh4 Roiz,M: 'Of course, the queen trade should make Parham's technical task easier.' **36.Qf1 d3 37.g3 dxc2** Roiz,M: 'The simplest.' **38.Rxd8 Bxd8**
[38...c1Q 39.Rd1 Rxg3 40.Rxc1 Rxh3+ 41.Qxh3 Qxh3+ 42.Kg1 Qe3+-+]
39.gxh4 c1Q 40.Qxc1 Rxc1+ 41.Kg2 Bxh4-+ Roiz,M: 'The rest is just agony.' **42.Ra6 Rc3 43.Be6 Rc2+ 44.Kh1 Bf6 45.Bd7**
[Roiz,M: 'Or' 45.Bxf5 gxf5 46.Rxf6+ Kg7 47.Rxf5 e3 48.Re5 e2 49.Kg1 b4 50.Kf2 Roiz,M b3-+]
45...Kg7 46.Bxb5 Rf2 47.Ra7+ Kh6 48.Ra6 Bd4 49.Be8 e3 50.Rxg6+ Kh7 51.Rg1 e2 52.Bb5 Diagram

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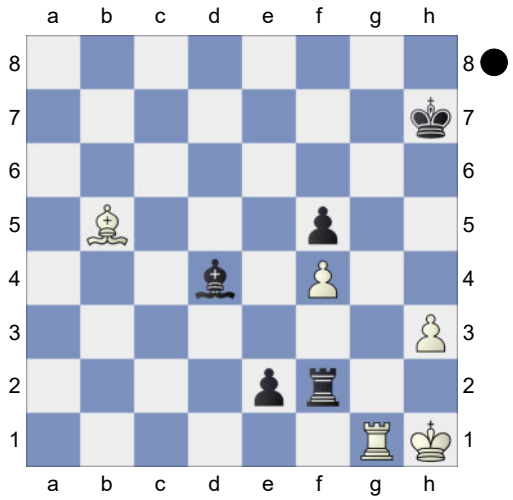

52...Rh2+!
[52...Rh2+! 53.Kxh2 Bxg1+ 54.Kxg1 e1Q+]
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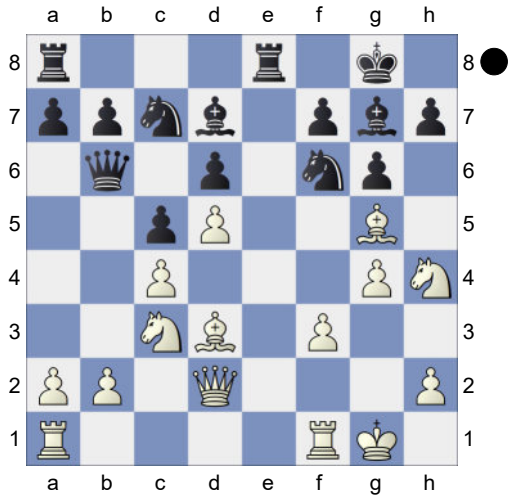
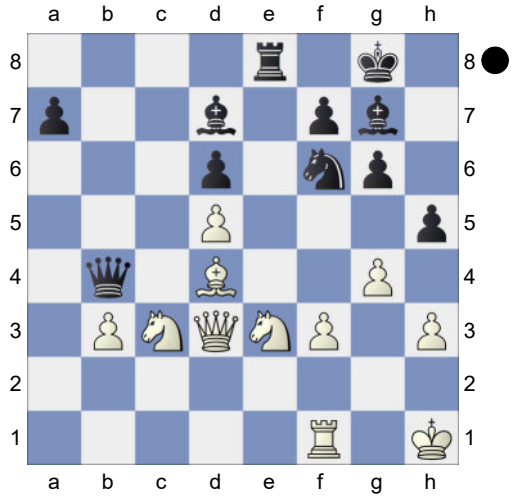
227 **E74**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Chigaev,Maksim** **2632**
World Rapid 2022 (11.11) 28.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]*

E74: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation: 6...c5 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 c5** 6...c5 scores better than 6...Na6.6...c5 punktet besser als 6...Sa6. **7.d5 Qb6N**
[7...e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8 10.f3 Na6 11.g4 Nc7 12.h4 b5 13.h5 b4 14.Nd1 Qe7 15.Nf2 a5 16.Kf1 Bd7 17.Kg2 Nb5 18.Re1 a4 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Bc4 Qf7 21.Bf4 h5 22.Ngh3 1-0 Fedorowicz,J (2535)-Damljanovic,B (2470) (open) 43/93 1987]
[7...h6 8.Be3 e6 9.Qd2 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.f3 h5 *(11...Nh7 12.Bb5 Nd7 13.Nh3 a6 14.Be2 b5 15.0-0 h5 16.Nf2 b4 17.Na4 a5 18.Rac1 Nb6 19.Nxb6 Qxb6 20.Kh1 a4 21.Bh6 Bd4* Luminet,D (2520)-Winter (2637) JUG-chT Tivat 1995*)* 12.a4 a6 13.a5 Nh7 14.Bd1 Nd7 15.Nge2 Ne5 16.b3 Qh4+ 17.Bf2 Qf6 18.Qe3 h4 19.h3 g5 20.0-0 Bd7 21.Kh1 Nf8 22.Bg1 ½-½ Sukhareva,O (2585)-10. ♔b1 b5 11.c5_13795_15163 (2775) blindfold [4] 1858]
8.Qc1N
[Vorgänger: 8.Qd2 e6 9.Nf3 exd5 10.exd5 -0.15/20 *(10.Bxf6± 0.49/20 Bxf6 11.Nxd5)* 10...Bf5!= 11.Nh4 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.f3 h6 14.Bxh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 Qxb2 16.0-0 Bc2 17.Rae1 -0.40/21 *(17.Qd2=* -0.01/22 *)* 17...Nd7∓ 18.f4 Qf6 0.39/21 0-1 (57) Fier,A (2572)-Chigaev,M (2641) Chess.com INT 2022 *(18...Rae8∓* -0.40/22 *)*]
[RR 8.Qd2 e6 9.f4 exd5 10.cxd5 Nbd7 ½-½ (10) Hirnstein,M-Trippe,F Wewelsburg 2000]
[RR 8.Qc2 e6 9.Nf3 Re8 10.Nd2 Nbd7 11.0-0 a6 12.a4 Rb8 13.Rfd1 exd5 14.cxd5 Qc7 15.a5 h6 16.Be3 Ne5 17.h3 g5 18.Na4 g4 19.h4 g3 20.fxg3 Neg4 21.Bf4 Nxd5 22.Bxg4 Nxf4 Korobov,A (2692)-Chigaev,M (2631) Chess.com INT 2021 0-1 (55)]
[RR 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.h3 a6 10.Nf3 e6 11.0-0 exd5 12.exd5 Nh5 13.Bd3 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Rae1 Bd7 16.g4 Ng7 17.Ne4 f5 18.gxf5 Nxf5 19.b3 Nd4 20.f4 Bxh3 21.fxe5 Bxf1 22.Rxf1 Nf3+ Ebrahimi Herab,H (2384)-Torosyan,V (2235) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (46)]
[RR 8.Qd2 e6 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.0-0 Nd4 12.b3 Rfe8 13.Rfe1 Qc6 14.Bd3 ½-½ (14) Wagner,H (2376)-Schuette,M (2215) Bayern 2000]

8...e6 9.Nf3 exd5 White is slightly better. **10.exd5 Bf5 11.Nh4 Bg4 12.f3 Bd7 13.0-0 Re8 14.Bd3** 0.33/19
[14.Qd2± 0.72/19]
14...Na6± 15.Qd2 Nc7 1.06/18
[15...Nb4± 0.49/19]
16.g4? -2.03/20
[16.Kh1± 1.06/18]



16...Ncxd5! -0.12/19 **17.cxd5=**
[17.Nxg6? hxg6 18.cxd5 c4+ 19.Kh1 cxd3-+]
[17.Ng2 Nc7]
17...c4+ Discovered Attack (Check)
18.Kh1! cxd3 19.Qxd3 -1.44/21
[19.Qf4!= -0.13/20 was the only way to keep the balance. Qd8 *(19...Qxb2? 20.Bxf6 Rac8 21.Rab1+-)* 20.Ne4 Nxd5 Discovered Attack 21.Qxd6]
19...Qxb2∓ 20.Rab1 Qa3 21.Rxb7 -1.91/21
[21.Rb3∓ -1.41/20 keeps fighting. Qa6 22.Qxa6 bxa6 23.Ng2]
21...Rac8 -0.96/21
[21...Rab8-+ -1.91/21 22.Bc1 Qa5 23.Rxb8 Rxb8]
22.Rb3 Qa5 ...Nf6xg4! is the strong threat. **23.Bd2 Qc5 24.Ng2 h5** -0.32/22
[Better is 24...a5∓ -0.83/20]
25.h3 -1.19/20
[25.Bg5∓ -0.32/22 hxg4 26.Bxf6 Remove Defender Bxf6 27.Ne4 Rxe4 *(27...Qd4 28.Nxd6 Qxd3 29.Rxd3=)* 28.fxe4]
25...Rb8 -0.71/21
[⌓25...hxg4 -1.19/20 26.fxg4 a5]
26.Be3 Qa5 ...Rb8xb3 would now be deadly. **27.Bd4** -1.05/21
[White should play 27.Rfb1!∓ -0.36/22 Rxb3 28.Rxb3]
27...Rxb3!
[27...Nxd5? 28.Rxb8 Nxc3 29.Rxe8+ Bxe8 30.Bxg7+-]
28.axb3 Qb4 -1.10/21
[28...Nxd5? 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Nxd5+-]
[⌓28...Rb8 -1.49/22 29.Qc2 Qb4 *(29...Nxd5 30.Bxg7 Kxg7 31.Ne4∓)* 30.Bxf6 Remove Defender Bxf6]
29.Ne3 -1.51/22
[⌓29.Na2 -1.10/21 Qb5 30.Qxb5 Bxb5 31.Re1]



29...Nxg4? 0.01/24 **30.Nc2= Ne5!**
[30...Qxb3 31.hxg4 Rc8 *(31...hxg4? 32.Bxg7 Bf5 33.Qd4+-)* 32.Rb1+-]
[30...Bf5 31.Ne4 Qb7 *(31...Bxe4? 32.fxe4 Qb7 33.Bxg7+-)* 32.hxg4

Bxe4 33.fxe4±]
31.Nxb4 -1.01/21
[31.Bxe5= -0.01/26 Qh4 32.Bxg7]
31...Nxd3∓ 32.Bxg7 Nxb4 33.Bf6 Bxh3 34.Ra1 Nc2 -0.09/23
[34...Re3 35.Rxa7 g5 *(35...Rxf3 36.Ra8+)* 36.Ne4 Nxd5 *(36...Rxb3? 37.Nxg5 Rb1+ 38.Kh2+-)* 37.Bd4=]
[Black should try 34...a6∓ -1.38/22 Threatens to win with ...Re8-e3. 35.Ra4 Rb8]
35.Rxa7= Ne1 36.Kh2 Bf5
[36...Nxf3+? 37.Kxh3 g5 38.Kg3+-]
37.Kg3 h4+ Deflection **38.Bxh4 Kg7** 1.41/23 Against Bh4-f6+
[38...Re3= 0.00/22 keeps the balance. 39.Kf2 Rxc3 *(39...Rxf3+ 40.Kxe1 g5 41.Bxg5=)* 40.Kxe1 Kg7 *(40...Rxf3 41.Bf6=; 40...Rxb3 41.Kf2=)*]
39.Be7± Rh8 40.Bxd6 aiming for Bd6-e5+.
[Much less strong is 40.Kf2 Nd3+ *(40...Nxf3 41.Bxd6 Rh3 42.Bg3+-)* 41.Ke3 Rb8±]
40...Rh3+ 41.Kf2 White is more active.
41...Nxf3 2.02/21
[41...Nd3+± 1.06/22 was called for. 42.Ke2 g5]
42.Bg3+- Ng5 2.38/22
[⌓42...Nd2 1.69/21]
43.d6 Strongly threatening d6-d7.
43...Kh6? 4.10/22
[43...Kf6 1.82/21 might work better. 44.Nd5+ Kg7 45.Be5+ Kh6]
44.d7 Bxd7 45.Rxd7 f5 46.Rd4 Ne6

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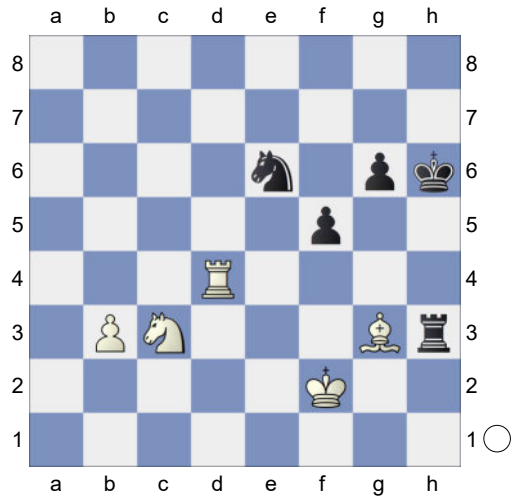

47.Rd6 f4 48.Rxe6 Rxg3 Endgame. KRN-KR **49.Rc6 Kh5 50.b4 g5 51.b5 g4?** 5.47/25
[51...Kg4]
52.b6 White is clearly winning. **52...Rf3+ 53.Ke2** Intending b6-b7 and mate. **53...Re3+ 54.Kd2 Re8 55.b7** Threatening mate with Rc6-c8. **55...Rb8 56.Rc7 g3 57.Ke2 Kg4 58.Rg7+** Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.38
1-0

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Bilguun,Sumiya** **2474**
World Rapid 2022 (1.24) 26.12.2022
[Mon Hokmome,TA]*

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 Bf4 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Nbd2**
[5.Bg3 0-0 6.c4 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.Bxd5 exd5 10.Nc3 c4 11.Ne5 Ne7 12.0-0 Bb4 13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 f6 15.Nf3 Bg4 16.a4 Nc6 17.h3 Bh5 18.Qb1 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Na5 9.Nd2 a5/ 14.Qc2 Ngf6 1 (2763)-Kavakul,M (2733) Astana 2013 200

Traps In The Opening [Pilnik,H/ Primel, D] 1-0 (34)]

5...0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 Qc7N 0.44/19

[7...Bxf4= -0.06/19 8.exf4

A) 8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 Qc7 10.Ne2 *(10.g3 Nbd7 11.0-0 e5 12.fxe5 Nxe5 13.Be2 Bh3 14.Re1 Rfe8 15.N2f3 Nc4 16.Qc2 a6 17.Bd3 Bg4 18.Bf5 Bxf5 19.Nxf5 g6 20.N5d4 Qb6 21.Nb3 a5 22.a4 Ne4 23.Nfd4 Qf6 24.Nb5 Ncd2* 9.a4 0-0 10.Nf3 (1783)-Minev,N (2204) Linz 2023 CHECK99 [John Watson] ½-½ (39) *)* 10...e5 11.fxe5 Qxe5 12.Nf3 Qc7 13.0-0 Bg4 14.Ned4 Nc6 15.Qc2 Rad8 16.Rfe1 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Qb6 18.Rad1 g6 19.a3 Kg7 20.Be2 Rfe8 21.Nd4 Re4 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Bf3 8.dxc5 Ne5 9.Nd4 Nd7_63 (1973) -Kloninger,P (2313) Malmö 2023 CI Quality Base [John Watson] ½-½;

B) 8...b6]

[7...Nc6 8.Bg3 b6 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Nxc6 Bxg3 12.hxg3 Bxc6 13.Qf3 e5 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15.Qf4 Qxf4 16.gxf4 Rad8 17.Rad1 d4 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.e4 Rfe8 20.Rfe1 Nd7 21.f3 Nc5 22.Bc4 7.Nc3 d5 8.cd5_59328 (1810)-Kastenholz,R (2172) R 7/h Espana 2023 Kramnik: MBM [John Watson] 0-1 (35)]

8.Bxd6± White is slightly better.

8...Qxd6 9.Ne5 b6 10.0-0!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

[RR 10.f4 Ba6 11.Bc2 Nc6 12.g4 Rac8 13.Rg1 Nd7 14.Ndf3 f6 15.Nxc6 Rxc6 16.g5 f5 17.Kf2 cxd4 18.cxd4 Rfc8 19.Ba4 R6c7 20.Qd2 Bb5 21.Bb3 a5 22.Rgc1 Bc4 23.Bd1 Ba6 24.Rxc7 Qxc7 Carlsen,M (2863)-Narayanan,S (2618) chess24.com INT 2020 1-0 (52)]

10...Ba6 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.f4 Ne4N 0.89/19

[Vorgänger: 12...Nc7 13.Rf3 b5 14.Rh3 cxd4 15.exd4 Qd8 16.g4 Ne4 17.Qe1 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 f6 0-1 (57) Tang,A (2519)-Sankalp,G (2504) Warsaw 2021]

[12...Nb8= 0.14/17]

[RR 12...Nb8 13.Rf3 Nc6 14.Rh3 cxd4 15.exd4 Ne7 16.Qe1 h5 17.Qh4 Nf5 18.Qg5 Qe7 19.Re1 Rac8 20.Ndf3 g6 21.Nh4 Ne4 22.Nxf5 Qxg5 23.fxg5 exf5 24.Nd3 Nxg5 25.Rhe3 Ne4 26.h4 Rfd8 27.Nf4 Hambleton,A (2420)-Kamsky, G (2613) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (129)]

[RR 12...Nd7 13.Qa4 Nab8 14.Ndf3 f6 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.Qc2 Rac8 17.Qd2 f5 18.Ne1 Rc7 19.Nd3 Rb8 20.a4 a5 21.Rfb1 c4 22.Ne1 Nf6 23.Nc2 Ne4 24.Qd1 b5 25.Qc1 Rcb7 26.Ne1 b4 27.cxb4 Bravo,J (1759)-Heilinger,D (1991) Bregenz 2025 0-1 (34)]

13.Nxe4± dxe4 14.Qa4 Nc7 15.dxc5 &Bianco is more active. **15...Qxc5 16.Qxe4** Black must now prevent Ne5-d7. **16...Nd5 17.Rfe1** And now Ne5-d7 would win. **17...Rad8** Inhibits Ne5-d7. **18.Qc4 f6 19.Qxc5 bxc5 20.Nf3 Rb8 21.Re2 Rb6 22.Rd1 Rfb8 23.Rdd2 Ra6 24.c4 Ne7** 1.77/22

[24...Nb4± 1.17/23]

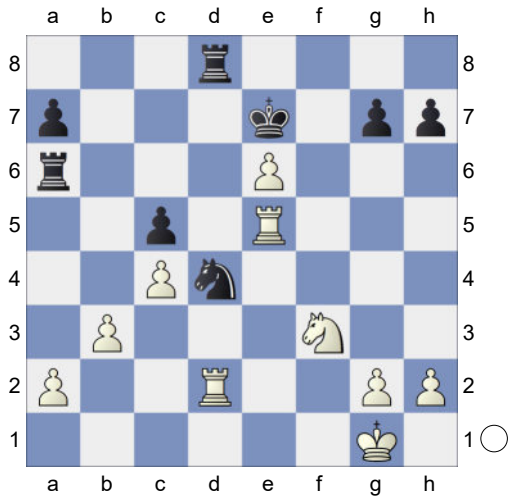
25.b3 Nc6 26.e4 Kf8 27.e5 Strongly threatening e5xf6. **27...Ke7 28.f5** 1.29/22

[28.Kf2+- 1.63/22]

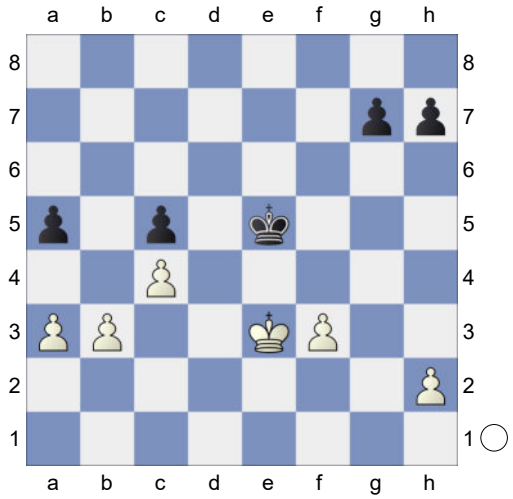
28...fxe5 29.fxe6 Nd4 1.76/23

[29...Rd8± 1.38/21]

30.Rxe5+- Rd8



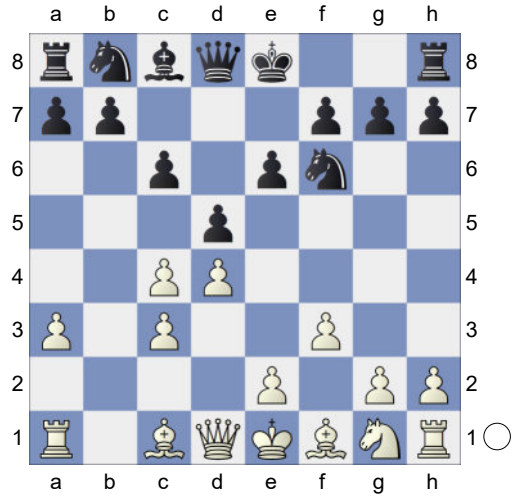
Threatens to win with ...Nd4xf3+. **31.Rd5 Nxf3+** 2.37/22
[31...Nxe6± 1.52/21 might work better. 32.Re2 Rc8]
32.gxf3 Rad6 3.74/24
[⌓32...Rxd5 2.43/22 33.cxd5 Rd6]
33.Rxd6 Rxd6 34.Rxd6 Kxd6 Endgame KP-KP **35.a3 a5 36.Kf2 Kxe6 37.Ke3 Ke5**



38.Kd3! Kf4? 9.91/23
[38...Kd6 3.45/23 39.h4 g6]
39.b4 axb4 40.axb4 cxb4 K3P-K3P **41.c5 Ke5 42.Kc4 b3 43.Kxb3 Kd5 44.Kb4 Kc6 45.Kc4 g5 46.Kd4 h5 47.h3 Kc7 48.Ke4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.47
1-0

229 **E20**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2722**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
Tata Steel India Blitz (16) 04.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]*

E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and f3 E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c6**



7.e4! dxe4 8.fxe4 e5! 9.Nf3 The position is equal. **9...Bg4** 0.30/17
[9...Qa5 -0.14/18 is more appropriate.]
10.Qd3 exd4N
[10...Nbd7 11.dxe5 Nh5 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 Qb6+ 14.Rf2 Rfe8 15.Be3 Qc7 16.c5 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nxe5 18.Qc2 Ng6 19.Kh1 Nhf4 20.Bc4 Rad8 21.Rd1 Rxd1+ 22.Qxd1 Rd8 23.Rd2 Rxd2 24.Qxd2 Kf8 25.Bf2 1-0 Erigaisi,A (2689)-Parligras,M (2576) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (5.3) h5 26.h4 Ne6 27.Kg2 Ngf4+ 28.Kf1 Qe5 29.Qd6+ Qxd6 30.cxd6 b6 31.Bg3 f6 32.Kf2 Ke8 33.Ke3

Ng2+ 34.Kf2 Ngf4 35.Bf1 Kd7 36.Ke3 g5 37.hxg5 fxg5 38.e5 h4 39.Bh2 b5 40.Ke4 1-0 Erigaisi,A (2701)-Matlakov,M (2662) Airthings Masters Play In rapid 2023 (5) 1-0 Erigaisi,A (2701)-Matlakov,M (2662) Airthings Masters Play In Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (5)]

11.cxd4 c5! 12.d5 aiming for e4-e5.
[12.dxc5 0-0∓]

12...0-0 13.Be2 0.26/19
[13.h3± 0.63/18 Bh5 14.e5]

13...Re8 14.e5
[14.h3 Bh5 15.e5 Nfd7 16.0-0 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Nd7 19.Bb2 f6 20.Rf5 Nxe5 21.Bxe5 g6 22.Qg4 Qc8 23.Raf1]

14...Bxf3!?N Remove Defender An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung. **15.Qxf3 Rxe5 16.Bb2N**
[RR 16.0-0 Nbd7 17.Bd3 b5 18.cxb5 Rxd5 19.Bc2 Ne5 20.Qc3 Nd3 21.Bh6 c4 22.Kh1 Rh5 23.Qxc4 Ne5 24.Qe2 Rxh6 25.Qxe5 Ng4 26.Qf4 Nxh2 27.Rfd1 Qb6 0-1 (27) Podolchenko,E (2321)-Nandish,V (2251) Chennai 2025]

16...Re8 17.0-0 Nbd7 18.Bd3
[18.Bd1 simplifies Qe7 19.Rb1 Nb6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Rxf6 Re1+ 23.Kf2]

18...Qe7 19.Qf5 -0.86/22
[19.Rad1= -0.16/17 keeps the balance.]

19...Qe3+∓ 20.Kh1 Ne5 -0.01/21 Against Rf1-f3
[20...g6∓ -0.81/20 21.Qf3 Qxf3 22.gxf3 Re3]

21.Bc2⇄ Threatens to win with Ra1-e1. White puts up resistance **21...Neg4** White should prevent ...Qe3-h6. **22.h3 Qh6** Hoping for ...Ng4-e3. **23.Bc1** A strong pair of Bishops. **23...Ne3** 1.14/20
[23...Re3= -0.01/20 24.Kg1 *(24.Bxe3 Nxe3 25.Qf2 Nxf1=)* 24...g6]

24.Qf3± White has strong compensation. **24...Re5?** 3.33/19
[24...Nfg4± 1.11/19 was necessary.]

25.Rb1? 0.01/19
[White should try 25.d6+- 3.33/19]

25...b6? 3.88/22
[25...Rae8!= 0.01/19 26.d6 Qh4 *(26...b6? 27.d7+-)* 27.Bxe3 *(27.d7 Nxf1 28.dxe8Q+ Rxe8∓)* 27...Rxe3 28.Qxb7 g6 *(28...Qxc4? 29.Bb3+-* Skewer *)*]

26.d6+- Rf8 27.Rb3? -0.21/21
[27.Re1+- 5.04/20]

27...Nfg4= Really sharp! **28.d7?** -1.78/21
[28.Be4? Rxe4 *(28...Qxd6 29.Bxe3 Rxe4 30.hxg4±)* 29.Qxe4 Nxf1-+ *(29...Qxd6? 30.Qf4+-)*]
[28.Rg1= -0.01/20]

28...Qe6-+ 29.hxg4 -2.32/22
[29.Rd3∓ -1.52/18 Rd8 *(29...Qxc4? 30.d8Q+-)* 30.Bxe3 Nxe3 31.Rf2]

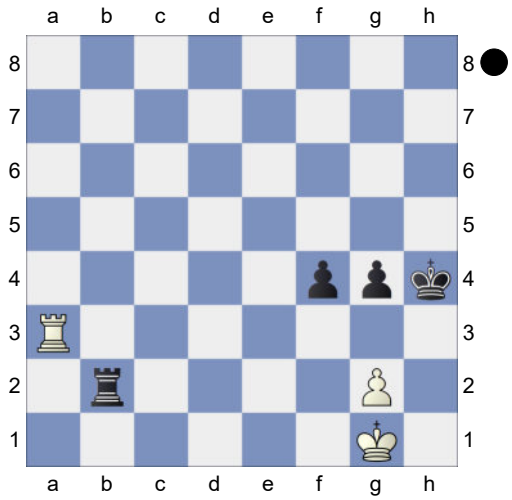
29...Nxc2
[29...Nxf1 30.Qd3 Rd8 *(30...Ng3+? 31.Kh2+-)* 31.Qxh7+ Kf8 32.Bf5±]

30.Bb2 Nd4 31.Bxd4 cxd4 32.Qf4 -3.42/21
[⌓32.Qb7 -2.18/20 Qxc4 33.Rbf3]

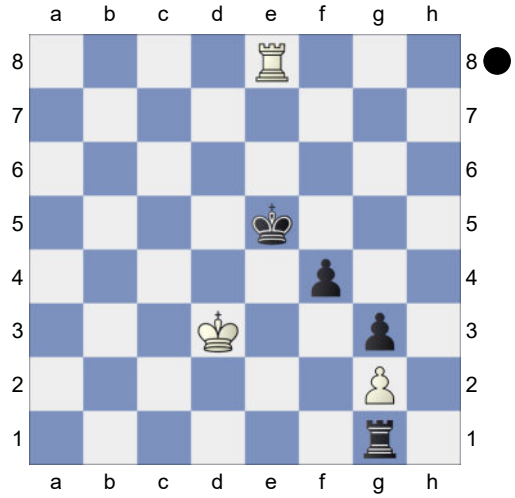
32...Re1? -0.04/22
[32...Qxc4? is the wrong capture. 33.Rbf3 Rd5 34.Rc1+-]
[32...Rd8-+ -3.42/21 33.Qxd4 Rxd7 *(33...Qxd7? 34.Qxe5 Qd4 35.Qxd4+-)*]

33.Rxe1= Qxe1+ Endgame. KQR-KQR **34.Kh2 Rd8** ...Qe1-e7 is the strong threat. **35.Qxd4 Qh4+ 36.Rh3 Qe7** 7.16/23
[36...Qf6= 0.01/24 37.Qe4 Qd6+ 38.Kg1 Kf8 *(38...Rxd7?* too greedy.

39.Qxh7+ Kf8 40.Qh8+ Ke7 41.Re3++-)]
37.Rd3? 0.01/21
[37.Re3!+- 7.16/23 Kf8 38.Rxe7 Kxe7 39.Qe5+ *(39.Qxg7 Rxd7 40.Qe5+ Kf8+-)* 39...Kxd7 40.Qxg7]
37...h6 38.a4 Qh4+ 39.Rh3 Qe7 40.Rd3 Kf8 41.a5 Qc5 42.axb6 axb6 43.Qxc5+ bxc5 KR-KR **44.Rd5 Ke7 45.Rxc5 Rxd7 46.g5 hxg5 47.Rxg5 Kf6 48.Ra5 Rd3 49.Ra6+ Kg5 50.Ra7 Kg6 51.c5 Rc3 52.Rc7 f5 53.c6 f4 54.Rc8 Kg5 55.c7 Kg4 56.Ra8 Rxc7 57.Ra4 Rc2 58.Ra7 g6 59.Ra6 g5 60.Ra4 Kh4 61.Rb4 Re2 62.Ra4 Kh5 63.Kg1 Rb2 64.Rc4 Kg4** Vorgänger: **65.Rc3 Rb1+ 66.Kf2 Rb2+ 67.Kg1 Re2 68.Ra3 Re3 69.Ra5 Kh4** ...g5-g4 would now be deadly. **70.Kf2 Rb3 71.Ra8?** -5.47/29 ½-½ (46) Medvegy,Z (2522)-Galyas,M (2477) Balatonalmadi 2010
[71.Ra4!= -0.29/30 and White is okay.]
71...Rb2+-+ 72.Kg1 g4! (→ ...Kh4-g3) **73.Ra3**



Rb1+! 74.Kf2 g3+ 75.Kf3 Rf1+ 76.Ke4 Kg4? -0.01/24
[76...f3-+ -6.74/27 77.Rxf3 Rf2 78.Rf4+ Kg5]
77.Ra8= Re1+ 78.Kd3 Rg1 79.Rg8+? -6.54/31
[79.Ke4= -0.01/32]
79...Kf5-+ 80.Rf8+ Ke5 81.Re8+



Kd5? 0.00/26 **82.Rd8+= Ke6 83.Re8+?** -6.79/28
[83.Ke4= 0.00/23]
83...Kf7-+ Black is clearly winning. **84.Re4 Rf1 85.Re2 Kf6 86.Ra2 Kf5** And now ...f4-f3 would win. **87.Ra8** -9.89/24
[⌓87.Ra5+ -5.05/25 Kg4 88.Ra8]
87...f3 88.Rf8+ Ke5 89.Re8+ Kd6 Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.34
0-1

230 **A34**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2722**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
Tata Steel India Blitz (16) 04.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]*

A34: Symmetrical English: 2 Nc3, lines with ...d5 **1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.e3 Nf6N**
[4...f5 5.d4 e4 6.d5 exf3 7.dxc6 dxc6 *(7...fxg2 8.cxd7+ Qxd7 9.Bxg2 Qxd1+ 10.Nxd1 Bd6 11.b3 Be5*

12.Bb2 Bxb2 13.Nxb2 3) Asymmetric Symmetry-1...c5 with 2...Nc6 and 3...e Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024 *)* 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.gxf3 Nf6 10.b3 Bd6 11.Bb2 Kc7 *(11...Ke7 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.h4 Rad8 14.Be2 g6 15.Na4 Rd7 16.f4 Rg8 17.Bf3 Ng4 18.Rd2* 3) Asymmetric Symmetry-1...c5 with 2...Nc6 and 3...e Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024 *)* 12.h4 g6 13.h5 Be6 14.Ne2 Be7 15.Nf4 Bf7 16.0-0-0 gxh5 17.Bd3 Bg6 18.Ne6+ 3) Asymmetric Symmetry-1...c5 with 2...Nc6 and 3...e Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]

5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 e4 7.Ne5 Bb4 8.Be2 Qa5 9.Nxc6 dxc6 10.Bd2 0-0 11.0-0 Rd8 12.a3 White is slightly better. **12...Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Qg5** Hoping for ...Bc8-h3. **14.Qc1 Qh4N** 'N!?' An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

[Vorgänger: 14...Qg6 15.Re1 Bg4 16.Bf1 Re8 17.Qe3 Rad8 18.Kh1 Bc8 19.h3 Nh5 20.g4 Nf6 ½-½ (46) Medvegy,Z (2522)-Galyas,M (2477) Balatonalmadi 2010]

[RR 14...Qg6 15.Re1 Bg4 16.Bf1 Re8 17.Qe3 Rad8 18.Kh1 Bc8 19.h3 Nh5 20.g4 Nf6 21.Bg2 h6 22.Rad1 Nxg4 23.Qg3 Nf6 24.Qxg6 fxg6 25.Kh2 Bf5 26.Rd2 Nh5 27.Rde2 Nf4 28.Re3 Nxg2 29.Kxg2 Medvegy,Z (2522)-Galyas,M (2477) Balatonalmadi 2010 ½-½ (46)]

[RR 14...Qg6 15.Qf4 Bh3 16.Qg3 Bg4 17.Rfe1 Bxe2 18.Rxe2 Qxg3 19.hxg3 b5 20.b3 bxc4 21.bxc4 Rab8 22.Rd1 Rb3 23.Bb2 h6 24.d5 cxd5 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.cxd5 Rd3 27.Rxd3 exd3 28.Rd2 Rxd5 29.f3 Franco Ocampos,Z (2460)-Herrera,I (2450) Cienfuegos 1997 ½-½]

15.Qe3 0.24/16

[15.Re1± 0.62/18 is superior.]

15...Bg4= 16.Rae1 Bxe2 17.Rxe2 h6 18.Rfe1 b5 0.48/21

[18...Re8= 0.08/20]

19.b3 0.02/21

[19.f3± 0.48/21 might be stronger.]

19...bxc4 20.bxc4 Rab8 21.Bb4 Rd7 22.h3 Rbb7 23.Rd2 Qh5 24.Qc3 Qg5 25.Re3? -1.61/20

[25.Rde2= 0.29/20 and White is okay.]

25...Qf4? 0.22/21

[25...a5!-+ -1.61/20 26.Bc5 Rb1+ 27.Kh2 Qf4+ 28.Rg3 Nh5 Pin]

26.Rd1 Qf5 27.Qe1 Qe6 28.Qe2 Qf5 29.Qc2 Qg5 30.Bc3 Qf5 1.81/23

[30...Qg6± 0.35/21]

31.Rde1 0.68/20

[31.f3+- 1.81/23]

31...Qe6 1.95/21

[31...Qg6!± 0.68/20]

32.Ba1+- Qd6 33.Qe2? 0.27/20

[White must play 33.f3!+- 2.10/21]

33...Rd8 34.Rg3 0.07/21

[34.f3± 0.59/21]

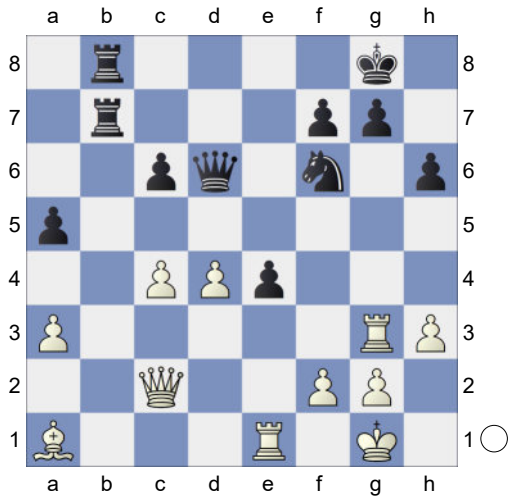
34...Rdb8= 35.Qc2 -0.33/18

[35.d5!± 0.40/23 cxd5 36.cxd5]

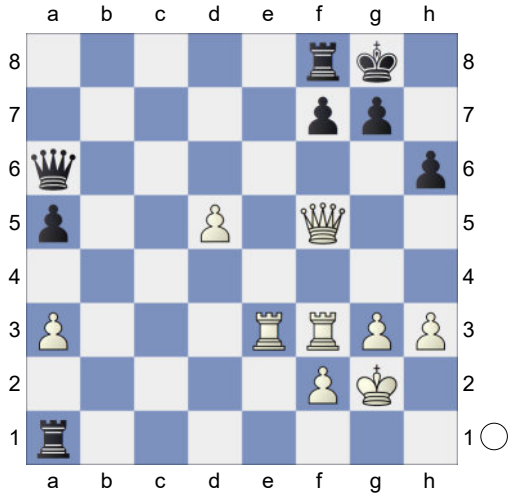
35...a5 0.51/23

[35...Nh5!∓ -0.33/18 36.c5 Qd5]

(Diagram)



36.d5! 0.12/23 **cxd5 37.cxd5 Rb6** 1.34/24 Against Qc2-c6
[37...Nh5= 0.18/23 keeps the balance. 38.Qc6 Qxc6 39.dxc6 Nxg3 40.cxb7 Nf5]
38.Bxf6 Qxf6 39.Qxe4
[39.Rxe4 Rb1+ 40.Kh2 Qd6]
39...Rb2 40.Rf3 Qd6 41.Qf5 Rf8 42.g3 0.72/19
[⌓42.Rc3 1.22/22]
42...Ra2 1.51/21
[⌓42...a4 0.72/19]
43.Ree3 Qa6 44.Kg2 Black must now prevent Re3-e8! **44...Ra1**



45.Rd3 0.00/25
[45.Qd3!± 1.48/28 Qd6 46.Qc4]
45...Qc4 46.Qf4 -1.08/19
[46.Rfe3!= 0.00/23]
46...Qc2→ -0.27/22 Black attacks.
[46...Qb5∓ -1.08/19 (→ ...Qb5-b1) 47.g4 Qb1]
47.Rfe3? -5.38/18 Black continues to play with concentration.
[47.g4!= -0.27/22]
47...Qb1 48.Kf3 h5? -0.21/22
[48...Qh1+-+ -4.71/22 49.Ke2 *(49.Kg4? f5+-+ Deflection)* 49...Qf1+ *(49...Qxh3 50.Qd4=)* 50.Kf3 Ra2 *(50...Qxh3 51.Qh4=)*]
49.Qd6? -3.56/20
[49.Qf5= -0.21/22]
49...Qh1+-+ 50.Kf4 Qxh3 And now ... Qh3-g4+ would win. **51.Ke4** -5.10/19
[⌓51.Qe7 -3.50/16 Qg4+ 52.Ke5]
51...Qg2+ 52.f3 -7.01/21
[⌓52.Kf5 -4.73/19 Rf1 *(52...Qxf2+ 53.Kg5∓)* 53.f4]
52...Rc1 ...Rc1-c4+ would now be deadly. **53.Kf4 Rg1 54.Kf5 Qh3+**
[54...Qxg3? 55.Qxg3 Rxg3 56.d6+-]
55.Ke4 Rxg3 56.Rc3 Rg5 57.Kd4 g6 58.f4 Qg4 -2.24/17
[⌓58...Qh4 -3.87/20 Strongly threatening ...Rg5-f5. 59.Kc5 Rf5]
59.Rg3? -4.77/24
[59.Kc5 -2.24/17 Rf5 60.Rg3 Rc8+ *(60...Qxf4 61.Qxf4 Rxf4 62.d6=)* 61.Kb6 Rxc3 *(61...Qxf4? loses. 62.Rxc8+ Kh7 63.Qxf4+-)* 62.Rxc3 Qg1+ *(62...Rxf4 63.Qd8+ Kg7 64.Rc8=)* 63.Kb7]
59...Qd1+ Skewer
[59...Qxg3 60.Rxg3 Rxg3 61.f5-+]
60.Rgd3 Qg1+ 61.Re3 -6.12/17
[⌓61.Kc4 -4.33/19 Rf5 62.Qc7]
61...Rf5 Threatens to win with ...Rf8-e8.
62.Kc4 Qf1+ 63.Kb3 -9.75/19
[⌓63.Kc5 -4.59/19]
63...Rxf4 64.Ka2 Inhibits Qf1-b1+.
64...Rf2+ Weighted Error Value:

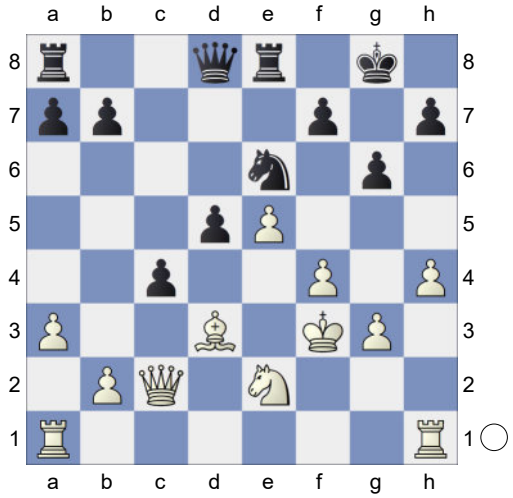
White=0.92/Black=0.54
0-1

231 **D37**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
Tata Steel India Blitz (15.5) 04.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]*

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation E56: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line: 7...Nc6 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.cxd5N**
[5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5 8.0-0 a6 9.Qe2 b5 10.Bb3 cxd4 11.exd4 Bb7 12.Bg5 Nc6 13.Rad1 Nb4 14.Ne5 Nbd5 15.Rd3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Ne4 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Re3 Nf6 19.Bc2 Qd6 1-0 Alatortsev,V-Kan,I Moscow-ch17 1937 20.Rg3 g6 21.h4 Rac8 22.h5 Rc7 23.Re1 b4 24.hxg6 fxg6 25.cxb4 Rfc8 26.Bxg6 hxg6 27.Rxg6+ Rg7 28.Rxf6 Rxg2+ 29.Kf1 Qxd4 30.Rg6+ Rxg6 31.Nxg6 Re8 32.Qh5 Kg7 33.Ne5 Rf8 34.Qg6+ Kh8 ½-½ Alatortsev,V-Petrosian,T URS-ch18 Moscow 1950]
[5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 a5 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.Nd2 b5 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.Rfd1 Rc8 13.e4 dxc4 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Na4 c3 16.Bxc3 Bb5 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Be2 19.Re1 Bd3 1-0 Navara,D (2689)-Yu,Y (2735) Biel Blitz 56th 2023 (1)]
[5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 c6 9.h4 Re8 10.g4 e5 11.g5 exd4 12.Nxd4 hxg5 13.hxg5 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxg5 15.cxd5 Bf5 16.Be2 cxd5 17.Rh5 Qg1+ 18.Kd2 Qxf2 19.Rch1 f6 1-0 Model Games-Ivanisevic,I Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
5...exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.e3 Bf5 8.Nh4! is recently more successful than 8.Bd3. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 8.Ld3. **8...Bg4 9.Qc2 Nh5 10.h3** The position is equal. **10...Bc8N**
[Vorgänger: 10...Be6 aiming for ...Nh5xf4. 11.Nf3 Nxf4 12.exf4 g6 13.Bd3 Qd6 14.Ne2 Nd7 15.0-0 Nf6 16.Ne5 Nd7 1-0 (100) Warmerdam,M (2613)-Michalik,P (2577) Prague 2022]
11.Nf3 Nxf4 12.exf4 Bd6
[RR 12...Qd6 13.g3 Nd7 14.Bd3 Nf6 15.Kf1 0-0 16.Kg2 c5 17.Nb5 Qb6 18.dxc5 Qxc5 19.Rac1 Qxc2 20.Rxc2 Bd7 21.Rhc1 Bxb5 22.Bxb5 Bd6 23.Ba4 Rfd8 24.Bb3 Kf8 25.Nd4 g6 26.Kf3 a6 27.a3 Li,D (2544)-Sivuk,V (2493) Roquetas de Mar 2025 1-0 (101)]
13.g3 Na6N 1.04/18
[13...0-0= 0.11/18 remains equal.]
[RR 13...Qe7+ 14.Be2 Na6 15.a3 Nc7 16.Kf1 g6 17.Bd3 0-0 18.Re1 Qf6 19.Ne5 Ne6 20.Ne2 Ng7 21.g4 Be6 22.Rg1 Rac8 23.b4 Kh8 24.Qd2 Qe7 25.Ng3 f6 26.Nxg6+ hxg6 27.f5 g5 28.fxe6 Greicius,P (2078)-Perminaite,G (1792) Vilnius 2023 1-0 (36)]
14.a3 0.00/18
[14.Bxa6± 1.04/18 bxa6 15.Nxd5 Qa5+ 16.Nc3]
14...0-0 15.Bd3 Active counter play! **15...Re8+ 16.Kf1 g6 17.Kg2 Nc7 18.h4** Strongly threatening h4-h5. **18...Bg4 19.Ne5 Bxe5 20.dxe5** Threatens to win with h4-h5! **20...Ne6 21.Ne2 c5** 1.00/19
[21...Bxe2± 0.62/19 22.Qxe2 *(22.Bxe2 h5+-)* 22...h5]
22.f3 0.60/19
[White should try 22.h5± 1.00/19

h5xg6 would now be deadly. Bxh5 23.Rxh5 gxh5 24.Bxh7+ *(24.Rh1 h6=)* 24...Kh8 25.Rh1]

22...Bxf3+!± 23.Kxf3 c4



24.Bxg6! hxg6 25.Rad1 Qb6 1.40/19 Prevents Ne2-d4.

[25...b5± 0.57/16]

26.h5!±

[26.Rxd5? Qc6 27.Rhd1 Nc7-+]

26...d4 2.78/21

[26...g5± 1.56/19]

27.hxg6+-

[27.Qxc4 Rac8 28.Qb4 Qc6+ 29.Kf2 Qe4 30.hxg6 *(30.Nxd4? Nxd4 31.Rxd4 Rc2+ 32.Rd2 Qxb4-+)* 30...Qe3+ 31.Ke1 d3-+ *(31...fxg6? 32.Qxb7 Rc7 33.Qb5+-)*]

27...d3? 5.34/21

[27...Qc6+ 3.03/19 28.Qe4 d3]

28.gxf7+ Kxf7 29.Qxc4 dxe2 30.Rd7+ 0.99/21

[30.Qxe2 Nd4+ 31.Rxd4 Qxd4=]

[30.Kxe2 Kg8±]

[30.Rd6+- 5.03/21 and White stays clearly on top. Qxb2 31.Qd3 e1N+ 32.Rxe1]

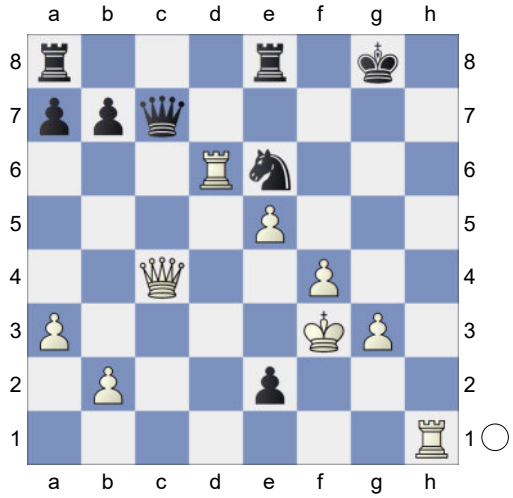
30...Kg8 31.Rd6 0.52/21 Really sharp!

[31.Kxe2 Rad8 32.Rdh7 Qxb2+ 33.Kf3 Rd4 34.Rh8+ Kg7 35.R1h7+ *(35.Rxe8? Rxc4 36.Re7+ Kf8-+)* 35...Kg6 36.Rh6+ Kf7 37.R6h7+ Kg6=]

[31.f5± 1.24/19 Intending Qc4-g4+ and mate. Qc6+ 32.Qxc6 *(32.Kxe2 Qxc4+ 33.Kf2 Qc5+ 34.Ke2 Qxe5+ 35.Kd3 Nc5+ 36.Kd2 Qxb2+ 37.Kd1 Nb3)* 32...bxc6 33.fxe6 Rxe6 34.Kxe2 Rxe5+ 35.Kd1]

31...Qc7? 2.11/21

[Black should play 31...Rac8!± 0.52/21 32.Qe4 *(32.Qxe2? Qxd6-+)* 32...Qb3+ 33.Rd3 *(33.Kxe2 Rc2+ 34.Kf1 Qb5+ 35.Ke1 Rc1+ 36.Rd1 Rxd1+ 37.Kxd1 Rd8+ 38.Kc2 Qb3+* Decoy *39.Kxb3 Nc5+ 40.Kc4 Nxe4=)* 33...e1N+ 34.Rxe1 Qb5]



A mistake that costs the game. **32.Qxc7!**

[32.Qxe2? Qxd6-+ *(32...Rad8 33.Qh2±; 32...Rad8 33.Qh2±)*]

32...Nxc7 33.Kxe2 Re7 2.59/21

[33...Ne6 1.98/19 was worth a try. 34.Kf3 Rad8]

34.Rhd1 Rae8 35.Rd7 Ne6 36.Kf3

[36.f5 Rxd7 37.Rxd7 Ng7 38.Rxb7 Rxe5+ 39.Kd2 Rd5+ 40.Kc3 Nxf5±]

36...Nc5 2.45/20

[36...Kf7 1.93/20 is a better defense. 37.g4 b5]

37.Rxe7 Rxe7 Endgame. KRN-KR

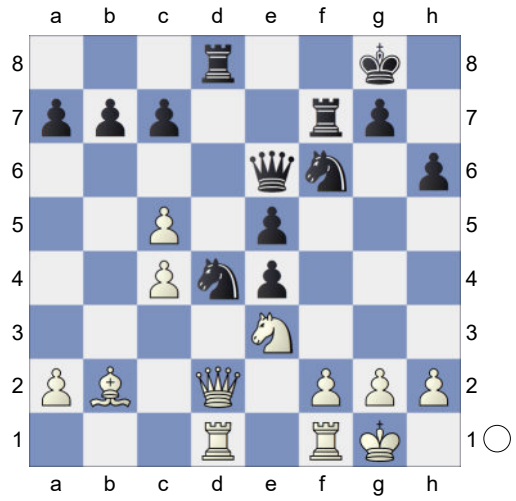
38.Rd4 a6 39.g4 b5 40.g5 Ne6 41.Rd6 Nxg5+ 4.38/21
[⌓41...b4 2.95/18 42.g6 *(42.axb4 Nxg5+ 43.fxg5 Rxe5+-; 42.Rxa6 bxa3 43.bxa3 Kh7+-)* 42...bxa3 43.bxa3 Nf8]
42.fxg5 Rxe5 43.Rxa6? 1.51/25
[43.Kf4+- 4.51/23 has better winning chances. Re2 44.b4 *(44.Rxa6 Rxb2 45.Kf5 Kg7+-)*]
43...Rxg5 KR-KR **44.Kf4 Rg2** 2.31/26
[44...Rh5± 1.54/26]
45.b4 Rh2 46.Ra5 And now Kf4-e5! would win. **46...Rh3?** 5.44/26
[46...Rh5 3.07/25 might work better. 47.Kg4 Rd5]
47.Ke5 White is clearly winning.
[47.Rxb5 Rxa3 48.Rb7 Kf8±]
47...Kf7 48.Kd6
[48.Rxb5? perishes. Rh5+ *(48...Rxa3 49.Kd6±)* 49.Kd6 Rxb5-+]
48...Rc3 49.Rxb5 Rxa3 50.Re5 Kf6 51.b5 Repels Ra3-a6+ **51...Ra5 52.Rc5 Kf7 53.b6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.55
1-0

232 **A28**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,R** **2684**
Tata Steel India Blitz (12.5) 04.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]*

A28: English Opening: Four Knights Variation **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3**
[4.a3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 *(5...d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.dxc3 0-0 10.Bg5 Qxd1 11.Rfxd1 h6 12.Be3 a5 13.Bc5 Re8 14.e4 a4 15.Bf1 Bg4 16.Kg2 Na5 17.Be3 c6 18.h3 Be6 19.Bb6 Nc4 20.Bxc4* ½-½ Locci,D-Romanishin,O Bratto op 2009 (1) *)* 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxe5 Nxc3 10.Nxc6 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 bxc6 12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.d3 Bh3 14.Re1 Rb6 15.Qc2 Be6 16.Be4 Qd7 17.Qc5 Bd4 18.Qa5 Rb5 ½-½ Ruck,R (2550)-Romanishin,O (2561) 11th GM Lippstadt GER 2003 (3)]
4...Bb4 5.Qc2 Bxc3N
[5...d5 6.Nxd5 Bd6 7.a3 0-0 8.Ng5 g6 9.h4 Bf5 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 h6 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 f5 14.Qc2 e4 15.b4 Ne5 16.Nf4 Re8 17.c5 Bf8 18.Qb3+ Kh7 19.Bb2 Qd7 20.Bxe5 1-0 Curado,A (1655)-Costa,C Coimbra-chT 1995 (6) Rxe5 21.Rh3 a5 22.Rd1 axb4 23.axb4 Bg7 24.Rg3 Ra6 25.d3 exd3 26.Rxd3 Qe7 27.h5 g5 28.Ng6 Qe6 29.Nxe5 Qxe5 30.Kd2 Qa1 31.Ke2 f4 32.exf4 gxf4 33.Rh3 Qe5+ 34.Kf1 Qe8 35.Rd1 1-0 Shabanov,D-Shtyrenkov,V US op Boston 1964 Re6 36.Qc2+ Kh8 37.Qd2 Re4 38.Kg1 Bf6 39.Qd7 Qe5 40.Ra3 Bg7 41.Ra8+ Kh7 42.Qf7 1-0 Cuno,H-Boettcher,F ICCF World Cup6-7 prel-074 1986]
6.bxc3 0-0 7.Be2
[RR 7.e4 d6 8.g3 Nd7 9.Bg2 Nc5 10.Nh4 g5 11.Nf5 Bxf5 12.exf5 e4 13.0-0 Re8 14.Ba3 Nd3 15.Rab1 Na5 16.Bxe4 Rxe4 17.Qxd3 Qe8 18.f3 Re2 19.f6 Qe6 20.Rb5 Re5 21.Rxe5 dxe5 Nepomniachtchi,I (2751)-Karjakin,S (2783) Chess.com INT 2017 ½-½]
7...d6 8.e4 Ne8!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
9.d4 h6N
[Vorgänger: 9...Qe7 10.0-0 Bg4

11.Be3 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qb5 b6 15.Qd5+ Kh8 16.Qxa8 c6 17.dxe5 dxe5 18.Qb8 Bg4 19.c5 bxc5 20.Rfe1 Nd6 21.Bg5 1-0 (21) Sarakauskas,G (2425)-Weaving,R (2330) Daventry 2019]
[RR 9...f5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.0-0 Nd6 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Qb3 Qc8 14.c5+ Be6 15.Qa4 Nf7 16.Be3 Bd5 17.Rfd1 Qe6 18.Ng5 Nxg5 19.Rxd5 Nf7 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.Bc4 Qe7 22.Qb5 Rxd5 23.Bxd5 Rd8 24.Qxb7 Mamedyarov,S (2746)-Momunaliev,R (2214) London 2025 1-0 (39)]
[RR 9...Qe7 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Be3 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qb5 b6 15.Qd5+ Kh8 16.Qxa8 c6 17.dxe5 dxe5 18.Qb8 Bg4 19.c5 bxc5 20.Rfe1 Nd6 21.Bg5 1-0 (21) Sarakauskas,G (2425)-Weaving,R (2330) Daventry 2019]
10.0-0 White is slightly better. **10...f5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Ba3 Rf7** 0.67/19
[12...Nd6= 0.17/19]
13.Rad1± Qf6 14.c5 Rb8 15.Nd2 -0.01/19
[15.Rfe1± 0.85/18]
15...Be6 16.Bc4 -0.73/21
[16.exf5= 0.29/18 remains equal. Bxf5 17.Qb2]
16...Bxc4∓ 17.Nxc4 Qe6 18.Ne3 -0.76/19
[18.Nd2∓ -0.36/21 is superior.]
18...fxe4 19.c4 -1.91/21 Now White is beyond hope.
[19.Nd5∓ -0.47/18]
19...Nd4 20.Qd2 -2.63/19
[20.Qb2 -1.94/21 might work better.]
20...Nf6 21.Bb2 Rd8

(Diagram)



...Nd4-f3+! is the strong threat. **22.Qa5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

233 **D31**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2722**
Tata Steel India Blitz (7) 03.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]*

D31: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Slav without ...Nf6 (+ Marshall Gambit and Noteboom) and Exchange Variation lines without ...Nf6
1.d4 Sagar,Shah **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Nf6 5.b3 Bb4**
[5...Nbd7 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.c5 Bc7 9.f4 b6 10.cxb6 Bxb6 11.Nf3 c5 12.0-0 cxd4 13.exd4 Bb7 14.Na4 Ne4 15.b4 Bc7 ½-½ (39) Maghsoodloo,P (2720)-Erigaisi,A (2718) Kolkata 2022]
6.Bb2 Ne4 7.Qc2
[RR 7.Nge2 Qf6 8.f3 Bxc3+ 9.Bxc3 Nxc3 10.Nxc3 0-0 11.f4 c5 12.cxd5 cxd4 13.Qxd4 Qxd4 14.exd4 exd5 15.Nxd5 Nc6 16.Nc7 Rb8 17.d5 Ne7 18.0-0-0 Rd8 19.Bc4 Kf8

20.Rhe1 Bg4 21.Rd2 Rbc8 Wojtaszek,R (2741)-Giri,A (2793) Baku 2015 CBM 169 [Sagar,Shah] 0-1 (41)]

[RR 7.Nge2 Qh4 8.g3 Qf6 9.f4 c5 10.a3 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 Ba5 12.Rc1 cxd4 13.Qxd4 Qxd4 14.exd4 dxc4 15.Bxc4 0-0 16.0-0 Nd7 17.d5 Nf6 18.b4 Bb6+ 19.Kg2 Ng4 20.Nd1 exd5 21.Bd3 Bd7 So,W (2760)-Erigaisi,A (2722) Kolkata 2022 ½-½ (50)]

7...f5!?N 0.48/19 '!?' Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[7...e5!= -0.01/21 was preferrable. 8.dxe5 *(8.Bd3 exd4 9.exd4 Nxc3 10.Bxc3 dxc4 11.Bxb4 Qxd4 12.0-0-0 cxd3 13.Qxd3 Qxd3 14.Rxd3 Na6 15.Ba3 c5 16.Ne2 0-0 17.Nf4 Bf5* D 31/30-N,N 2003*)* 8...d4 9.exd4 Qxd4 10.Rc1 Qxe5 D 31/30-N,N 2003]

[RR 7...0-0 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Bxc3 b6 10.Bb2 Bb7 11.Bd3 c5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Ne2 Nd7 14.f3 Nef6 15.0-0 Qe7 16.Qd2 Rfe8 17.Kf2 Rac8 18.Rac1 Qd6 19.Ng3 a6 20.Kg1 g6 21.dxc5 bxc5 22.b4 Ganepola,T (1924)-Abdukhakimov,A (2217) Waskaduwa 2025 ½-½ (59)]

8.Bd3 Qg5 White is slightly better. **9.f4 Qh4+N**

[Vorgänger: 9...Qe7 0.76/23 9...Qg5-h4+ 0.38 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 Nd7 12.a3 Bd6 13.g4 0.36/20 *(13.Ne5± 0.74/19)* 13...fxg4 0.81/21 *(13...a5± 0.36/20)* 14.Ne5 0.37/20 *(*Better is *14.Bxe4± 0.81/21 Nf6 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Bd3 gxf3 17.Rxf3)* 14...Nef6 1.02/18 *(14...Ndf6± 0.37/20)* 15.Qg2 c5 1-0 (37) Akshayraj,K (2454)-Zinchenko,Y (2544) Rethymno 2012]

[RR 9...Qe7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 Nd7 12.a3 Bd6 13.g4 fxg4 14.Ne5 Nef6 15.Qg2 c5 16.h3 g3 17.Rf3 cxd4 18.exd4 Nh5 19.Raf1 Bxa3 20.Bxa3 Qxa3 21.Nb5 Qe7 22.cxd5 exd5 23.Nc7 Rb8 24.Nxd5 Akshayraj,K (2454)-Zinchenko,Y (2544) Rethymno 2012 1-0 (37)]

10.g3 Qh5 11.Be2 Qh6 12.Bf3 -0.20/20

[12.Nf3± 0.31/18]

12...Nd7= 13.Nge2 Ndf6 14.a3

[14.Nc1 is interesting. Ng4 15.Nd3 Nxe3 16.Qc1]

14...Bd6 15.h3 g5 16.0-0-0 -1.78/17

[16.Bxe4∓ -0.33/17 fxe4 17.0-0-0]

16...Nf2-+ 17.Kb1 Bd7 18.Bc1 gxf4 19.exf4 Nxd1 20.Nxd1 Qg6 21.Nf2 Ne4 22.Nd3 h5

[22...Nxg3? 23.Rg1+-]

23.Ne5 Qg7

[But not 23...Bxe5 24.fxe5 0-0-0 *(24...Nxg3 25.Rg1∓)* 25.Rg1∓]

24.Rg1 0-0-0 25.c5 Bc7 26.b4 Rdg8 27.h4 Be8 28.Be3 Rh7 29.Kb2 Qf8 30.Bd2 Rhg7 31.Be1 Bd8 32.Rh1 Nxg3 -0.64/24

[32...Bf6-+ -1.74/18 Hoping for ...b7-b6. 33.a4 Rc7]

33.Nxg3 Rxg3 34.Bxg3 Rxg3 35.Qf2 Rg8 -0.45/21

[35...Qg8∓ -0.85/31 36.Nd3 Qg7]

36.Bd1 -1.12/20

[36.Rh2∓ -0.45/21]

36...Qh6 -0.51/20

[36...Qg7∓ -1.12/20 37.Kc2 Qg3 38.Qxg3 Rxg3]

37.Qe3 -1.24/20

[White should play 37.Kc2∓ -0.51/20]

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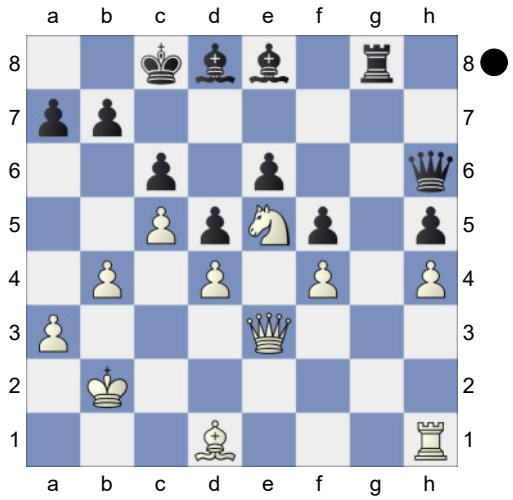
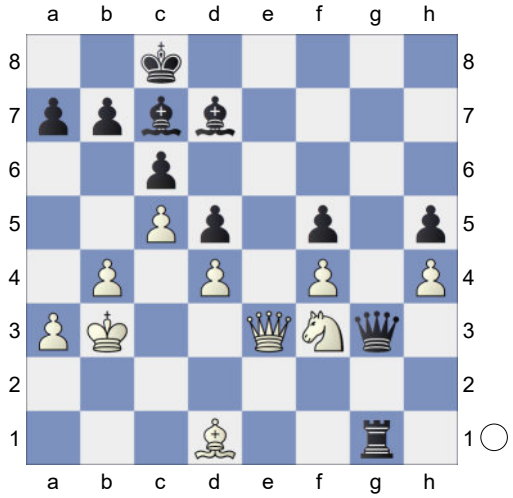


37...Rg2+ -0.86/24
[⌓37...Qg7! -1.24/20 White must now prevent ...Qg7-g2+. 38.Rh2 Qg1 39.Qxg1 Rxg1]
38.Kb3∓ Qg7 39.Nf3 -1.93/21
[39.Bf3∓ -0.93/20 was necessary. Rg3 40.Qf2]
39...Qg3 -1.51/19
[Black should try 39...Rg3-+ -1.93/21 aiming for ...Be8-d7. 40.Qxe6+ Bd7]
40.Qxe6+ Bd7 41.Qe3 Bc7
Black is much more active. **42.Rg1 Rxg1**
[42...Qxf4? loses. 43.Qxf4 Rxg1 44.Qd2+-]



Deflection **43.Qxg1 Qxf4 44.Qg8+ Bd8 45.Qg5?** -11.80/22 **Bxg5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

234 **E38**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **So,Wesley** **2760**
Tata Steel India Blitz (4) 03.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]*

E38: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...c5 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.Qc2**
[7.g3 Qa5 8.Bg2 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qd3 b6 11.0-0 Ba6 12.Bg5 Rac8 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.Qd4 Kg7 16.f4 Nc6 17.Bxc6 Rxc6 18.Ne4 Qf5 19.Rf3 h5 20.h3 d5 21.cxd5 exd5 ½-½ Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-So,W (2760) 155/183 Wijk aan Zee 2023]
7...d5 8.e3N
[8.cxd5 exd5 9.e3 c4 10.Be2 Nc6 11.0-0 Re8 #10 3) Variante Clásica con 5.Cf-4.Dc2 O-O 5.Cf3 d5 y 6.a3]
8...Nc6 9.a4! is more profitable than 9.Bd3 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 9.Ld3.is more profitable than 9.Bd3 at the moment.scheint profitabler als 9.Ld3. **9...Re8**
[RR 9...b6 10.Ba3 Ba6 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.Be2 Rfd8 13.cxd5 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nxd5 15.Rc1 Na5 16.0-0 Rac8 17.c4 Nf6 18.dxc5 Nb3 19.Rcd1 Nxc5 20.Qc2 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Qxd8 23.Bxc5 bxc5 24.Ne5 Yu,Y (2714)-Xu,Y (2468) Shaoxing 2025 ½-½ (32)]
10.Be2
[RR 10.cxd5 exd5 11.dxc5 Qa5 12.Be2 Bf5 13.Qb2 d4 14.Nxd4

Nxd4 15.exd4 Bd3 16.Be3 Bxe2 17.Kxe2 Nd5 18.Rhe1 Qa6+ 19.Kd2 h6 20.Qb5 Qf6 21.a5 Qf5 22.Qd3 Qg4 23.g3 Rad8 24.Kc2 Re6 Carlsen,M (2863)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2020 1-0 (31)]

10...Na5N 0.14/18

[Vorgänger: 10...Bd7 0.32/18 10...b7-b6 -0.25 11.0-0 Rc8 12.cxd5 exd5 13.dxc5 Ne4 14.Ba3 Na5 0.99/18 *(14...Qf6± 0.46/18)* 15.Rfd1!± Qf6 1.49/19 *(⌓15...Qc7 0.96/17)* 16.Bb4 0.33/19 *(16.Rxd5± 1.49/19 Bc6 17.Rd4)* 16...Nc6 ½-½ (36) Mamedyarov,S (2799)-Vidit, S (2715) Riadh 2017]

[⌓10...b6 -0.23/19]

[RR 10...dxc4 11.Bxc4 Qc7 12.0-0 b6 13.Bd3 Bb7 14.Ba3 Na5 15.Ne5 Red8 16.Rac1 Rac8 17.Qe2 Be4 18.Ba6 Bb7 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.f3 Nd7 21.f4 Nxe5 22.fxe5 Qd7 23.Ra1 cxd4 24.cxd4 Rc4 25.Bd6 Horvath,L (2269)-Ragger,M (2431) Mureck 2004 0-1]

11.cxd5= exd5 12.dxc5 Ne4 13.Ba3 Bf5 14.Nd4 Bg6 Strongly threatening ... Ne4xf2! **15.Bd3 Nc4 16.Bxc4 dxc4 17.Qb2**

[17.0-0 Ng3 18.Qd2 Nxf1 19.Rxf1 a6∓]

17...Qa5 0.51/19

[17...Rc8= 0.01/16]

18.0-0± Qxc3 1.33/20

[18...Nxc5± 0.38/19 19.Bxc5 Qxc5]

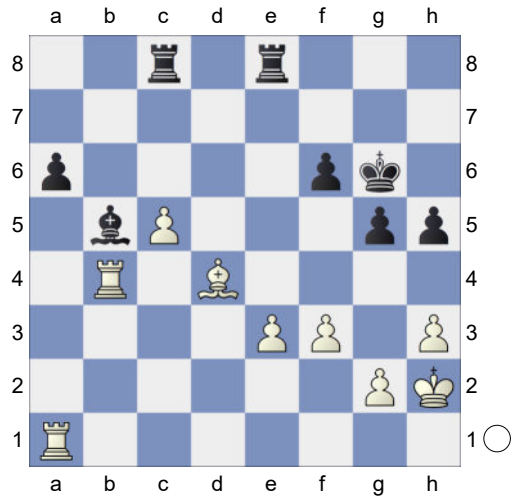
19.Qxc3± Nxc3 20.Rfc1 Nxa4 21.Rxc4 b5 22.Nxb5 0.94/20

[22.Rcc1+- 1.74/21]

22...Bd3 23.Rxa4 Bxb5 24.Rg4 f6 25.Bb2 Kf7 26.Rb4 White is more active. **26...a6 27.h3 h5 28.Kh2** 0.73/22

[⌓28.h4! 1.10/21]

28...Rac8 29.Bd4 g5 30.f3 Kg6

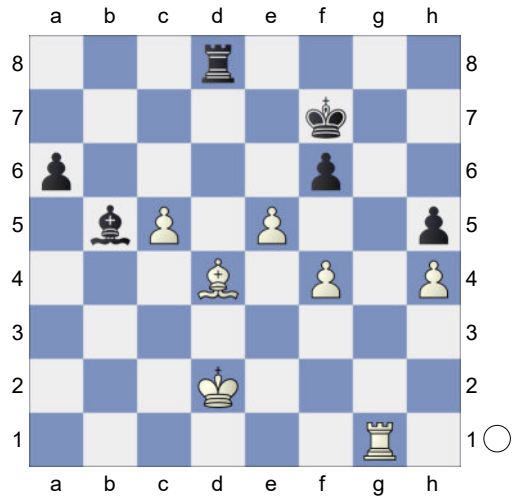


31.h4! g4 32.Kg3 gxf3 33.gxf3 Kf5 34.e4+ Kg6 35.Kf4 Kf7 36.Rg1 Rg8 37.Rbb1 0.65/24

[Better is 37.Rc1± 1.19/21]

37...Rxg1± 38.Rxg1 Endgame. KRB-KRB **38...Rd8 39.Ke3 Rc8 40.f4 Re8 41.e5 Bc6 42.Rb1 Bb5 43.Rc1 Bc6 44.Rg1 Bb5 45.Kd2 Rd8** 1.25/24

[⌓45...fxe5 0.87/22 46.Bxe5 *(46.fxe5 Rd8=)* 46...Ke6]

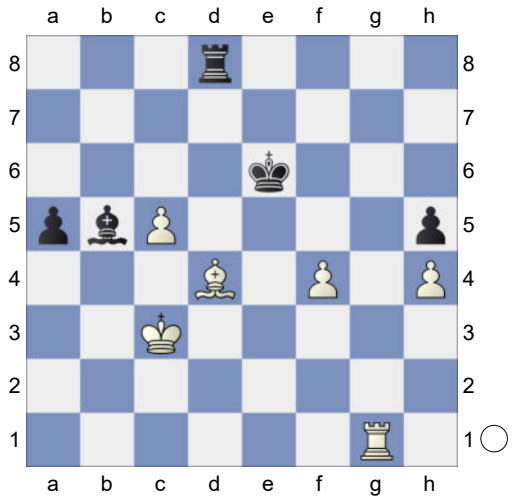


46.Kc3!± fxe5 47.Bxe5 a5 48.Bd4 0.77/20

[⌓48.Rb1 1.16/20 Bc6 49.Rb6]

48...Ke6

(Diagram)



49.Rg5! Rf8 50.Re5+
[50.Rxh5?! Rxf4 51.Be3 Rc4+ 52.Kb3 Rb4+ 53.Kc3 Rc4+ 54.Kb3 Rb4+ 55.Kc3 Rc4+=]
50...Kd7 51.f5 0.52/19
[Much less strong is 51.Rxh5 Rxf4 52.Rh7+ Kc8±]
[51.Rd5+± 0.98/19 Kc8 52.Be5 *(52.Rxh5 Rxf4 53.Rh8+ Kd7=; 52.f5 Rd8±)*]
51...Rf7 1.18/22
[Black should play 51...Kc8± 0.52/19]
52.Rd5+ Ke8 53.f6 Rd7? 3.83/21
[53...Rh7± 0.96/20 54.Rg5 Bc6 55.Rg8+ Kd7]
54.Rxh5+- Threatens to win with Rh5-h8+. **54...Bc6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)
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235 **C11**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2725**
Tata Steel India Blitz (2.3) 03.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]*

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5**
[5.Be3 Bb4 6.e5 Nfd7 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 b6 9.f4 Ba6 10.Qg4 g6 11.Bd3 c5 12.Qd1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qc8 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 Ne7 16.a4 Bc4 17.Bc1 Qc6 18.Qe1 Bxd3 19.cxd3 h5 1-0 6.♗f4 ♘bd7 7.e3_54520 (2569)-Jessup,D (2510) (ch) 44/42 Romania 1987 (1)]
5...Nfd7 6.f4N
[6.Nce2 b6 7.f4 Ba6 8.Nf3 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.g4 cxd4 11.cxd4 Be7 12.Ng3 Bxf1 13.Kxf1 Qc8 14.Qe2 a5 15.Bd2 Caro Kann-5.♘f3 ♘gf6 6.♘g3 e6 7.î Survey 2019]
6...c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Qd2 a6 10.a3 b5 0.43/18
[10...0-0= 0.06/17 is superior.]
11.dxc5± Nxc5 12.Qf2 White is slightly better. **12...Nd7 13.Bd3 Bb7** 0.79/18 13...f6 is the recent fashion. 13...f6 ist aktuell in Mode.
[13...b4= 0.24/17 remains equal.]
[RR 13...b4 14.axb4 Nxb4 15.0-0 0-0 16.Nd4 Rb8 17.Qg3 Qc7 18.Rf2 Kh8 19.Rd1 Bc5 20.Na4 Nxd3 21.Rxd3 Qa5 22.b3 Qe1+ 23.Rf1 Qxg3 24.hxg3 Bb7 25.Rc3 Rfc8 26.Nxc5 Rxc5 27.Rxc5 Nxc5 28.f5 Ajay Santhosh,P (2295)-Schekachikhin,M (2370) Hadapsar 2025 ½-½ (34)]
14.0-0± 0-0 15.Ne2 f6N 1.10/18
[Vorgänger: 15...Qc7 16.b4 a5 17.c3 Ba6 18.Kh1 Rfb8 19.Qg3 f5 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Qh3 Nf8 22.Ng5 Bxg5 23.fxg5 1-0 (40) Song,J (2312)-Lyell,M (2198) Budapest 2021]
[Black should try 15...b4± 0.54/17]
[RR 15...f5 16.c3 Re8 17.Ned4 Nf8 18.Kh1 Na5 19.Rad1 Nc4 20.Bc1 Qc7 21.Qg3 h6 22.Qh3 Bc8 23.g4 fxg4 24.Qxg4 Ra7 25.Rg1 Bd8

26.Qh5 Qf7 27.Qxh6 1-0 (26) Fakhretdinova,M (2172)-Jorgensen,L (1869) Hockenheim 2005]

16.exf6 0.68/18

[Better is 16.Qh4± 1.10/18 f5 17.Qf2]

16...Nxf6 1.09/17

[16...Rxf6± 0.68/18 feels stronger. 17.Qh4 h6]

17.Bc5 0.66/18

[White should play 17.Ned4± 1.09/17]

17...Bxc5 18.Qxc5 Rc8 19.Qe3 Wards off Nf6-e4. White is much more active. **19...Qd6 20.Ned4 Nxd4** 1.04/20

[20...Ne4± 0.62/20 is more appropriate.]

21.Qxd4 g6 22.Rae1 Rce8 1.51/19

[⌓22...Rb8 1.11/17 23.g3 Bc8]

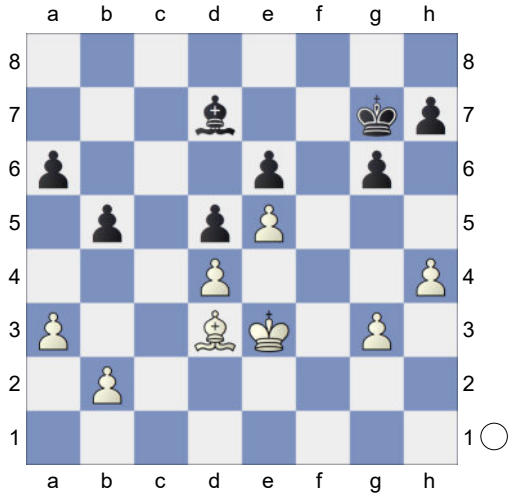
23.g3 Nd7 24.Ne5 Qc5 25.c3 Qxd4+ 26.cxd4 Nxe5 27.fxe5 Rc8 28.h4 Bc6 1.58/25

[⌓28...Rc7 1.19/20 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8]

29.Rc1 Bd7 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8 31.Rxc8+ Bxc8 Endgame. KB-KB **32.Kf2 Kg7** 2.67/27

[⌓32...Ke7 1.78/26 33.Ke3 Bb7]

33.Ke3+- Hoping for Ke3-d2. **33...Bd7**



34.a4! Ke3-d2 would now be deadly.

34...bxa4 3.48/27

[⌓34...Kh6 2.22/24 35.a5 g5]

35.Bxa6 h5? 7.18/26

[35...g5 3.35/24 36.hxg5 Kg6]

36.Bd3 White is clearly winning.

36...Kh6 37.Kd2 g5 38.Kc3 gxh4 39.gxh4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.30

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236 **D02**

□ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2730**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

Tata Steel India Blitz (1) 03.12.2022

[Kitty Kat]*

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 Bf4 **1.d4 Nf6**

2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4N

[3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Bd5 *(11...Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 Qf6 19.Qxb7 a5 20.Rc1 a4 21.Rc6 Bd6 22.Nc5 Qe7 23.Qxe7 Bxe7 24.Nd7 Rfd8 25.Nxe5 Rd1+ 26.Bf1* ½-½ 10. ♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th 1999 (6.2)) 12.e3 f5 13.Ned2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 D 02/08 2003]

[3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.f4 c5 12.Qe1 cxd4 13.exd4 Bb4 14.a3 Bxd2 15.Qxd2 Ne4 16.Qe3 f6 17.Rac1 Qd8 Savchenko,B (2569)-Caruana,F (2620) 102/(304) Plovdiv 2008]

[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Be2 Nc6 11.0-0 b6 The Rest 65-N,N On the way to the Queen's Gambit Declin]

3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 cxd4 6.exd4 Qb6 7.Nb3 Bf5! is recently more successful than 7...Bg4. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7...Lg4.is recently more successful than 7...Bg4.ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7...Lg4. **8.c3** Dodges Nc6-b4. White is slightly better. **8...e6 9.a4** And now a4-a5 would win. **9...a6 10.a5 Qd8 11.Be2 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1**

[RR 13.h3 h6 14.Re1 Ne4 15.Bd3 Re8 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 f6 19.Bh2 Bf8 20.g4 Bh7 21.f3 Nd6 22.Bxh7+ Kxh7 23.Nc5 e5 24.Qd3+ Kg8 25.b4 Nc4 26.Nxb7 Qd7 27.Nc5 Bxc5 Woodward,A (2544)-Amburgy,R (2243) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (53)]

13...Re8 14.Ne5 Nxe5N

[Vorgänger: 14...h6 15.h3 Rc8 16.Nxc6 Rxc6 17.Nd2 Nd7 18.Bf1 Bf8 19.Qb3 Qc8 20.Bh2 Nf6 1-0 (73) Kamsky,G (2658)-Maghsoodloo,P (2698) Europe Echecs INT 2021]

[RR 14...h6 15.h3 Rc8 16.Nxc6 Rxc6 17.Nd2 Nd7 18.Bf1 Bf8 19.Qb3 Qc8 20.Bh2 Nf6 21.Qd1 Ne4 22.Nxe4 Bxe4 23.Qd2 Bg6 24.Be2 Qd7 25.Bg4 Rc4 26.Be2 Ra4 27.Rec1 Rc8 28.Qd1 Rxa1 29.Rxa1 Kamsky,G (2658)-Maghsoodloo,P (2698) Europe Echecs INT 2021 1-0 (73)]

15.Bxe5 Nd7 16.Bg3 h6 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 b5 19.axb6 Qxb6 20.Nd2 Qb5

[20...Qxb2? is the wrong capture. 21.Reb1+- *(21.Rxa6? Rxa6 22.Qxa6 Qxd2-+; 21.Rxa6? Rxa6 22.Qxa6 Qxd2-+)*]

21.Qc2 a5 22.Ra2 Rec8 23.Rea1 Nb6 24.h3 a4 25.Bf4 Bf6 -0.02/21

[25...Qe2∓ -0.38/21]

26.Be3

[26.Nf3 seems wilder. Nc4 27.Nd2 a3 28.Nxc4 Qxc4 29.Rxa3 Rxa3 30.Rxa3 Qxd4 31.Ra8]

26...Rab8 27.Qd1 Rb7 28.Qg4 Kh8 29.Qh5 Kg8 30.Qg4

[30.Ne4!? Be7□ 31.Nc5 Bxc5 32.dxc5=]

30...Kf8 31.Qh5 Rbc7 -0.03/20

[31...Qd3∓ -0.45/20]

32.Ne4= Threatens to win with Be3xh6!

32...Be7 33.Nc5 Bxc5 34.dxc5 Nc4 35.Bd4 Black should prevent f2-f4.

35...f6 0.57/24

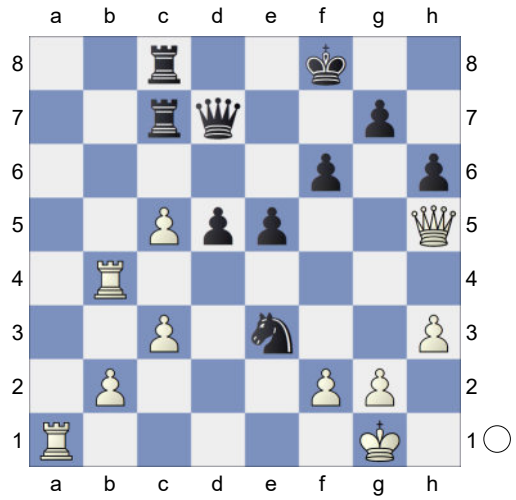
[35...Nxb2? 36.Rb1+-]

[Black should try 35...e5!= 0.02/21]

36.Rxa4 0.08/23

[36.f4!± 0.57/24 feels stronger.]

36...e5! 37.Rb4 Qd7 38.Be3 Nxe3!

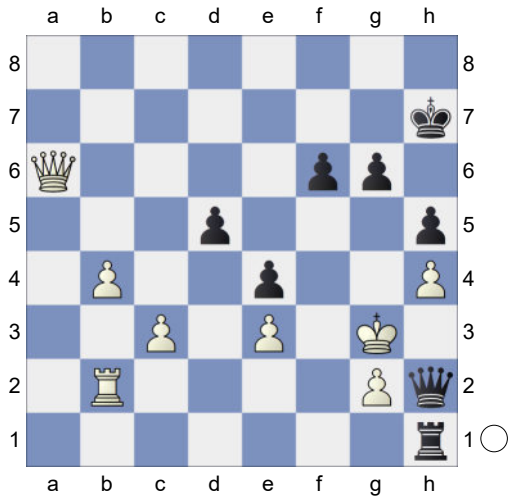


Remove Defender **39.fxe3 Rxc5 40.Kh2 Kg8 41.Ra6 Kh7 42.Rab6 Rc4 43.Rb7 R8c7 44.Rxc7 Rxc7** Endgame. KQR-KQR **45.Qd1 Qc6 46.Qd3+ e4 47.Qd4 Qd6+ 48.Kg1 Qg3 49.Ra4 Rb7 50.b4 Re7 51.Ra1**

[51.Qxd5? perishes. Qxe3+ 52.Kh2 Qf4+ *(52...Qxc3 53.Qc5∓)* 53.Kg1 Qc1+ 54.Kh2 Qxc3∓]

51...Re5 52.Qd2 Rg5 53.Kh1 Qb8

54.Rb1 Qb5 55.Kg1 h5 56.Rb2 Rf5 57.Qe2 Wards off Rf5-f1+ **57...Qa4** 1.89/26
[57...Qxe2= 0.10/26 and Black has nothing to worry. 58.Rxe2 Kg6]
58.Qc2? 0.09/23
[58.b5+- 1.89/26 Qa1+ 59.Kh2]
58...Qa7 59.Qd2 -5.99/28
[59.Qc1!= 0.21/25 and White stays safe.]
59...Qa1+-+ 60.Kh2 Rf1 (→ ...h5-h4) **61.Qe2 g6** aiming for ...Rf1-h1+. **62.h4 Rh1+** Black mates. **63.Kg3 Qg1 64.Qa6 Qh2+**



Deflection **65.Kf2 Qxh4+ 66.Ke2 Qe1#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

237 **A40**
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2670**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2720**
Tata Steel India Rapid (8.2) 01.12.2022
[Flear,Glenn, TA]*

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3
[Otherwise, 2.Bf4 f5 3.e3 Nf6 transposes.]
2...f5 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3 b6
[In the past, several alternatives have been examined on this site: 4...d5 in Carlsen, M - Janaszak, D Titled Tuesday online blitz 2017]
[4...Be7 Sjugirov, S - Gleizerov, E Bryansk rapid 2021]
[and the 4...g6 of Andersen, M - Hauge, L Reykjavik 2022.]
5.Be2
[In the following, in response to 5.Bc4 Black opted for quite a notable plan: Bb7 6.0-0 h6 *(as an alternative, I would suggest 6...Bd6!?* which works well in some analogous positions*)* 7.Nc3 g5!? (now we understand his previous move!) 8.Bg3 d5 (if the centre remains closed maybe he can better justify his kingside actions) 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.Ne5 Paravyan, D - Onischuk, Ai Krasnaya Polyana 2021, and now the best continuation would be the daring h5!∞ with attacking chances.]
5...Bb7 6.h3
[With 6.c4 White takes space with a sort of Queen's Indian/Dutch/English Defence hybrid: Bb4+ *(6...Be7* isn't silly, as it threatens ...Nh5, but after *7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 Nh5 9.Ne5 Nxf4 10.exf4 d6 11.Bf3* White keeps a pull, Hakobyan, A - Paravyan, D Tsaghkadzor 2017*)* 7.Nbd2 0-0 *(7...Be7!? 8.0-0 Nh5* looks a shade too slow: *9.Ne5 Nxf4 10.exf4 0-0 11.Bf3 c6 12.d5±* Carlsen, M - Vallejo Pons, F Berlin blitz 2015, and White had the initiative*)* 8.0-0 Bxd2 (Black happily cedes the bishop pair without causing any damage to White's structure, but he does achieve comfortable development and the bishop pair aren't going to be easy to exploit) 9.Nxd2 d6 10.h3 Nbd7

11.Bh2 Qe8 12.f3 e5 +=/= Kamsky, G - Ladopoulos, D Titled Tuesday online blitz 2022, and Black had achieved a decent position.]

6...Nc6N It's rare here, but Maghsoodloo has already played this manoeuvre before in an analogous position. I quite like the fact that it transfers the knight to somewhere potentially useful (straight away) and thus avoids a log-jam with his pieces (later).

[If 6...g6 then 7.c4 makes sense (as now ...Bb4+ doesn't fit well with his previous move): Bg7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.0-0 d6 10.Bh2 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Qe7 12.b4 a5 13.a3 axb4 14.axb4 Ne4 +=/= Kamsky, G - Williams, S Leon blitz 2020, White has some chances on the queenside, but Black's pieces are quite well placed to react.]

[Also after 6...Be7 White can include c2-c4 in his plans: 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 Ne4 9.Nfd2! (taking the opportunity to challenge for e4 sooner rather than later)

A) surely the right way forwards is with 9...Nxd2! 10.Qxd2 d6 11.Nc3 Nd7 12.b4 *(12.Bh2 Qe8 13.b4 Qg6 14.f3 Bg5* Baarslag, E - Westerweele, H Vlissingen 2022, with fair counterplay*)* 12...a5 13.a3 Bg5 Cuadrado Wentwort Hyde, G - Chaika, I e-mail 2015, with only a small space edge for White;

B) 9...d6 10.Nxe4 Bxe4 *(10...fxe4 11.Nc3 Qe8 12.Bh5* (killing off Black's hopes of activating his queen) *g6 13.Bg4 Bf6 14.d5 exd5 15.Nxd5 Na6 16.b4 Bg7 17.b5+-* Grachev, B - Amin, B Titled Tuesday online blitz 2020*)* 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Bf3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Nd7 14.Rad1 a6 Murphy, H - Walton, A British league 2017, and White will have the better chances with e3-e4 coming.]

[RR 6...Be7 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.0-0 c5 9.c3 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Bxe4 11.Nd2 Bb7 12.Bf3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 d6 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.c4 Nc6 16.Qd2 Rc8 17.Rfd1 e5 18.Bg3 Qc7 19.Ne1 Rcd8 20.Nc2 Rb8 21.b3 Killmer,M (1488)-Engelhardt,E (1707) Binz 2013 0-1 (46)]

[RR 6...Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nbd2 h6 9.a4 g5 10.Bh2 d6 11.a5 Qe8 12.Ne1 Qg6 13.Bf3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Nbd7 15.axb6 cxb6 16.Nd3 Rfc8 17.c3 a5 18.Qe2 h5 19.Rfe1 d5 20.Nf3 g4 21.Nfe5 Nguyen,Q (2242)-Fedoseev,V (2678) Chess.com INT 2020 0-1 (39)]

[RR 6...Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 Ne4 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 d6 11.Rb1 Nc6 12.d5 Na5 13.Nd4 e5 14.Ne6 Qc8 15.Nxf8 Qxf8 16.Bh2 Bf6 17.Qc2 g6 18.Kh1 Ba6 19.f4 exf4 20.exf4 Re8 21.Rfe1 Kislinsky,A (2350)-Lortkipanidze,N (2359) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (68)]

[RR 6...Be7 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.Ne5 Qe8 10.c4 d6 11.Nef3 g5 12.Bh2 g4 13.hxg4 Nxg4 14.Bf4 Qg6 15.Ne1 Nd7 16.Bf3 Bxf3 17.Ndxf3 Kh7 18.Nh2 Nxh2 19.Bxh2 Rg8 20.Qf3 Nf6 21.Qh3 Buciu,A (1755)-Mikkelsen,M (1883) Cammeray 2018 0-1 (32)]

7.Bh2

[7.0-0 g6 (too sluggish) *(I prefer 7...Bd6!)* 8.c4 Bg7 9.Nc3 Ne7? (more time is squandered) 10.Nb5 d6 11.c5+- Grachev, B - Morozevich, A Moscow blitz 2008, with very strong threats.]

[7.Nbd2 has been played but this

looks too routine as there is no pressure on the black camp e.g. Ne7!? 8.c4 Ng6 9.Bh2 Bb4 *(or 9...Bd6!? à la Maghsoodloo)* 10.0-0 0-0 11.a3 Bxd2 12.Nxd2 d6 13.b4 Milutinovic, D - Laketic, G Serbian league 2009, and I would suggest either 13...a5 or e5 with decent chances. The engine prefers White slightly because the bishop pair might potentially be an asset, but this needs to be proven.]

7...Ne7 8.c4 Ng6 The first time this position has occurred despite it looking reasonable enough. The knight manoeuvre across to g6 being a fairly rare occurence it seems. **9.0-0 Bd6**

[One could also centralize a knight with 9...Ne4]

10.Bxd6 cxd6 11.Nc3

[I think White should grab more space with 11.d5!?⩲ against which I would be interested to find out what the Iranian No.1 intended.]

11...d5 A strange pawn structure indeed, but not bad as Black challenges for central squares. **12.Rc1 0-0 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Bc4 Ne7 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Ne5 d6 18.Nd3**

[Rather than 18.Nc6 Qd7 when the advanced knight could easily get stranded.]

18...Qd7= The Iranian's opening seems to have worked a treat as he has no problems and a 'sitting pretty' knight. **19.Qd2 a5 20.Rc2 Rfc8 21.Rfc1 Ne7 22.Kf1 Rxc2 23.Rxc2 Rc8 24.Qc1 Rxc2 25.Qxc2** Now it's a question of seeking a win...with both colours. Even if your engine comes up with '0.00' in a high-level encounter, this doesn't mean that it's drawn! **25...h6 26.Ke2 g5 27.f3 Kf7 28.Kd2 Kg7 29.Qb3 b5 30.Qc3 Qa7 31.Qb3 Qd7 32.Qc3 b4!?** Maghsoodloo is looking for the full point, but advancing one's pawns on all fronts is fraught with danger. **33.Qc4 Nd5 34.e4 Nf6?**

[Instead, 34...fxe4 35.fxe4 Nf4 keeps the balance.]

35.e5! dxe5 36.Nxe5 Now it's White with the more imposing knight outpost. **36...Qd6 37.Qc5! Qxc5 38.dxc5 Nd5 39.Nc4** The a-pawn is put under pressure. **39...a4 40.Nb6! Kf6 41.Nxd5+** Simplest. **41...exd5 42.Kd3 Ke5 43.g3 f4 44.g4** Black is run out of half-decent moves and finds himself in Zugzwang. **44...b3 45.axb3 axb3 46.Kc3 d4+ 47.Kxb3 Kd5 48.c6 Kxc6 49.Kc4 d3 50.Kxd3 Kc5 51.Kc3 Kb5 52.b4 Kb6 53.Kc4 Kc6 54.b5+ Kb6 55.Kb4 Kb7 56.Kc5 Kc7 57.b6+ Kb7 58.Kb5 Kb8 59.Kc6 Kc8 60.b7+ Kb8 61.Kb6**

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238 **D31**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2720**

■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2718**

Tata Steel India Rapid (7) 01.12.2022

[Kitty Kat]*

D31: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Slav without ...Nf6 (+ Marshall Gambit and Noteboom) and Exchange Variation lines without ...Nf6

1.d4 Postny,Evgeny **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Nf6 5.b3 Nbd7**

[5...Bb4 6.Bb2 Ne4 7.Qc2 f5 8.Bd3 Qg5 9.f4 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qh5 11.Be2 Qh6 12.Bf3 Nd7 13.Nge2 Ndf6 14.a3 Bd6 15.h3 g5 16.0-0-0 0-1 (45) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Erigaisi,A (2722) Kolkata 2022 Nf2

17.Kb1 Bd7 18.Bc1 gxf4 19.exf4 Nxd1 20.Nxd1 0-1 Lunacek,J (2719)-6.♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2722) 54/146 Barcelona 1992 (7)0-1 Lunacek,J (2719)-6. ♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2722) 54/146 Barcelona 1992 (7)]

[RR 5...Bb4 6.Bb2 0-0 7.a3 Bd6 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.Be2 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.b4 Qe7 12.Qc2 dxc4 13.Bxc4 c5]

6.Bb2 Bd6 7.Bd3! now scores much better than the old 7.Nf3.punktet besser als das ältere 7.Sf3. **7...0-0 8.c5N**

[8.Nge2 e5 *(*RR *8...e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Bc2)* 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.h3 a6 12.Bc2 b5 13.Nf4 Bb7 14.0-0 Ng6 15.Nce2 Re8 16.Qd2 Ne4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qd4 Bf8 19.Rfd1 Qxd4 20.Rxd4 Rec8 21.Rd7 Bc6 22.Rd2 Nxf4 ½-½ Tardif,O (2460)-4. ♘c3 ♘d4 5. ♗d3_35792 (2470) Leningrad 48/(118) 1989 (7) □-□ Tardif,O (2460)-4.♘c3 ♘d4 5. ♗d3_35792 (2470) Leningrad 48/(118) 1989 (7)]

[RR 8.Nge2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Ng3 *(*RR *10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Bxh2+ 13.Kxh2 Qh4+ 14.Kg1 Qxe4)* 10...c5

A) RR 11.cxd5 cxd4 *(* RR *11...Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.e4 Bb7 14.e5 Bc7 15.f4)* 12.Nce4 Bxg3 13.fxg3 *(*RR *13.Nxg3 dxe3 14.dxe6 exf2+ 15.Rxf2 fxe6 16.Qe2)* 13...Nxd5 *(*RR *13...Nxe4 14.Bxe4 f5 15.Bf3 e5 16.exd4 e4 17.Be2 Bxd5)* 14.Nd6 Nxe3 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qxd4 Nf6 17.Qh4+ Kg6 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Nxb7 Qe7 20.Qe4+ f5 21.Qxe3 Qxb7 22.Rf4;

B) 11.Nb5 Be7 12.Qe2 cxd4 13.exd4 Nb8 14.Qe3 *(*RR *14.Nh5 Nxh5 15.Qxh5 g6 16.Qh3 Nc6)* 14...Nc6 15.Rac1 Rc8 16.Rfd1 Re8 17.Bf1 Bf8 18.h3 Qd7 19.Be2 Red8 20.Bf1 a6 21.Nc3

B1) RR 21...dxc4 22.bxc4 Nxd4 23.Nce4 *(*RR *23.Nb5 axb5 24.Rxd4 Qe8 25.Rxd8 Qxd8 26.cxb5 Bc5)* 23...Nxe4 24.Rxd4 Bc5 25.Rcd1 *(* RR *25.Rxd7 Bxe3 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.fxe3 Nxg3)* 25...Nxf2 *(* RR *25...Nd6 26.Nh5 Qe7 27.Nxg7 Ne4 28.Nh5 Bxd4 29.Rxd4 Rxd4 30.Qxd4 e5 31.Qxb6)* 26.Qxf2 Qc7 27.Kh2 Rd6 28.Qe2 Bxd4 29.Rxd4 Rxd4 30.Bxd4 b5;

B2) 21...Na5 22.cxd5 Nxd5 Eljanov,P (2751)-Leko,P (2735) Astrakhan 2010 CBM 137 [Postny,Evgeny] 1-0 (43)]

[RR 8.Nf3]

[RR 8.Nge2 e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.0-0 Bg4 12.h3 Be6 13.Nf4 a6 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Bb1 Bb8 16.Nce2 Qd6 17.Ng3 h6 18.Qe2 Rfe8 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Rd1 Qf8 21.Bf5 Rc6 22.Bd4 Qc8 Maghsoodloo,P (2695)-Krishnakumar,S (2197) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (34)]

8...Bc7 next ...e6-e5 is good for Black.

9.f4 b6 10.cxb6N

[Vorgänger: 10.b4 a5 11.a3 Ba6 12.Nf3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 axb4 14.axb4 bxc5 15.bxc5 Ba5 16.0-0 Bxc3 17.Bxc3 0-1 (37) Sergeev,V (2473)-Haba,P (2513) Hustopece 2010]

10...Bxb6N

[RR 10...axb6 11.Nf3 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 b5 14.Rfc1 Qb8 15.Rc2 Qb7 16.Rac1 Rfc8 17.h3 h6 18.g4 Bd8 19.g5 hxg5 20.Nxg5 Be7

21.Kh2 c5 22.dxc5 Rxc5 23.Rg1 Bf8 24.Rcg2 e5 25.b4
L'Ami,E (2627)-Beerdsen,T (2515) Wijk aan Zee 2023 ½-½ (47)]

11.Nf3 c5 12.0-0 cxd4 13.exd4 Bb7 14.Na4 Ne4 15.b4 Bc7 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.fxe5 f6 18.Qg4 0.27/21

[White should try 18.Qc2± 0.82/21]

18...Qe7= 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.exf6 -0.22/21

[20.dxc5 fxe5 *(20...Bxe5 21.Bxe5 fxe5 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Rf1∓)* 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8-+]

[20.bxc5± 0.48/24 f5 *(20...fxe5 21.dxe5 Qxc5+ 22.Kh1±)* 21.Qd1]

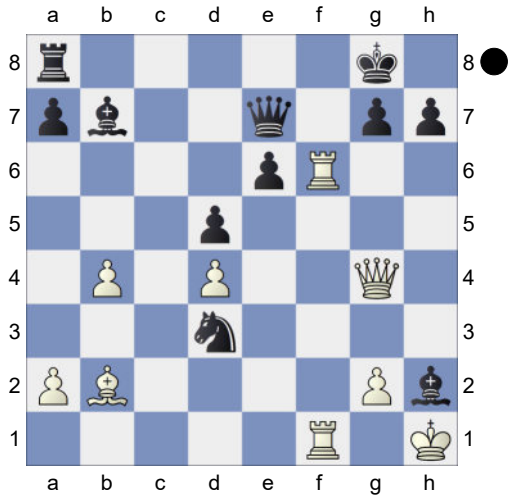
20...Bxh2+ 21.Kh1!

[21.Kxh2? Qc7+ *(21...Rxf6? 22.bxc5 Bc6 23.Rxf6+-)* 22.Kg1 Nxd3-+]

21...Rxf6 22.Rxf6 -0.64/23

[22.bxc5= -0.25/23 Rh6 23.Bc1]

22...Nxd3∓ 23.Raf1



h5 -0.03/22

[23...Nxb2?! 24.Kxh2 Nc4 *(24...Qxb4 25.Rf7 Qd6+ 26.Kg1 g6 27.Qh4 h5 28.Qf6* Double Attack*)* 25.Rf7 Qxf7 *(25...Qxb4 26.Qxg7#)* 26.Rxf7 Kxf7 27.Qf4+ Kg6 *(27...Ke8? 28.Qc7+-)* 28.Qc7=]

[Better is 23...Bf4!∓ -0.71/23 24.R1xf4 Nxf4 *(24...Nxb2? 25.Rf7+-)* 25.Rxf4 Ba6 *(25...Qxb4 26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.Bc1=)*]

24.Qg6→ Rf6-f7 would now be deadly. White attacks. **24...Bd6**

[24...Nxb2 25.Rf7 *(25.Kxh2? Ba6-+; 25.Kxh2 Ba6∓)*]

25.Kg1 Some like it hot **25...Nf4**

[25...Nxb2? is the wrong capture. 26.Rf7+- *(26.Rxe6 Qh4=; 26.Rxe6 Bh2+* Decoy *27.Kxh2 Qh4+ 28.Kg1 Qxd4+ 29.Kh2 Qh4+ 30.Kg1 Qd4+ 31.Kh2 Qh4+ 32.Kg1 Qd4+=)*]

26.R6xf4 Bxf4 27.Rxf4 Bc6 Black is weak on the dark squares

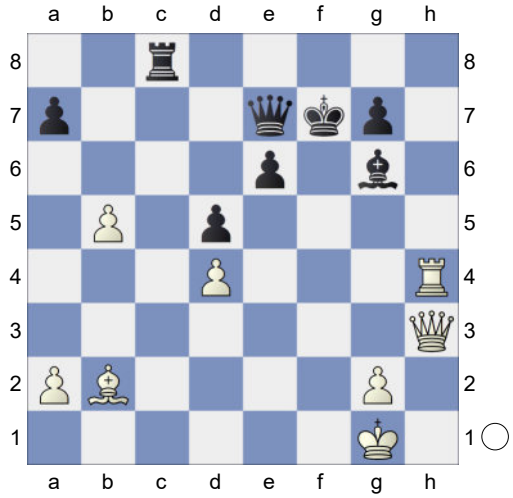
[27...Qe8 simplifies 28.Qxe8+ Rxe8 29.b5 Rf8]

28.Qxh5 Be8

[28...Rf8 seems wilder. 29.Rh4 Rf5 30.Qh8+ Kf7]

29.Qh3 Bg6 30.Rh4 Threatens to win with Rh4-h8+. **30...Kf7 31.b5 Rc8** 1.35/26

[31...Bf5= 0.00/23 32.Qg3 Qb4]



32.Ba3 0.00/26

[32.Rf4+!± 1.35/26 Kg8 33.Rh4]

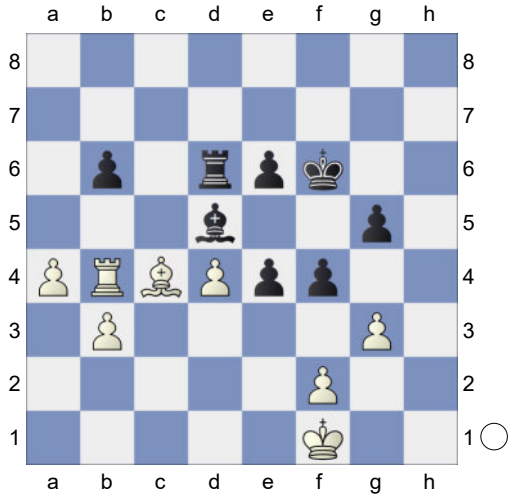
32...Qf6 The position is equal. **33.Bc5 Bf5 34.Qg3 g5** Against Rh4-f4 **35.Rh5 Kg6 36.Rh4 Kf7 37.Rh5 Kg6 38.Rh4**

Kf7 39.Rh5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

239 **E10**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2720**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2725**
Tata Steel India Rapid (2.2) 29.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]*

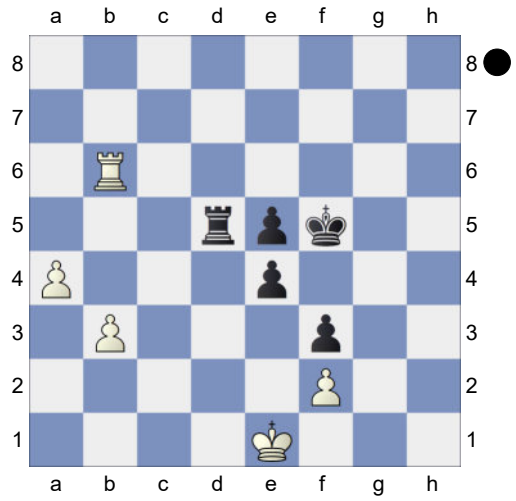
E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7N**
[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Rd1 *(9.b3 Ne4 10.Nc3 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 f5 12.Rab1 Qe7 13.e3 b6 14.cxd5 Ba6 15.dxc6 Bxf1 16.Rxf1 Nf6 17.Nb5 Bc7 18.Nc4 a6 19.Nxc7 Qxc7 20.Ne5 Rfd8 21.Rc1* 1-0 Spies (2373)-12.b3 (2144) Dublin 1993 (5) *)* 9...Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zürich (rapid) 2009 Kh8 20.f3 Nf6 21.a4 Bxb4 22.Nxb4 Qxb4 23.Rab1 Qe7 24.a5 Rc8 25.cxd5 Nxd5 26.Qb3 Rc7 27.e4 Nf6 28.Re1 fxe4 29.fxe4 Nd7 30.Nd3 Bg6 31.Rf1 Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1 Kh7 33.Qc3 c5 34.Nf2 1-0 11...♕c7 12.♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2813)-Warlick,J (2727) (m/2) 94/(448) 2005 (6)]
6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.b3 Nbd7 9.Nc3 The main line 9.Nc3 scores better than 9.Bc3. Die Hauptvariante 9.Sc3 punktet besser als 9.Lc3. **9...Ne4!?** Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
[RR 9...b6 10.Re1 Ba6 11.e4 dxc4 12.Bf1 e5 13.bxc4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Ne5 15.Be3 Bb4 16.Rc1 c5 17.Nf5 Bxc3 18.Rxc3 Nxe4 19.Ra3 Bb7 20.Bf4 Qf6 21.Ne3 Ng6 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.cxd5 Nd6 24.Bd2 Gukesh,D (2787)-Erigaisi,A (2782) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (73)]
[RR 9...a5 10.Qc2 b6 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Bb7 13.Rad1 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Nf6 15.Qc2 c5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Bxa5 Qc8 18.Bc3 Be4 19.Qb2 Qb7 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Qxf6 Rxa2 22.Qg5+ Kh8 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Qg5+ Vlachos,A (2459)-Srihari,L (2482) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0]
10.Nxe4N
[RR 10.Bf4 f5 11.Nxe4 fxe4 12.Ne5 Bf6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Bh3 g5 15.Nxd7 Bxd7 16.Bc1 Bxh3 17.Re1 Qe7 18.e3 Qf7 19.Ba3 Bxd4 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Re2 Bxa1 22.Qxa1 Qf3 23.Qb2 Qg2# 0-1 (23) Moine,J (1615)-Hernandez,L (1956) Europe Echecs INT 2021]
10...dxe4 The position is equal. **11.Ne5 f5N**
[Vorgänger: 11...Nf6 12.Bg5 c5 13.e3 Qc7 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Ng4 f5 16.Nh6+ Kg7 17.Qh5 Qd8 0-1 (40) Koloditsova,R (1908)-Havalda,S (1585) Trnava 2022]
12.Bf4 Bf6 13.h4 Qe7 14.Qc1 0.01/21
[14.Nxd7± 0.46/22 Qxd7 15.e3]
14...c5!= 15.e3 b6 16.Rd1 cxd4 17.exd4 Bb7 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Be5 Rad8 20.Qf4 Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Qd6 22.Qxd6 Rxd6 23.c5 Rd5 With the idea ...Rf8-d8. **24.Rac1 Rfd8! 25.cxb6** -0.70/24
[25.f3!= -0.25/27 feels stronger.]
25...axb6∓ 26.Rc7 R8d7 27.Rxd7 Rxd7 Endgame. KRB-KRB **28.Bf1 Kf7 29.Rc1 Kf6**
[29...Rxd4? 30.Rc7+ Kf6

31.Rxb7+-]
30.Rc4 Bd5 31.Rb4 Rd6 32.a4 -0.87/25
[32.Bc4∓ -0.48/21 is more appropriate.]
32...h6 -0.30/22
[Black should play 32...f4∓ -0.87/25 33.gxf4 Kf5]
33.Bc4= g5 34.hxg5+ hxg5 35.Kf1 -1.20/24
[35.Bxd5∓ -0.70/26 Rxd5 *(35...exd5 36.Rb5=)* 36.Kf1]
35...f4∓



Strongly threatening ...Kf6-f5. **36.gxf4?** -2.40/31
[36.g4∓ -0.77/26 was necessary.]
36...gxf4-+ 37.Ke2 Bxc4+ -0.21/21
[Black should try 37...Kf5-+ -2.91/25 White must now prevent ...Kf5-g4. 38.Bxd5 exd5]
38.Rxc4 KR-KR **38...e5 39.d5** -3.02/27
Kf5
[39...Rxd5 40.Rxe4 Kf5 41.Rb4=]
40.Rc6? -6.20/24
[40.Rc7 -3.03/21 Rxd5 41.Rf7+ Ke6 42.Rb7]
40...Rxd5 41.Rxb6 f3+ 42.Ke1

(Diagram)

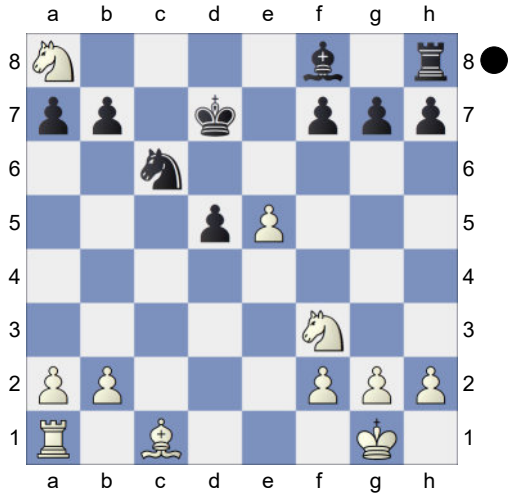


e3? 0.00/36 **43.fxe3= Ke4 44.Rb5! Rd3**
[44...Rxb5 45.axb5 Kd5 46.e4+ Kd6 47.Kf2 Kc5 48.Kxf3 Kxb5 49.Kg4]
45.a5? -7.99/25 White is on the road to losing.
[45.Kf1= -0.03/27]
45...Rxe3+-+
[45...Kxe3 46.Rxe5+ Kf4 47.Re7=]
46.Kf1 Rc3 47.a6 Rc1+ 48.Kf2 Rc2+ 49.Kf1 Ra2 50.Rb4+ Ke3 51.Ra4 Rh2 52.Kg1 Prevents Rh2-h1+ **52...f2+ 53.Kxh2 f1Q** KQ-KR
[53...f1R 54.a7 Rf8 55.a8Q *(55.a8B Rb8+-)* 55...Rxa8 56.Rxa8 e4 57.Kg3 Kd4 58.Rc8]
54.a7 Qf2+ 55.Kh3 Qf3+ 56.Kh4 Qa8 And now ...Ke3-f3 would win. **57.b4 e4** -7.70/20 **58.b5 Kf4** Black mates.
59.Kh5 Kf5
[59...Qg8 60.Rxe4+ Kxe4 61.a8R Qxa8 62.Kg6 Ke5 *(62...Qe8+* gets mated. *63.Kf6 Qe5+ 64.Kg6 Qe6+ 65.Kg7 Kf5 66.Kh7 Qf7+ 67.Kh8 Kg6 68.b6 Qh7#)* 63.Kg7 Kf5 *(63...Qb7+ 64.Kg6 Qb6+ 65.Kg7 Qf6+ 66.Kg8 Qg6+ 67.Kf8 Ke6 68.b6 Qf7#)* 64.b6 Qb7+ 65.Kh6 Qf7 66.b7 Qg6#]
60.Kh6 Qh8# Weighted Error Value:

White=0.71/Black=0.47
0-1

240 **B22**
□ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2724**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2720**
Tata Steel India Rapid (1) 29.11.2022
[Mon Hokmome]*

B22: Sicilian: c3 **1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 e6 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bd3 Nc6!** 8...Nc6 is better than 8...dxe5. 8...Sc6 ist besser als 8...dxe5 .8...Nc6 is better than 8...dxe5. 8...Sc6 ist besser als 8...dxe5. **9.0-0 dxe5 10.dxe5 Nb4 11.Be4 Qxd1** White is slightly better. **12.Rxd1 Bd7 13.Nc3N** &Bianco is more active.
[13.Bxb7 with more complications. Nc2 14.Bxa8 Nxa8 15.Be3 *(15.Ne1 Nxa1 16.Be3 Nb6 17.Nd2 22) 2...Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 e6-5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 Nb6)*]
13...Bc6! 14.Bxc6+ Nxc6 15.Nb5 Nd5 Inhibits Nb5-c7+. **16.Rxd5 exd5 17.Nc7+ Kd7 18.Nxa8**



Strongly threatening Bc1-f4. **18...Be7 19.Bg5** Black must now prevent e5-e6+! **19...Rxa8 20.Rd1 h6 21.Bxe7**
[Not 21.Rxd5+? Ke6 22.Rb5 Bxg5-+ *(22...hxg5? 23.Rxb7 g4 24.Rc7-+)*]
21...Nxe7= Endgame KRN-KRN **22.Nd4 Rc8N**
[Vorgänger: 22...Ng6 23.Nf5 Rg8 24.Re1 Rc8 25.Nxg7 Nxe5 26.h4 Nf3+! 27.gxf3 aiming for Ng7-f5. Rg8 28.Re5 Rxg7+ 1-0 (48) Mosadeghpour,M (2479)-Tahbaz,A (2297) Rasht 2015]
[RR 22...Ng6 23.Nf5 Rg8 24.Re1 Rc8 25.Nxg7 Nxe5 26.h4 Nf3+ 27.gxf3 Rg8 28.Re5 Rxg7+ 29.Kf1 Kd6 30.Re8 f6 31.Rh8 Rc7 32.Rxh6 Ke6 33.h5 Rc2 34.Rh7 Rxb2 35.h6 Rxa2 36.Re7+ Kxe7 37.h7 Mosadeghpour,M (2479)-Tahbaz,A (2297) Rasht 2015 1-0 (48)]
23.f4 a6 24.Kf2 g6 25.g4 0.05/22
[25.Ke3± 0.54/20 is more appropriate.]
25...Rc4= 26.b3 Rc3 27.Rd2 Nc6 28.Nf3 Ke6 The position is equal. **29.h4 b5 30.Ke2 b4 31.Rd3 Rc2+ 32.Rd2 Rc3 33.Rd3 Rc2+ 34.Rd2 Rc3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

241 **D38**
□ **Sai Han Thiha** **2124**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2720**
SCO National Chess Online rapid (4)
[Kitty Kat]*

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7N

[4...dxc4 5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2 b5 7.a4 c6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bg5 h6 *(10...Nbd7 11.e5 h6 12.exf6 hxg5 13.fxg7 Rg8 14.Qh7 Nf6 15.Qh6 Qe7 16.Nxg5 0-0-0 17.Bf3 Rxd4 18.axb5 cxb5 19.Bxb7+ Kxb7 20.Rfe1 Ng4 21.Qh7 Nf6 22.Qh6 Ng4 23.Qh3 Qf6 24.Nge4 Qxg7 25.Qf3* ½-½ Stocek,J-Klein,D EU-ch 13th Plovdiv 2012 (2)*)* 11.Bh4 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Nd6 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 15. Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4-Vienna 5. e4 Bb4 6.Qc2]

[4...a6 5.e3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 c5 10.Rd1 Qb6 *(10...Qc7 11.h3 Be7 12.a3 0-0 13.Bc2 Rac8 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.e4 Rfd8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Ncd7 18.Bg3 Qb6 19.e5 Nd5 20.Ne4 b4 21.Nd6 Bxd6 22.exd6 bxa3 23.Rxa3 Bc6 24.Nd4 Nc5 25.Be5* 1-0 Kobeissey,J (2423)-Monteiro,H (2322) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 (7)*)* 11.h3 Be7 12.e4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc5 14.e5 Nfd7 15.Bc2 b4 16.Na4 Qa5 17.Nxc5 Nxc5 18.Qg4 g6 19.Bh6 ½-½ Bacrot,E (2714)-Istratescu,A (2589) FRA-chT Top 12 Brest 2018 (7)]

[4...Bd6 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 0-0 7.Rc1 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nbd7 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 b6 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.Ne5 g6 13.Bh6 Re8 14.Rfd1 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.e6 f5 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Qxf5 1-0 Capablanca,J-Anon Lessons from Capablanca (2): attacking New York 1916]

5.Bg5 Bb4 6.e3 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.dxc5

[RR 12.Qb3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 c4 14.Qc2 b5 15.a4 Rfb8 16.axb5 Rxb5 17.Nd2 Qb7 18.Rfb1 a5 19.h3 Rxb1+ 20.Rxb1 Qc6 21.Qa2 g6 22.Qa3 a4 23.Rb4 Kg7 24.f3 Qd6 25.Kf2 h5 26.Nf1 h4 Tan,L (2084)-Nanjo,R (2341) Kuala Lumpur 2025 0-1 (49)]

12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 The position is equal. **13...Rfc8!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

[RR 13...Rac8 14.Qd4 Rc7 15.Rab1 Rfc8 16.c6 bxc6 17.c4 h6 18.Rfd1 Qe7 19.h3 Qa3 20.Qb2 Qc5 21.Rdc1 Qa5 22.cxd5 cxd5 23.Rxc7 Qxc7 24.Qd4 Qa5 25.Qb2 Qc5 26.Qb7 Rc7 27.Qa8+ Rc8 28.Rb8 Grivas,E (2494)-Roiz,M (2512) Panormo 2002 1-0 (55)]

14.Qd4 Qe7N

[Predecessor: 14...Qc6 15.Rab1! Rab8 16.c4 -0.36/22 *(16.a4=* 0.26/20 *)* 16...dxc4 17.Qxc4 Qxc5 18.Qxc5 Rxc5 19.Rfd1 And now Rb1xb7! would win. And now Rb1xb7! would win. And now Rb1xb7! would win. Kf8 20.Nd4 b6 ½-½ (26) Ruiz,A-Huertas Soris,R (2270) Havana 1990]

[RR 14...Qc7 15.c4 Qxc5 16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.Rfd1 Nc3 18.Qxc5 Rxc5 19.Rd7 b5 20.a3 a5 21.Rb7 Rac8 22.Nd4 R8c7 23.Rxc7 Rxc7 24.Kf1 Kf8 25.Ke1 Ke7 26.f3 Kd7 27.Kd2 Kc8 28.Nb3 b4 29.axb4 Llopis de Aysa,M (2030)-Torres Rosas,L (2277) Sitges 2024 0-1 (39)]

[RR 14...Qc6 15.Rab1 Rab8 16.c4 dxc4 17.Qxc4 Qxc5 18.Qxc5 Rxc5 19.Rfd1 Kf8 20.Nd4 b6 21.Rd3 Rbc8 22.f3 Ra5 23.Rb2 Ke7 24.e4

g6 25.Rbd2 Rc7 26.Kf2 Nh5 ½-½ (26) Ruiz,A-Huertas Soris,R (2270) Havana 1990]

15.Rab1 Rab8 16.c4 -0.35/20

[16.c6= 0.11/18 is superior. is superior. is superior. bxc6 17.Qd3]

16...dxc4 17.Qxc4 Rxc5 18.Qa4 -0.80/20

[18.Qd3∓ -0.43/18]

18...b5∓ 19.Qa3 Nd5 20.Nd4 b4 21.Qa6 Rb6 Prevents Nd4-c6. Prevents Nd4-c6. Prevents Nd4-c6. **22.Qd3 Nc3 23.Rbc1 g6** -0.80/21

[23...Nxa2? 24.Nf5 Qf8 25.Rxc5+-]

[⩲23...Qc7 -1.46/20 24.Rc2 a5]

24.Rc2 -1.43/21

[⩲24.a3 -0.80/21 a5 25.g3]

24...a5 -0.81/22

[Better is Better is Better is 24...Qc7! -1.43/21 25.h4 Rb8]

25.h3 -1.48/20

[⩲25.a3 -0.81/22]

25...Rd6 -0.83/20

[⩲25...Qc7! -1.48/20 26.Re1 a4]

26.Rfc1 Qb7 27.Qf1 Rb6 28.Ne2 Rbc6 Black has more active pieces. Black has more active pieces. Black has more active pieces. **29.Nd4 Rc8 30.Nb3 Rd5** -0.79/22

[⩲30...Rg5 -1.15/23 31.a3 a4 32.axb4 Qxb4 *(32...axb3 33.Rxc3 Rxc3 34.Rxc3=)*]

31.Nd4 a4 32.a3 Rdc5 33.axb4 Qxb4 34.Kh2 a3 35.Qa6 a2 36.Rxa2 Qb8+ 37.g3 Nxa2 38.Rxc5 Rxc5 39.Qxa2 Endgame. KQR-KQN Endgame. KQR-KQN Endgame. KQR-KQN **39...Rc1**

[39...Qb7 simplifies simplifies simplifies 40.Qe2 Ra5 41.Qf3 Qxf3 42.Nxf3 Kf8]

40.Qd5 Prevents Qb8-b7 Prevents Qb8-b7 Prevents Qb8-b7 **40...Qc8**

[40...Ra1 simplifies simplifies simplifies 41.h4 Qa8 42.Qxa8+ Rxa8 43.Kg2 Kg7]

41.Kg2 Qa6 42.Kh2 h5 43.Qd8+ Kg7 44.Qd5 Dodges Qa6-b7 Dodges Qa6-b7 Dodges Qa6-b7 **44...Qf1 45.Qg2** Dodges Qf1-g1+ Dodges Qf1-g1+ Dodges Qf1-g1+ **45...Qd1** ...Rc1-b1 would now be deadly. ...Rc1-b1 would now be deadly. ...Rc1-b1 would now be deadly. **46.Nf3 Ra1 47.Nd4?** -2.71/24

[47.Ng5∓ -0.66/24]

47...Ra2-+ 48.g4 Qe1 49.Kg3 h4+ 50.Kf3? -9.73/26

[50.Kxh4 -2.87/27 Rxf2 51.Qg3]

50...Kh7 Threatens to win with ...Qe1-a5. Threatens to win with ...Qe1-a5. Threatens to win with ...Qe1-a5. **51.Qh2 Qd1+ 52.Ke4 Qb1+ 53.Kf3 Qb7+ 54.e4 Qb2** -18.13/20

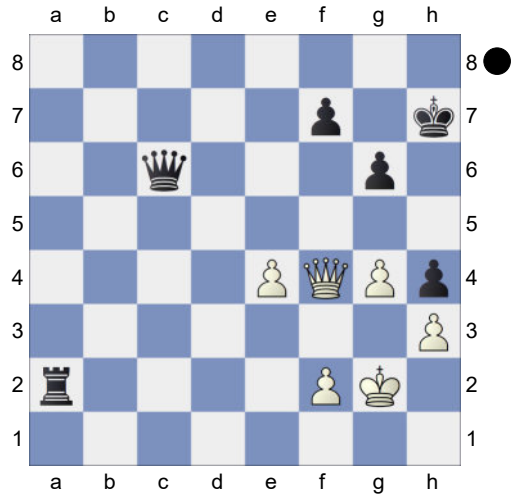
[⩲54...Ra3+ -#8/19 55.Kg2 Qxe4+ 56.f3 Qxd4 *(56...Ra2+ 57.Kh1 Rxh2+ 58.Kxh2 Qxd4 59.Kg2 Kh6 60.f4 Qxf4 61.Kg1 Qd2 62.Kf1 Kg5 63.Kg1 Kf4 64.g5 Kf3 65.Kh1 Qg2#)* 57.Qg1 Ra2+ *(57...Qxg1+ 58.Kxg1 Rxf3 59.g5 Rxh3 60.Kf1 Rg3 61.Kf2 Rxg5 62.Kf3 h3 63.Kf4 f6 64.Ke3 h2 65.Kf3 h1Q+ 66.Ke3 Qh4 67.Ke2 Qh3 68.Ke1 Rg2 69.Kf1 Qh1#)* 58.Kh1 Qd2 *(58...Ra1 59.Qxa1 Qxa1+ 60.Kg2 g5 61.Kf2 Qe5 62.Kf1 Qe3 63.Kg2 Qe1 64.f4 gxf4 65.g5 Qe2+ 66.Kg1 Kg6 67.Kh1 f3 68.Kg1 Qg2#)* 59.g5 Qe2 60.Qf2 Qxf2 61.f4 Qh2#]

55.Nc6 Qc3+ 56.Kg2 Qxc6 -7.93/24

[⩲56...Qe3 -#4/12 57.Qg1 Qg3+ *(57...Qxe4+ 58.Kh2 Qf4+ 59.Kh1 Qf3+ 60.Kh2 Rxf2+ 61.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 62.Kh1 Qg3 63.Nd4 Qxh3+ 64.Kg1 Qxg4+ 65.Kf1 Qxd4 66.Ke2 Qc3 67.Kf1 Qe3 68.Kg2 Qe2+ 69.Kh3 Qf2 70.Kg4 Qg3#)* 58.Kf1 Qf3

59.Qh2 Ra1#]

57.Qf4



g5? 0.68/22 **58.Qxf7+□±**

[58.Qxg5? Qxe4+ 59.Kh2 Rxf2+ 60.Kg1 Qg2#]

58...Kh6 59.Qf8+

[59.Qxa2 Qxe4+ 60.Kg1 Qe1+ 61.Kg2 Qe4+ 62.Kf1 Qh1+ 63.Ke2 Qe4+ 64.Kd2 Qd4+ 65.Ke1 Qc3+ 66.Qd2 Qxh3=]

59...Kg6 60.Qf5+ -1.23/27

[60.Qg8+= 0.29/26 Kf6 61.Qh8+ *(61.Qxa2 Qxe4+ 62.Kg1 Qc6=)* 61...Ke7 62.Qg7+ Kd6 63.Qf6+ Kd7 *(63...Kc5 64.Qc3+ Kb6 65.Qb3+ Kc7 66.Qxa2=)* 64.Qf7+ *(64.Qxg5?* leads to mate. leads to mate. leads to mate. *Qxe4+ 65.Kh2 Rxf2+ 66.Kg1 Qg2#)* 64...Kd6 65.Qxa2 Qxe4+ 66.Kf1]

60...Kg7∓ 61.Qxg5+ Kf7 62.Qh5+ Qg6 Strongly threatening ...Qg6xh5. Strongly threatening ...Qg6xh5. Strongly threatening ...Qg6xh5. **63.Qd5+ Qe6** White must now prevent ...Qe6xd5. White must now prevent ...Qe6xd5. White must now prevent ...Qe6xd5. **64.Qh5+ Kg7 65.Qg5+**

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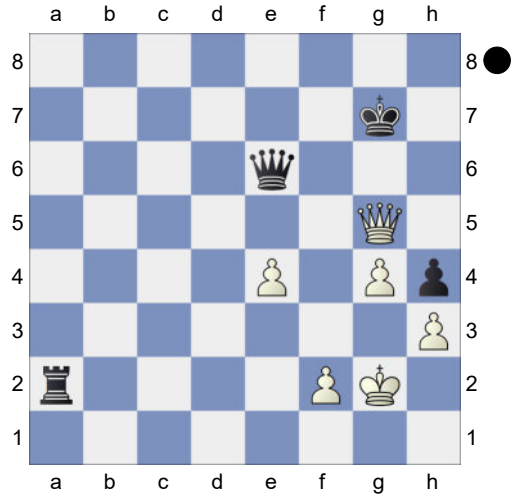

Kf8! 66.Qc5+ -2.52/24

[⌓66.Qxh4 -1.71/23 Qxe4+ 67.Kh2]

66...Ke8 67.Qb5+ Kd8 68.Qg5+ Kc7 69.Qc5+ Qc6 70.Qe7+ Kb6 71.Qb4+ -2.04/21

[71.g5∓ -1.48/21]

71...Ka6-+ ...Ra2-a4 is the strong threat. ...Ra2-a4 is the strong threat. ...Ra2-a4 is the strong threat. **72.Qd4** -3.33/21

[⌓72.Qe7 -2.09/20]

72...Ra4 73.Qd3+ Kb6 74.Qb3+ -3.16/21

[⌓74.Qd8+ -1.88/20 Ka6 75.Qxh4]

74...Ka5 75.f3? -9.92/26

[75.Kh2 -2.80/20]

75...Qc5 76.f4 Ra3 77.Qb2 Ka4 -5.54/22

[⌓77...Rg3+ -#4/10 78.Kf1 Qg1+ *(78...Rxh3 79.Qd2+ Ka4 80.Qd1+ Kb5 81.Qd7+ Kb4 82.Qd2+ Ka3 83.f5 Rh1+ 84.Ke2 Rh2+* Skewer, Deflection Skewer, Deflection Skewer, Deflection *85.Kf3 Rxd2 86.Kf4 Rg2 87.Kg5 Qe5 88.Kh5 Qg7 89.e5 Rxg4 90.f6 Qg6#)* 79.Ke2 Qh2+ Skewer, Double Attack Skewer, Double Attack Skewer, Double Attack 80.Kf1 Rg1#]

78.g5 Qc4 -14.60/22

[⌓78...Rg3+ -#4/10 79.Kf1 Qg1+

(79...Rxh3? 80.Qa1+ Ra3 81.Qd1+ Kb5 82.e5-+) 80.Ke2 Qh2+ Skewer, Double Attack Skewer, Double Attack Skewer, Double Attack 81.Kf1 Rg1#]

79.Qb1 Qe2+ Black mates. **80.Kg1 Rg3+ 81.Kh1 Qg2#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.57 Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.57 Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.57

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242 **D37**

□ **Ma,Zhonghan** **2484**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2720**

SCO National Chess Online rapid (2)

[Kitty Kat]*

D51: Queen's Gambit Declined: 4 Bg5 Nbd7 sidelines

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Bb4 7.e3 c6N 7...g5 is the modern continuation. 7...g5 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.

[7...c5 8.Qc2 Qa5 9.Nd2 cxd4 10.exd4 0-0 11.Be2 dxc4 12.Nxc4 Qd5 13.0-0-0 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Nb6 15.Nd2 Qd8 16.Ne4 Nbd5 17.c4 Qc7 18.Bg3 Qa5 19.cxd5 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 exd5 21.Qc2 Bf5 22.Qxf5 ½-½ Rabinovich,I-Sergeev,A URS-ch04 Leningrad 1925 (16)]

[RR 7...c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Be2 Qa5 10.0-0 0-0 11.dxc5 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxc5 13.Qd4 g5 14.Bg3 Ne4 15.Rac1 Re8 16.Rfd1 Nb6 17.a4 Qxd4 18.Rxd4 Nc5 19.Bb5 Nb3 20.Bxe8 Nxc1 21.Bb5 Bd7 22.Kf1 Rychagov,A (2543)-Sarana,A (2717) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1]

[RR 7...g5 8.h3 gxh4 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bd3 Ne4 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nb6 13.Rc1 Rg8 14.Kh1 Nd6 15.Ne5 Qg5 16.Rg1 Bf5 17.f4 Qf6 18.Be2 Ne4 19.Qe1 Ng3+ 20.Kh2 Nxe2 21.Qxe2 Be4 22.Qh5 Matyunin,M (2099)-Corrales Jimenez, F (2540) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (55)]

8.Nd2N

[RR 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Bg3 Bb7 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Rxc3 c5 14.Bd6 Re8 15.b4 cxd4 16.exd4 dxc4 17.Rxc4 Rxc4 18.Bxc4 Nb8 ½-½ (18) Fejzullahu,J-Milinovikj,A Skopje 2024]

[RR 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qa5 10.Qb3 c5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Qb5+ Qxb5 13.cxb5 Ne4 14.Bd3 b6 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 cxd4 17.exd4 Bb7 18.0-0 0-0 19.Rac1 Rfd8 20.a4 e5 21.Nb3 Rd5 22.Rfd1 exd4 Carlsen,J (1431)-Hansen,S (1420) Ringsted 2002 ½-½]

8...a5!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

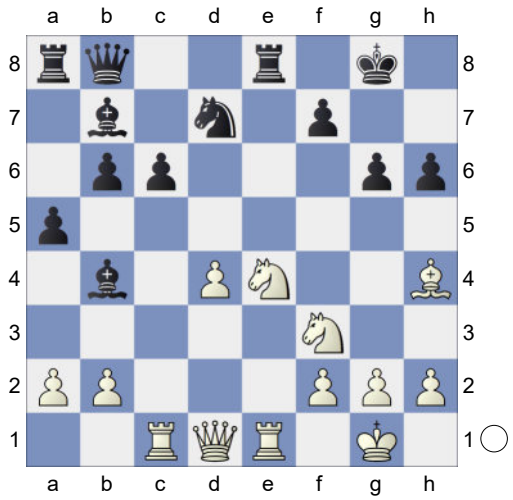
9.Be2N White is slightly better.

[Predecessor: 9.Qc2 0-0 10.Bd3 Re8 11.a3 Be7 12.0-0 e5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Nf3 exd4 16.exd4 -0.01/18 0-1 (47) Teodorescu, R-Stanciu,T Eforie Nord 2001 *(16.Nxd4± 0.54/19 Nf6 17.h3)*]

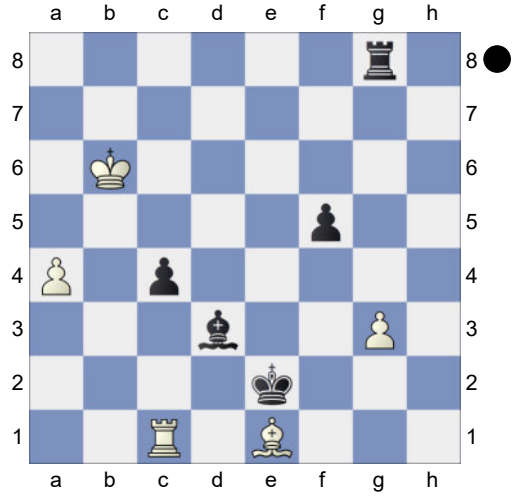
9...0-0 10.0-0 b6 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Bd3 Re8 14.Re1 Qb8 15.Bf5 Bd6 16.Nf3 g6 17.Bxd7 Nxd7 18.e4 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Bb4? 2.30/20

[19...c5± 0.33/18 20.dxc5 Bxc5]

(Diagram)



20.Re3 0.82/19
[20.Ne5!+- 2.30/20 is more deadly. Nxe5 21.Nf6+ *(21.dxe5 Bxe1 22.Nf6+ Kh8±)* 21...Kh8 22.Re3 Pin *(22.Rxe5 Rxe5 23.dxe5 Qxe5=; 22.dxe5 Bxe1 23.Nxe8 Bxf2+ 24.Bxf2 Qxe8=)*]
20...Qf4± 21.Bg3
[21.Ne5 keeps more tension. Nxe5 22.Nf6+ Kh8 23.g3]
21...Qf5 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Be7 Inhibits Ne4-f6+. **24.Nd6 Bxd6 25.Qxd6 Rac8** 1.02/18 Black is weak on the dark squares
[25...c5± 0.66/16 is superior.]
26.Rd1 0.63/19
[26.h3± 1.02/18]
26...Qe6 27.Rb3 b5 28.h4 a4 29.Qxe6 0.47/19
[29.Rb4± 0.83/20]
29...Rxe6± 30.Rb4 Ba6 31.Rbd4 c5 32.Rd8+ Kg7 33.Rxc8 Bxc8= Endgame. KRB-KRB **34.Bf4 b4 35.Rc1 Rc6 36.a3 bxa3 37.bxa3 c4 38.Bd2 Be6 39.Bb4 g5 40.hxg5 hxg5 41.f3 g4 42.Kf2 Kg6 43.fxg4 Bxg4 44.Ke3 Rc8 45.Kd4 Be6 46.Rc3 Kf5 47.Rf3+ Kg4 48.Rc3 Rd8+ 49.Kc5 Kf4 50.Kb5 Kxe5 51.Kxa4 Kd4 52.Rc1 Rb8 53.Rd1+ Ke3 54.Rc1 Bd5** -0.18/17
[Black should try 54...Rc8∓ -0.72/20]
55.Rc2 -0.68/21
[55.Re1+= -0.18/17 Kf2 56.Re5 Bc6+ 57.Ka5]
55...f5∓ 56.g3 Rc8 57.Kb5 -1.09/24
[White should play 57.Rd2!∓ -0.58/21 Be4 58.Bc3]
57...Be4∓ 58.Rc1
[58.Rxc4? is the wrong capture. Bd3 59.Bc5+ Kf3-+]
58...Bd3 aiming for ...c4-c3+. **59.Kb6 Rg8 60.Be1 Ra8 61.Bb4 Rg8** 0.01/17
[61...Ke4∓ -0.58/18]
62.Be1!= Ke2 And now ...f5-f4! would win. **63.a4**



f4! 64.gxf4 Rg1 65.a5? -8.37/23 **Rxe1-+ 66.Rxe1+ Kxe1** Black mates. **67.a6 c3 68.a7 Be4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1

243 **B90**
□ **Schroeder,Ja** **2544**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**
Bundesliga 2022-23 (1.3) 22.10.2022
[Schroeder, Jan, TA]

1.e4 Schroeder,Jan Christian **1...c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4** A surprise. I had never played this variation before. My opponent took only a few minutes and responded with a very rarely played move. Eine Überraschung. Ich hatte diese Variante noch nie zuvor gespielt. Mein Gegner nahm sich nur einige Minuten Zeit und reagierte mit einem sehr selten gespielten Zug. **6...Bd7!?**
[6...e6 is the main line. Ist die Hauptvariante.]
7.f3 The computer doesn't like this setup too much. White could have built up differently .Der Computer mag diesen Aufbau nicht allzu sehr. Weiß hätte sich auch anders aufbauen können.
[7.f4 Nc6 8.Be3 Rc8 9.Bb3∞]
[RR 7.0-0 e6 8.f4 b5 9.Bd3 b4 10.Nce2 Qb6 11.Kh1 e5 12.Nf3 Nc6 13.a3 Ng4 14.Qe1 h5 15.h3 bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nf6 17.Nc3 Nb4 18.Nd5 Nfxd5 19.exd5 Nxd3 20.cxd3 Be7 21.fxe5 0-0 Kislik,E (2353)-Ilincic,Z (2447) Budapest 2010 ½-½ (34)]
[RR 7.Bb3 e6 8.Qf3 Nc6 9.Be3 Ne5 10.Qg3 Rc8 11.f4 Neg4 12.Bd2 Qb6 13.Nf3 Rxc3 14.bxc3 h5 15.Ng5 h4 16.Qf3 Bc6 17.h3 Nh6 18.Qd3 d5 19.exd5 Bxd5 20.Be3 Bc5 21.Ba4+ Ke7 Moncada,D (1528)-Lopez,A (1594) Bogota 2019 1-0 (36)]
7...Nc6 8.g4N
[RR 8.Be3 Rc8 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.Bb3 e6 11.Qd2 Be7 12.0-0-0 Qc7 13.g4 0-0 14.h4 b5 15.g5 Nd7 16.h5 Ne5 17.f4 Nc4 18.Bxc4 bxc4 19.h6 g6 20.Bd4 e5 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.Be3 Rb8 Lafreniere,P-Walsh,B ICC INT 2009 0-1 (44)]
[RR 8.Be3 e6 9.Qd2 Be7 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Bb3 Rb8 12.a3 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 a5 14.Be3 b4 15.axb4 axb4 16.Ne2 Ra8 17.Kb1 Qa5 18.c3 bxc3 19.Nxc3 Rb8 20.Bc2 Qb4 21.b3 ½-½ (21) Wilmink,L (968)-Braeutigam,A (1039) Willingen 2017]
8...h6 9.Be3
[9.Nxc6!? This move seemed interesting to me. I had also thought about it for a while on move eight. Black is almost forced to take back with the bishop. The resulting position is interesting and double-edged. Dieser Zug schien mir interessant zu sein. Ich hatte auch schon im achten Zug länger darüber nachgedacht. Schwarz ist fast gezwungen, mit dem Läufer zurückzuschlagen. Die dann entstehende Stellung ist interessant und zweischneidig. Bxc6 *(9...bxc6?! 10.Be3±)* 10.Be3 *(10.Bf4!?* Directed against e6. Now, however, Black can think about fianchettoing. Gegen e6 gerichtet. Jetzt kann Schwarz jedoch darüber nachdenken, zu fianchettieren.*)* 10...e6 11.Bb3 b5 12.Qd2 Be7 13.h4 b4 14.Ne2 a5∞]
9...Na5
[9...b5!?]
10.Be2
[10.Bb3!?]
10...e6 11.Qd2 Qc7 12.h4 Nc4?! I don't think that's the right plan. Das ist wohl nicht der richtige Plan.
[12...b5! 13.a3 *(13.0-0-0 b4 14.Nb1 e5! 15.Nf5∞* Black has many moves

here; Bxf5, Ba4, Rc8 etc.Schwarz hat hier viele Züge; Lxf5, La4, Tc8 usw. *)* 13...Rb8 14.0-0-0 Nc4 15.Bxc4 bxc4∞]

13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.0-0-0 b5 15.Kb1 g6?! This move had surprised me a lot. It creates some additional weaknesses; other moves would probably have been better. Dieser Zug hatte mich sehr überrascht. Er schafft einige zusätzliche Schwächen; andere Züge wären wohl besser gewesen.

[15...b4 16.Nce2 a5 17.g5↑]

16.g5?! I thought that I would have a lot of tactical tricks once my bishop was on g5. Nevertheless, it would have been better to wait with g5.Ich dachte, dass ich sehr viele taktische Tricks haben werde, wenn mal mein Läufer auf g5 steht. Trotzdem wäre es besser gewesen, mit g5 noch zu warten.

[16.a3!? Black has almost no reasonable moves.Schwarz hat nämlich fast keine sinnvollen Züge. b4 *(16...Rb8 17.Nb3 b4 18.axb4 Rxb4 19.Rhe1±)* 17.axb4 Qxb4 18.Nb3±]

16...hxg5 17.Bxg5

[17.hxg5!?]

17...Nh5! 18.Rhe1?!

[18.e5! is, of course, the thematic move that I also actually wanted to play. Ist natürlich der thematische Zug, den ich auch eigentlich spielen wollte. dxe5 I didn't realize how the position was after this move. According to the engine, White is even winning. I had underestimated my position here. Mir war nicht klar, wie die Stellung nach diesem Zug ist. Nach der Engine steht Weiß sogar auf Gewinn. Ich hatte meine Stellung hier unterschätzt. *(18...d5 19.Nce2±)* 19.Ndxb5 Qc6 20.Nd6+ Qxd6 21.Qxd6 Bxd6 22.Rxd6 f6

A) 23.Be3 Ng3 24.Ne4 *(24.Rhd1 Nf5!=)* 24...Nxe4 25.fxe4 And this position seems fine to me for Black, which is probably right. Und diese Stellung erschient mir in Ordnung für Schwarz, was wohl auch richtig so ist.;

B) 23.Bc1! The move I had overlooked. Now Black's whole Ng3, Nf5 idea doesn't work anymore. Der Zug, den ich übersehen hatte. Jetzt funktioniert die ganze Sg3, Sf5 Idee von Schwarz nicht mehr.]

18...f6! 19.Be3

[19.e5?! I had calculated over the board, but unfortunately it does not work very well.Hatte ich am Brett berechnet, doch funktioniert das leider nicht besonders gut. dxe5! *(19...fxg5?! 20.Qxg5 Kf7 21.exd6↑)* 20.Nb3 *(20.Ne4!? fxg5 21.Nf5 Qc7 22.Nfd6+ Bxd6 23.Nxd6+ Kf8 24.Qxg5 Be8∓)* 20...Qc7 21.Qd3 Bc6∞]

19...b4 20.Nce2?

[20.Na4! I couldn't bring myself to let my structure be destroyed like that. Still, that would have been much better than the game continuation. Ich konnte mich nicht dazu durchringen, meine Struktur so zerstören zu lassen. Trotzdem wäre das viel besser als die Partiefortsetzung gewesen. Bxa4 21.b3 Qc3!∞ *(21...Qc8?* I had expected mainly in the game, but not assessed correctly. Hatte ich hauptsächlich in der Partie erwartet, aber nicht richtig eingeschätzt. *22.bxa4 Kf7 23.Rg1±)*]

20...e5 21.Nb3 Be6 22.Nec1? Wrong regrouping. I wanted to move my

knight away from e2 because I had the impression that it was in the way of all the other pieces. But now the position is already becoming very dangerous for White. Falsche Umgruppierung. Ich wollte meinen Springer auf e2 wegbewegen, weil ich den Eindruck hatte, dass er all den anderen Figuren im Weg steht. Doch jetzt wird die Stellung schon sehr gefährlich für Weiß.

[22.Nbc1! a5 23.b3 I wanted to do without this move in order not to give Black even more attacking possibilities. But if you move the knight from b3 to c1, you have to play b3, because otherwise you are completely paralysed.Auf diesen Zug wollte ich verzichten, um Schwarz nicht noch mehr Angriffsmöglichkeiten zu geben. Wenn man aber den Springer von b3 nach c1 stellt, muss man b3 spielen, weil man sonst völlig paralysiert ist. Qc6 24.Nd3∓]

22...a5 23.Nd3 Be7 24.Qg2 Doesn't please the computer, which again wants to put the knight from b3 to c1 and then immediately play b3. But as already mentioned, I wanted to avoid this setup.Gefällt dem Computer nicht, der erneut den Springer von b3 nach c1 stellen und dann sofort b3 spielen will. Aber wie schon erwähnt, wollte ich diesen Aufbau vermeiden. **24...Bf7 25.f4 Rc8?!**

[25...a4! 26.Nbc1 b3 would have posed great problems for White. I was very unsure how to react to this. Probably I would have collapsed quite quickly. hätte Weiß vor große Probleme gestellt. Ich war mir sehr unsicher, wie ich darauf reagieren sollte. Vermutlich wäre ich recht schnell zusammengebrochen. 27.cxb3 *(27.axb3 axb3 28.Nxb3 Qa4→)* 27...axb3 28.a3 *(28.axb3 Qa6 29.Kc2 0-0-+)* 28...Ra4!? 29.Nb4 Rxb4 30.axb4 Nxf4 31.Bxf4 exf4-+]

26.Nbc1 0-0? Objectively not so bad, but practically a serious mistake in my opinion. Because now White gets at least a few ideas, so the position is no longer so difficult to play. Objectively, however, Black is probably still better off. Objektiv gar nicht so schlecht, aber praktisch meiner Meinung nach ein schwerer Fehler. Denn nun bekommt Weiß zumindest ein paar Ideen, sodass die Stellung nicht mehr so schwer zu spielen ist. Objektiv steht Schwarz trotzdem wohl noch besser.

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[40.Rdg2 That would probably have been a bit easier. White fatally threatens Nf4 and often also Qh5+. Das wäre wohl noch etwas einfacherer gewesen. Weiß droht tödlich Sf4 und häufig auch Dh5+.]

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□ **Schroeder,Jan Christian** **2544**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**
Bundesliga 2223 (1.1) 22.10.2022
[Schroeder,Jan, TA]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 A surprise. I had never played this variation before. My opponent took only a few minutes and responded with a very rarely played move. Eine Überraschung. Ich hatte diese Variante noch nie zuvor gespielt. Mein Gegner nahm sich nur einige Minuten Zeit und reagierte mit einem sehr selten gespielten Zug. **6...c4!?**
[6...f6 7.Bd3 fxe5 8.dxe5 c4 9.Bc2 g6
A) 10.0-0 Bg7 11.Nbd2 *(11.Re1 Nh6)* 11...Nge7 *(11...Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Ba4+; 11...Nh6 12.b3)* 12.Re1;
B) 10.Qe2 Bg7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Bf4 *(12.Nbd2)* 12...Nge7 13.Nbd2 0-0]
7.Nbd2 The computer doesn't like this setup too much. White could have built up differently.Der Computer mag diesen Aufbau nicht allzu sehr. Weiß hätte sich auch anders aufbauen können. **7...Na5**
[7...Bd7 8.b3]
8.Rb1 Bd7 9.h4
[9.b4 is the main line. Ist die Hauptvariante. cxb3 10.Nxb3 Ba4 11.Nxa5 *(11.Nfd2 Rc8)* 11...Bxd1 12.Rxb6 axb6 13.Bb5+ Ke7 14.Kxd1
A) 14...bxa5 15.a4 f6 *(15...Kd8*

16.Ng5) 16.g4 Kf7 17.g5 h6 18.gxf6 gxf6 19.exf6 Bd6 *(19...Nxf6 20.Ne5+ Kg8 21.Rg1+ Bg7 22.f3; 19...Kxf6 20.Bf4)* 20.Ne5+ Kxf6 21.Bf4 Rh7;

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[11...Nxb3 12.Nd2∞]

[RR 11...Nxb3 12.Qxb3 Qxb3 13.Rxb3 b6 14.Bb5 Ne7 15.a4 Nc6 16.h5 Na5 17.Rb1 Rc8 18.Kd2 Be7 19.Kd3 Rc7 20.Ng1 0-0 21.Bxd7 Rxd7 22.g4 Rc7 23.Ne2 Rc4 24.Ra1 Rfc8 25.Ra2 Nc6 26.Bd2 Giri,A (2777)-Vitiugov,N (2727) Yasnaya Polyana 2021 1-0 (58)]

12.Nfd2 Qc7?! I don't think that's the right plan.Das ist wohl nicht der richtige Plan.

[12...Rc8 13.Rh3]

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13.Rh3N

[13.Qf3! Nc4∞ Black has many moves here; Bxf5, Ba4, Rc8 etc. Schwarz hat hier viele Züge; Lxf5, La4, Tc8 usw. *(13...Nxb3!?* Directed against e6. Now, however, Black can think about fianchettoing.Gegen e6 gerichtet. Jetzt kann Schwarz jedoch darüber nachdenken, zu fianchettieren. *14.Nxb3?! Ne7± 15.Nc5)* 14.Nxc4!? *(14.Bd3∞)* 14...dxc4!? 15.Nc5!? This move seemed interesting to me. I had also thought about it for a while on move eight. Black is almost forced to take back with the bishop. The resulting position is interesting and double-edged. Dieser Zug schien mir interessant zu sein. Ich hatte auch schon im achten Zug länger darüber nachgedacht. Schwarz ist fast gezwungen, mit dem Läufer zurückzuschlagen. Die dann entstehende Stellung ist interessant und zweischneidig. Bc6 16.Rxb7 Qxb7 *(16...Bxb7 17.Qxb7 Qxb7 18.Nxb7)* 17.Nxb7 Bxf3 18.gxf3]

[RR 13.Qf3 Nxb3 14.Nxb3 b6 15.h5 Ne7 16.Bd3 a6 17.Nd2 Nc6 18.Rh4 Be7 19.Rg4 b5 20.Nf1 Rc8 21.Qg3 Na5 22.Rxg7 Qxc3+ 23.Bd2 Qxa3 24.Bxa5 Rc1+ 25.Ke2 Bd1+ 26.Kd2 Qxa5+ 27.Kxc1 Qe1 Stevic,H (2549)-Ivanchuk,V (2653) Zagreb 2023 ½-½ (32)]

13...Ne7 14.Qf3 Nec6 15.Nxa5

[15.Bd3!? Black has almost no reasonable moves.Schwarz hat nämlich fast keine sinnvollen Züge. Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bxb3 17.Rxb3± Na5 *(17...Nxd4± 18.cxd4 Qxc1+ 19.Ke2)* 18.Bb5+ Kd8 19.Rb1 a6]

[15.h5↑ Nxb3! 16.Nxb3 Bxb3 17.Rxb3 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Qxc1+∞ 19.Qd1 Qxd1+ 20.Kxd1]

15...Nxa5?! This move had surprised me a lot. It creates some additional weaknesses; other moves would probably have been better.Dieser Zug hatte mich sehr überrascht. Er schafft einige zusätzliche Schwächen; andere Züge wären wohl besser gewesen.

16.Bd3?! I thought that I would have a lot of tactical tricks once my bishop was on g5. Nevertheless, it would have been better to wait with g5.Ich dachte, dass ich sehr viele taktische Tricks haben

werde, wenn mal mein Läufer auf g5 steht. Trotzdem wäre es besser gewesen, mit g5 noch zu warten.

16...Rc8

[16...0-0-0!?]

17.Qf4

[17.h5±]

17...a6!

[17...Qd7]

18.Rf3?! b5!

[18...Qd7 19.Be2 *(19.Bb2 Rc7!=)* 19...Bc2 And this position seems fine to me for Black, which is probably right. Und diese Stellung erschient mir in Ordnung für Schwarz, was wohl auch richtig so ist.]

19.h5 Qd7 20.Be2?

[20.Bb2 Nc4]

[20.Nf1 Rxc3 21.Bd2 Rxd3 22.Rxd3 Bc2 23.Rg3! The move I had overlooked. Now Black's whole Ng3, Nf5 idea doesn't work anymore. Der Zug, den ich übersehen hatte. Jetzt funktioniert die ganze Sg3, Sf5 Idee von Schwarz nicht mehr. Bxb1 24.Bxa5]

20...Bc2 21.Ra1 g5

[21...Nc4!? 22.a4 *(22.Bd3 Bxd3↑ 23.Rxd3!* is, of course, the thematic move that I also actually wanted to play. Ist natürlich der thematische Zug, den ich auch eigentlich spielen wollte. *Nb6* I didn't realize how the position was after this move. According to the engine, White is even winning. I had underestimated my position here. Mir war nicht klar, wie die Stellung nach diesem Zug ist. Nach der Engine steht Weiß sogar auf Gewinn. Ich hatte meine Stellung hier unterschätzt. *)*

A) 22...Bxa4 23.Nxc4 dxc4 *(23...bxc4?! 24.Rxa4)* 24.Rg3∓;

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22.hxg6? Wrong regrouping. I wanted to move my knight away from e2 because I had the impression that it was in the way of all the other pieces. But now the position is already becoming very dangerous for White. Falsche Umgruppierung. Ich wollte meinen Springer auf e2 wegbewegen, weil ich den Eindruck hatte, dass er all den anderen Figuren im Weg steht. Doch jetzt wird die Stellung schon sehr gefährlich für Weiß. **22...Bxg6 23.a4 b4**

[23...bxa4 I wanted to do without this move in order not to give Black even more attacking possibilities. But if you move the knight from b3 to c1, you have to play b3, because otherwise you are completely paralysed. Auf diesen Zug wollte ich verzichten, um Schwarz nicht noch mehr Angriffsmöglichkeiten zu geben. Wenn man aber den Springer von b3 nach c1 stellt, muss man b3 spielen, weil man sonst völlig paralysiert ist. 24.Bd1]

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25...dxc4!∞ *(25...bxc4 26.Bd1)* 26.Rg3? I had expected mainly in the game, but not assessed correctly.Hatte ich hauptsächlich in der Partie erwartet, aber nicht richtig eingeschätzt.]

24.cxb4 Doesn't please the computer, which again wants to put the knight from b3 to c1 and then immediately play b3. But as already mentioned, I wanted to avoid this setup.Gefällt dem Computer nicht, der erneut den Springer von b3 nach c1 stellen und dann sofort b3 spielen will. Aber wie schon erwähnt, wollte ich diesen Aufbau vermeiden.

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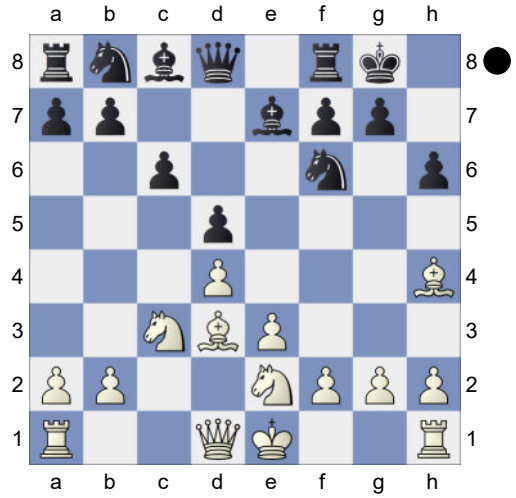
245 **D35**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2856**
37th ECC Open 2022 (7.2) 09.10.2022
[Moradiabadi,Elshan, TA]*

The World Champion worked hard to help his team in this event and in several rounds his wins proved crucial for the club. He tried a new and deep idea (a bit risky at times) against the Iranian #1, talented super GM Parham Maghsoodloo. Things seemed alright for Carlsen until the complications got to the champion himself. Luckily, the path to victory for White wasn't clear and the players split the point at the end. Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'Magsodloo promised to become really top Worls player few years ago ,but it seems that he slowed down. But in this game World Champion was in troubles!' **1.d4** Schandorff, Lars Mikhalchishin,Adrian **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Nge2** Diagram



9...Ne8!? I was aware of this move but I did not know how it is played out until I saw this game! Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'Telling honestly, this Carlsbad system is not easy to handle with Black.So, Magnus wants to create some nonclassical set ups.'
[9...Re8 Carlsen,Magnus 2863 - Firouzja,Alireza 2728, Stavanger 2020 - 146/141]
10.Bg3
[10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Qc2 Nd6 12.0-0

(12.0-0-0? a5∓ is better for Black.) 12...Nd7 13.Ng3 Qg5!? 14.f4 Qd8 15.f5 Nf6∞ and Black seems to dismiss White's assault.]

10...Nd6!?

[10...Bd6 This move has been employed in the correspondence games with relative success. I have a hard time wrapping my head around what this move actually does. So, I leave it here for your further investigation. 11.0-0 Bxg3 12.Nxg3 Be6 13.f3 *(13.Nce2 Nd7 14.f3 Nd6 15.Qd2 Qb6 16.Rae1 Rac8∞* Riess,Bernhard - Laliga, Olivier, corr 2017/18 *)* 13...Nd7 14.Qd2 Nd6 15.Rae1 Rc8 16.e4 Nc4 17.Bxc4 dxc4 18.Rd1 f6∞ Alan Rawlings - Gerald Hildebrand, corr. 2014/15]

11.0-0 Re8 12.Qc2 Bf8 13.Rae1 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'N!?' Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'New and interesting.' Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '.'

[13.Rad1 a5 14.a3 Nd7 15.h3 Nf6 16.Be5 Nfe4 17.Bxe4 *(17.Na2 Be6 18.Rc1 Be7=)* 17...dxe4 18.Ng3 f5 19.Nce2 Nf7 *(19...a4!?)* 20.f3 exf3 21.Rxf3 Nxe5 22.dxe5 Qe7 23.Nxf5 Qxe5 24.Neg3 Bxf5 25.Nxf5 Rad8 26.Rdf1 Rd7 27.Qc4+ Kh7 28.Qc2 Kg8 29.Qc4+ Kh7 30.Qc2 1/2 : 1/2 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter 2615 - Moussard,Jules 2686, Deutschland 2022]

[Magnus had this position on the board. 13.Bf4 Mikhalchishin,Adrian Be6 14.f3 Nd7 15.Rad1 b5 16.e4 Rc8 17.e5 Nc4 18.b3 Ncb6 19.Qd2 ½-½ (70) Grischuk,A (2764)-Carlsen, M (2856) Warsaw 2021]

13...a5 Diagram

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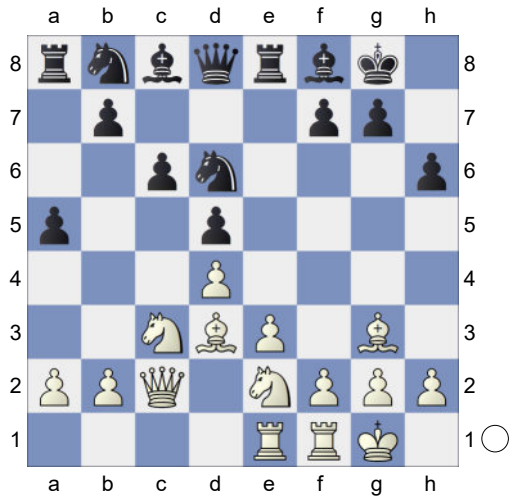

14.Nf4N White has other options. Both a3 and h3 are good waiting moves. Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'Novelty of Iranian Grandmaster.It was tried a bit different Knight transfer' Schandorff, Lars: 'This is a good positional move.'

[14.Nc1 Na6 15.a3 Be6 16.Nb3 Nc4 17.Ne2 a4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Nd2 b5 20.e4 b4 21.Nxc4 Bxc4 22.Qxc4 Rxe4 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'with tough game, Bogner,S (2573)-Fressinet,L (2630) Germany 2022' 23.Be5 Qd5 24.Qc2± Bogner,Sebastian 2573 - Fressinet, Laurent 2630, Deutschland 2022]

[RR 14.Nd1 Na6 15.a3 Bd7 16.f3 Rc8 17.Nec3 c5 18.Qf2 Bc6 19.Bf4 b5 20.Ne2 Nc4 21.Qg3 h5 22.Qh3 g6 23.g4 Bd7 24.Qg2 h4 25.g5 Bg7 26.Kh1 Nd2 27.Rg1 c4 28.Bc2 b4 Salem,A (2677)-Carlsen,M (2859) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (37)]

[RR 14.a3 Nd7 15.Nf4 b5 16.Nb1 Bb7 17.Nd2 Nc4 18.Rd1 Nf6 19.a4 Qb6 20.b3 Nd6 21.Ne2 Rac8 22.Rc1 Nde4 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Be5 c5 25.Qb1 Nd7 26.axb5 Qxb5 27.Nc4 cxd4 28.Nxd4 Qa6 Maghsoodloo,P (2684)-Moussard,J (2587) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½

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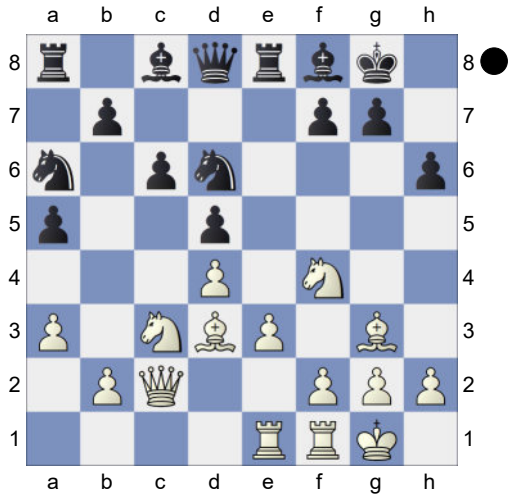
14...Na6 15.a3 Diagram



15...Qf6N World #1 plays with fire. Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '?' Schandorff, Lars: '!?' Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'Overoptimistic.Preferable was to transfer Knight to e6.' Schandorff, Lars: 'Looks a little risky to me. Easier is probably ...Bd7 followed by ...b5 like we have seen in other games. Here is an example where Black quickly got comfortable play:'

[15...Nc7 16.h3 Ne6 17.Na4 Nxf4 18.Bxf4 b5 19.Nc5 a4 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.e4 dxe4 22.Nxe4 Qd8 23.Qxc6 Bd7 24.Qc3 g6⩲ Black has enough compensation with his bishop pair.]

[RR15...Bd7 Schandorff, Lars: '!' 16.f3 b5 Schandorff, Lars: ' ⇄' 17.Qf2 b4 18.axb4 Nxb4 19.Bb1 a4 20.e4 a3 21.bxa3 Rxa3 22.Rc1 Nc4∞ Lu,Shanglei 2605 - Li,Di 2539, China (ch) 2022 23.Rfe1 Schandorff, Lars Rb3 24.exd5 Rb2 25.Rxe8 Bxe8 26.Qe1 cxd5 27.Ncxd5 Nxd5 28.Rxc4 Nxf4 29.Bxf4 Bb5 30.Rc1 Qxd4+ 31.Qe3 ½-½ (31) Lu,S (2605)-Li,D (2539) Xinghua 2022]

[RR 15...Bd7 16.f3 b5 17.Qf2 b4 18.axb4 Nxb4 19.Bb1 a4 20.e4 a3 21.bxa3 Rxa3 22.Rc1 Nc4 23.Rfe1 Rb3 24.exd5 Rb2 25.Rxe8 Bxe8 26.Qe1 cxd5 27.Ncxd5 Nxd5 28.Rxc4 Nxf4 29.Bxf4 Bb5 30.Rc1 Lu,S (2605)-Li,D (2539) Xinghua 2022 ½-½ (31)]

[RR 15...b5 16.f3 Nc7 17.Qf2 b4 18.Na4 bxa3 19.bxa3 Bf5 20.Nc5 Bxd3 21.Nfxd3 Nc4 22.a4 Ne6 23.e4 Bxc5 24.Nxc5 Nxc5 25.dxc5 Qd7 26.Qd4 Rad8 27.h3 f6 28.Kh2 Qf7 29.exd5 Rxe1 30.Rxe1 Sambuev,B (2414)-Migot,T (2344) Montreal 2025 1-0 (58)]

[RR 15...Nc7 16.f3 Nc4 17.e4 b5 18.Bf2 b4 19.axb4 axb4 20.Nd1 Ra1 21.exd5 Rxe1 22.Rxe1 Nxd5 23.Nxd5 cxd5 24.Bxc4 dxc4 25.Qxc4 Be6 26.Qd3 Be7 27.Ne3 Rxe1+ 28.Bxe1 Bc5 29.Kf2 Qxd4 30.Qxd4 Maghsoodloo,P (2656)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2531) Almaty 2022 ½-½ (31)]

16.f3?!

[Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'It was unexpected central strike here' Schandorff, Lars: 'The machine screams' 16.e4 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!?' Schandorff, Lars: '!'

A) 16...dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Bg4 *(18...Bd7* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *19.Re3 Nc7 20.Rf3)* 19.h3 Bd6 20.Qd2± and Black is in trouble.;

B) 16...Qxd4 17.exd5 Bd7 Schandorff, Lars: 'and Black seems to hold.' 18.Qd1 *(18.Rd1* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *Qb6 19.dxc6 Qxc6 20.Nfd5 Nc5* and Black holds the position.*)* 18...c5 19.Nfe2 Qf6 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Nb5 Bxb5 22.Bxb5 Red8 23.Bc4±

White has a small but long lasting edge thanks to the d5 pawn and control over light squares on the queenside.]

[Also 16.Nh5 Schandorff, Lars Qg5 17.Bxd6! Bxd6 18.Ng3 intending f4 could put some pressure on Black.]

16...b5 17.Bf2 Schandorff, Lars: 'He has to defend d4 before he can play e4.'

[It was possible to prepare programm e3-e4 a bit differently. 17.Qf2 Mikhalchishin,Adrian Nf5! Schandorff, Lars 18.e4 Nxg3 19.hxg3 b4⇄]

17...Nc4 Schandorff, Lars: 'Now Black has plenty of play.' **18.g3** Schandorff, Lars: 'Protecting the knight on f4.'

[If White protects Knight differently, then Black equalise after 18.Qc1 Mikhalchishin,Adrian Schandorff, Lars: 'did the same, but with more flexibility.' Nc7 19.a4 b4 20.Ne4 Qd8 21.Nd2 Nxd2 22.Qxd2 Ne6]

18...Qd8 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '?!'

[Better was to bring Knight to the center 18...Nc7 Mikhalchishin,Adrian 19.e4 Ne6 20.e5 Schandorff, Lars Qe7∞]

19.e4 Schandorff, Lars: '!' Schandorff, Lars: 'Finally.' **19...b4** Mikhalchishin, Adrian: '

[Magbus did not want to give up the center 19...dxe4 Mikhalchishin,Adrian 20.fxe4 Nc7 21.e5 Ne6 22.Rd1 Nxf4 23.gxf4 Bg4 24.Rc1 and Black still face problems, due to White powerful center.]

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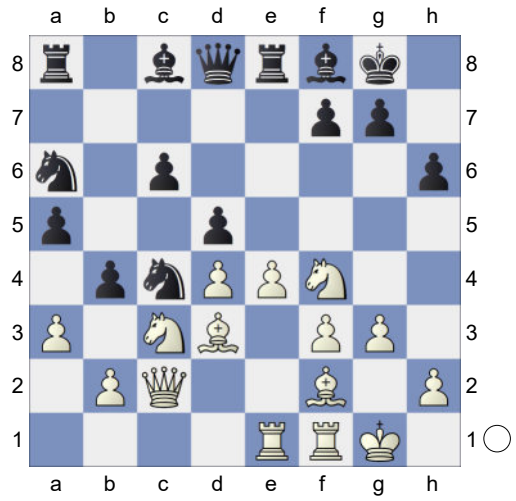

' **20.exd5** Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' **20...Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Nd6?** Mikhalchishin, Adrian: '?!'

[Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'Better would be' 21...Nb6 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'after what White can hold the initiative ,sacrificing a piece' 22.dxc6 bxc3 23.bxc3 Bxa3 24.Qb3 Bd6 25.Bb1 *(25.Bg6!* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *Ra7 26.Bb1)* 25...Bxf4 26.gxf4 Bh3 27.d5± The engine analysis are crazy but surely White has the upper hand. Egnines like this better for Black than what happened in the game. However, I did not find White's path to victory to be that easy in the game per se, so 21..Nd6 makes more sense to me although engines don't like it.]

22.Na4 cxd5 23.Nxd5 Schandorff, Lars: ' ±' Schandorff, Lars: 'White won a pawn and is much better. However the WC is hard to beat...' **23...Rb8** Diagram

[Strong pressure keeps White after 23...Bb7 Mikhalchishin,Adrian 24.Ndb6 Rb8 25.d5]

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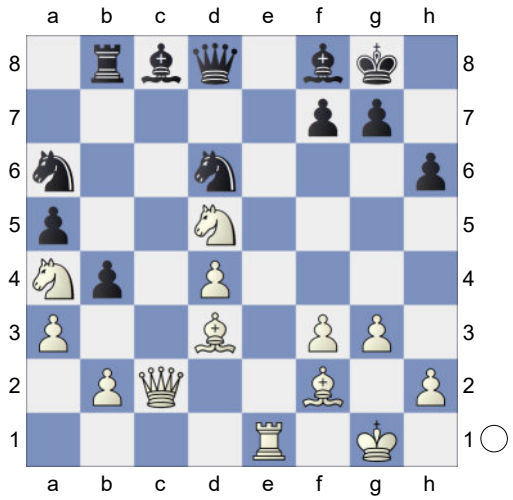
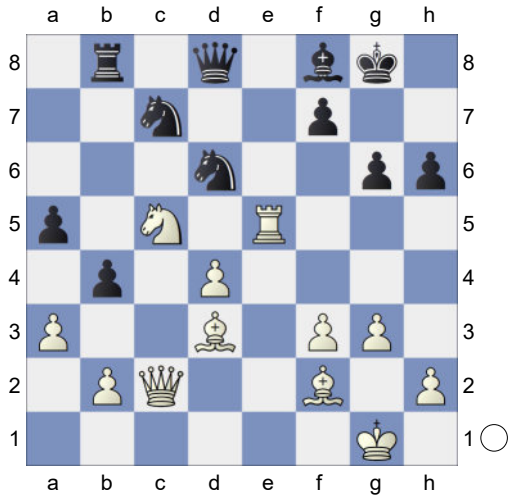


24.Nc5?!

[Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'and' 24.Re5 Bb7 25.Nc5 This seems totally dominant. Bxd5 *(25...bxa3 26.bxa3 Nc7 27.Nxb7 Rxb7 28.Nf4+- and White is a pawn up.; 25...Nc7 26.Nxb7 Rxb7 27.a4+- Again, White is a solid pawn up.)* 26.Rxd5 Nc7 27.Re5 g6 Diagram



28.a4! Bg7 29.Re2 Nd5 30.Kg2+- This is the best Black can get but I still doubt if there could be any practical chances for Black here. White seems to be cruising to victory.]

[There were two other promising optios here 24.Nf4 Mikhalchishin, Adrian]

24...Nb5 25.Bxb5? Squanders most of the advantage.

[25.Re5± was still good to push for a win.]

25...Rxb5 26.Qc4

[White could keep extra pawn with 26.Nf4 Mikhalchishin,Adrian but Blacks Bishop pair would be some compensation for it.]

26...Rb8 27.a4?!

[Magnus would keep compensation even after better 27.Rd1 Mikhalchi shin,Adrian bxa3 *(27...Nxc5 28.dxc5 Be6 29.Qe2! bxa3 30.bxa3 Qc8 31.Nb6 Qc7 32.Qe3 Rd8)* 28.bxa3 Qd6]

27...Nxc5 28.dxc5 Bb7 Mikhalchishin, Adrian: 'Now starts forced variation , where Magnus defends easily.' **29.c6 Rc8 30.Bb6 Qd6 31.Bc7 Qc5+**

[Similar development would follow after 31...Qxc6 Mikhalchishin,Adrian 32.Qxc6 Bxc6 33.Ne7+ Bxe7 34.Rxe7 Bxa4]

32.Qxc5 Bxc5+ 33.Kg2 Bxc6= 34.Rc1 Bxd5 35.Rxc5 Bb3 36.Bb6 Rxc5 37.Bxc5 Bxa4 38.Bb6 Bc6 39.Bxa5 b3

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**

■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2856**

EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen (7.1) 09.10.2022

[Mikhalchishin,Adrian, TA]

Magsodloo promised to become really top Worls player few years ago ,but it seems that he slowed down. But in this game World Champion was in troubles!

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4

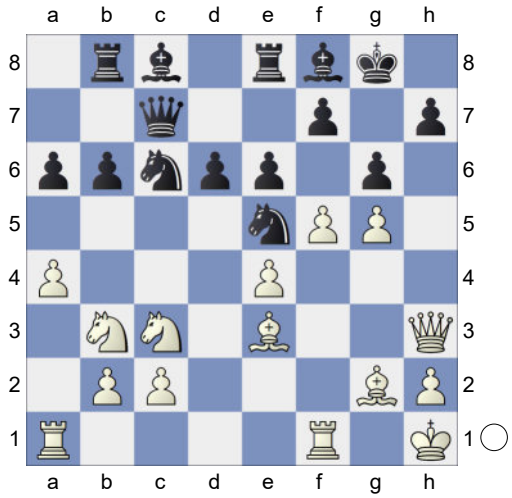
Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 a6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Be3 d6 9.f4 Be7!? Telling honestly, this Carlsbad system is not easy to handle with Black.So,Magnus wants to create some nonclassical set ups. **10.a4 0-0 11.Kh1 Bd7 12.Nb3 b6 13.Bf3!?N** New and interesting.. **13...Rab8 14.g4** Novelty of Iranian Grandmaster.It was tried a bit different Knight transfer **14...Bc8 15.g5 Nd7?** Overoptimistic. Preferable was to transfer Knight to e6. **16.Bg2 Re8 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qh3**

[18.Qh4]

18...Bf8?!

[18...Nb4 19.Nd4]

19.f5 Nde5



20.Rf4! Nb4

[20...Na5 21.Raf1 Nac4 Better would be 22.Bc1 after what White can hold the initiative , sacrificing a piece b5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Rh4 h5 25.gxh6 Kh7! 26.Rhf4 *(26.Nd4)* 26...Qe7 Magbus did not want to give up the center 27.fxg6+ fxg6 28.Nd4]

21.Nd4 Nc4N

[RR 21...exf5 22.exf5 Bg7 23.Rh4 gxf5 24.Rxh7 Qc4 25.Bg1 Ng6 26.Rxg7+ Kxg7 27.b3 Qc7 28.Nxf5+ Bxf5 29.Bd4+ Re5 30.Qxf5 Qe7 31.Rf1 Qe6 32.Bxe5+ Nxe5 33.Qf4 a5 34.Ne2 Nxc2 35.Be4 Nb4 36.Nd4 Kitsune-Auryn Playchess.com INT 2007 1-0 (39)]

22.Bg1

[22.Rh4 h5 *(White could keep extra pawn with 22...h6* but Blacks Bishop pair would be some compensation for it. There were two other promising optios here *23.Rxh6* and *23...Bxh6* Strong pressure keeps White after *24.Qxh6)* 23.gxh6 Kh7 24.fxg6+ fxg6 25.Nf3]

22...exf5

[22...e5 23.Rh4 h5 24.Nde2!]

23.exf5 Bb7 24.Raf1

[24.Rh4 Bxg2+ 25.Kxg2 Magnus would keep compensation even after better 25...h5 *(25...Qb7+ 26.Nf3)* 26.gxh6]

24...Bxg2+ 25.Qxg2? Qb7 26.Nf3

[26.Qxb7 Rxb7 27.Nc6 Similar development would follow after 27...Nxc6 28.Nd5 Be7 29.f6]

26...b5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Bd4 Nd5 Now starts forced variation ,where Magnus defends easily. **29.Rh4 h5**

[29...Bg7 30.Bxg7 Nde3 31.Qh3 Nxf1 32.Rxh7 Ng3+ 33.Qxg3 Kxh7 34.Bf6 Re1+ 35.Kg2 Ne3+ 36.Kf2 Rf1+ 37.Kxe3]

30.gxh6

½-½

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**

■ **Pechac,Jergus** **2633**

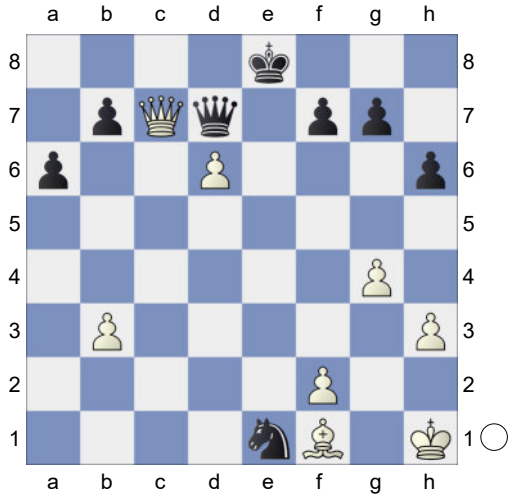
37th ECC Open 2022 (4.5) 06.10.2022

[Kitty Kat]*

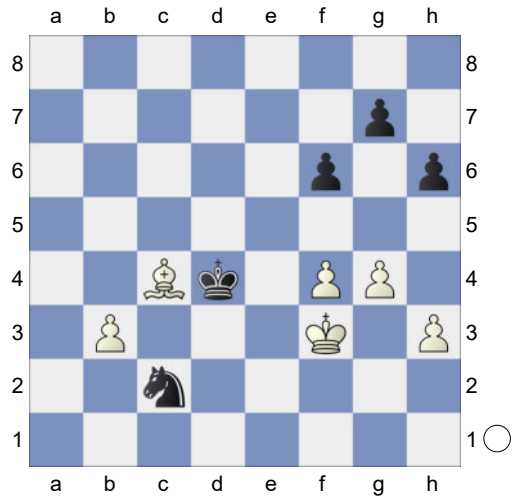
D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 Bf4 **1.d4 d5**

2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4N
[3.g3 c5 *(3...g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Nxc6 bxc6 28) 1.d4 d5 -* Remaining Nonse-3.g3 & 6.b3*)* 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 ½-½ 10. ♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th 1999 (6.2)]
[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]
[3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rfd1 Rc8 12.Rac1 Qe7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Ne4 Bb8 15.Ne5 Nf8 16.Qh5 f6 17.Nc4 Nb4 0-1 Laxman,R (2378)-Swayham,P (1902) Bikaner op 1st 2022 (1)]
3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 cxd4 6.exd4 Bf5 7.c3 e6 8.Qb3 The position is equal. **8...Bd6** im Vergleich zu 8...Qc8 vielversprechender. **9.Bxd6** -0.11/18
[9.Qxb7± 0.31/20 Bxf4 10.Qxc6+ Kf8 11.Qa6]
9...Qxd6= 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 h6
[RR 11...Rab8 12.a4 Ne4 13.Rfe1 Qc7 14.Qa3 Nxd2 15.Nxd2 Ne7 16.a5 Nc8 17.Nf3 Bg4 18.Ne5 Bxe2 19.Rxe2 Nd6 20.Qb4 Rfc8 21.g3 h6 22.Kg2 Nc4 23.Nd3 Qd6 24.Qxd6 Nxd6 25.g4 g6 26.h4 Abdusattorov,N (2762)-So,W (2751) Saint Louis 2024 ½-½ (38)]
12.Rfe1
[RR 12.Rae1 Qc7 13.Qd1 Rab8 14.Nb3 Ne4 15.a4 b6 16.Bd3 Nd6 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 18.Qd3 Nd6 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Nc4 21.Qe2 b5 22.a5 b4 23.Rc1 Qxe5 24.Qxe5 Nxe5 25.Nd4 bxc3 26.Rxc3 Rxb2 Sivakumar,S (2279)-Kukhmazov,A (2442) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½ (71)]
12...Qc7 13.a4 a6N
[RR 13...Rac8 14.Qa3 Ne4 15.Bf1 Nxd2 16.Nxd2 Rfe8 17.Bb5 e5 18.dxe5 Rxe5 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Rxe5 Qxe5 21.Nf3 Qf4 22.Qc5 Be4 23.Nd4 Kh7 24.f3 Bg6 25.Kh1 a6 26.b4 Qe3 27.Rg1 h5 28.a5 Swiercz,D (2647)-Vazquez,G (2534) Lichess.org INT 2021 0-1 (47)]
[RR 13...Rab8 14.Bf1 Rfc8 15.Qa3 Ne8 16.a5 Nd6 17.g3 b6 18.axb6 axb6 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Ne4 21.Nf3 Nc5 22.Nd4 Bd3 23.Bh3 Bc4 24.b3 Bd3 25.Re3 Bg6 26.Nb5 Qd8 27.Qb2 Ra8 28.Rxa8 Kamsky,G (2665)-Roiz,M (2579) Tornelo INT 2021 ½-½ (32)]
14.Qa3N
[Vorgänger: 14.Qd1 Rac8 15.Rc1 Rfd8 16.Bf1 Qb6 17.Qb3 Qxb3 18.Nxb3 Ne4 19.h4 Nd6 20.g3 ½-½ (40) Yarmolyuk,Y (2245)-Dard,M (2321) LSS email 2017]
14...Nd7 15.a5 Rfe8 16.h3 Bg6 17.Bf1 Bh5 18.Re3 Bxf3 19.Nxf3 e5 0.53/24
[19...Rac8= 0.13/18]
20.dxe5± Ndxe5 21.Nxe5 Rxe5 22.Rxe5 Qxe5 23.Qc5 Rc8 24.Rd1 Ne7 25.Qa3 White is more active. **25...Nc6 26.g3 d4 27.cxd4 Qxa5 28.Qf3! Re8** 1.36/21

[Better is 28...Rd8 0.89/19]
29.d5± Ne5 1.56/20
[⌓29...Nd8 1.14/18]
30.Qe3 Threatens to win with f2-f4.
30...Qa4 31.b3 Qd7 32.d6 Re6 2.07/21
[⌓32...f6 1.65/18 33.Bg2 Nf7]
33.Qb6!+- Nf3+ 34.Kh1 Re1 3.34/20
[34...Re2 2.14/21 might work better. 35.Bg2 *(35.Bxe2? Qxh3#)* 35...Ne5 36.Qxb7 Rxf2 37.Qa8+ *(37.Qxa6 Qe8+-)* 37...Kh7 38.Qe4+ *(38.Qxa6 Qf5±)* 38...Ng6]
35.Rxe1 Nxe1 Endgame. KQB-KQN
36.g4? 2.49/24
[36.Qc7 9.26/23 Qf5 37.Qxb7 Qxf2 38.Bc4 *(38.Bxa6 Nf3=; 38.Qxa6 Qf3+ 39.Kh2 Qf2+ 40.Kh1 Nf3=)*]
36...Kf8 37.Qc7 Ke8



White must now prevent ...Qd7xc7.
38.Qb8+ Qd8 39.Qxb7 Qxd6 40.Qe4+ Qe7 41.Qa8+ Qd8 42.Qxd8+
[42.Qxa6?! Qd5+ 43.Kg1 Nf3+ 44.Kh1 *(44.Kg2 Ne5+ 45.Kh2 Qxb3=)* 44...Nh4+ 45.Kh2 Qe5+ 46.Kh1 Qe4+ 47.Kh2 Qf4+ 48.Kh1 Qe4+ 49.Kh2 Qf4+ 50.Kg1 Nf3+ 51.Kg2 Nh4+ 52.Kh1 Qe4+=]
42...Kxd8 43.Bxa6± KB-KN **43...Kc7 44.f4 Kb6 45.Bc4 f6 46.Kg1 Kc5 47.Kf2 Nc2 48.Kf3 Kd4**



49.g5! fxg5 3.05/28
[49...hxg5 1.64/22 was called for. 50.fxg5 Ke5]
50.fxg5+- Ke5 51.Kg4 Ne3+ 5.69/27
[51...Nd4 3.59/25 keeps fighting. 52.gxh6 gxh6]
52.Kh5 Ng2 53.gxh6 Nf4+ 54.Kg4 gxh6 55.Bf1 Dodges Nf4-g2 **55...Nd5 56.Kh5 Ne3 57.Bc4 Nf5 58.Bd3** aiming for Bd3xf5. **58...Nd4 59.b4**
[Stronger than 59.Kxh6 Nxb3 60.Kg6 Nd4=]
59...Kf4 7.65/23
[⌓59...Ne6 4.00/23 60.Kxh6 *(60.Bf1 Nd4+-)* 60...Nf4]
60.b5 Kg3 61.b6
[And not 61.Kxh6 Nxb5 62.Bxb5 Kxh3=]
61...Nc6 62.Bf1 Na5 63.Kxh6 Kh4 64.Bg2 Nc4 65.b7 White mates.
65...Ne5 66.b8Q Ng6 67.Qd8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
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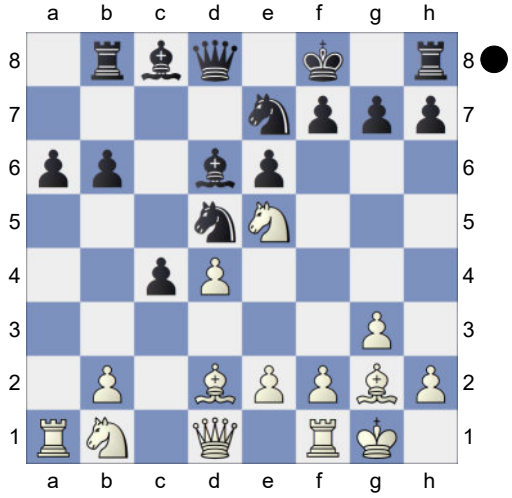
248 **E04**
□ **Can,Emre** **2592**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**
37th ECC Open 2022 (3.5) 05.10.2022
[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Nf3 * 5...a6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.a4 Rb8 8.a5 b5 9.axb6 cxb6 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Ne5 Ne7 12.Bc6+
[12.Nxc4 Bxf4 13.gxf4 0-0 14.e3 Nfd5 15.Ne5 Bb7 16.Nd2 Ng6 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Nf3 Qe7 19.Ne5 Nb4 20.Bxb7 Rxb7 21.Rc1 Rc7 22.Rxc7 Qxc7 23.Qd2 1/2 (23) Timoshenko,G (2510)-Novikov,I (2580) Nova Gorica 1997]
12...Kf8 13.Bg2 Nfd5
[Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'Interesting was direct' 13...b5 - 144/162]
[RR 13...Qc7 14.b3 Nfd5 15.bxc4 Nxf4 16.gxf4 f6 17.Nd3 Bxf4 ½-½ (17) Nemeth,Z (2206)-Varga,Z (2280) Budapest 2025]
14.Bd2 Diagram



14...Qc7N
[14...b5 15.b3!
A) 15...f6 16.bxc4 fxe5 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Bg5 *(18.e4!)* 18...Bb7 19.Nc3 h6 20.Bxe7+ Bxe7 21.dxe5 d4 22.Ne4 with very strong initiative, Giri,A (2776)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2792) Zagreb 2021;
B) 15...cxb3 16.Qxb3 Bb7 17.Ba5 Bc7 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.e4 Nf6 20.Nd2→]
[RR 14...b5 15.e4 Nb4 16.Nxf7 Kxf7 17.e5 Nbd5 18.exd6 Qxd6 19.Nc3 Nxc3 20.Qf3+ Nf5 21.Bf4 Bb7 22.Qxc3 Qd7 23.Bxb8 Nxd4 24.Rfd1 Ne2+ 25.Kf1 Qxd1+ 26.Rxd1 Nxc3 27.Rd7+ Kf6 28.Rxb7 Na4 29.f4 Chekletsov,I (2378)-Vinogradov,A (2309) Voronezh 2017 0-1 (41)]
[RR 14...b5 15.b3 f6 16.bxc4 fxe5 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Bg5 Bb7 19.Nc3 h6 20.Bxe7+ Bxe7 21.dxe5 d4 22.Ne4 g6 23.Qd3 Kg7 24.f4 Rf8 25.Nd2 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 a5 27.Nf3 Bc5 28.Rfc1 Qb6 29.Nh4 Giri,A (2776)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2792) Zagreb 2021 1-0 (50)]
[RR 14...Bb7 15.Nxc4 Bc7 16.e4 Nf6 17.Qe2 Nc6 18.d5 exd5 19.exd5 Nxd5 20.Re1 b5 21.Bxd5 Nd4 22.Bb4+ Kg8 23.Qe3 Bxd5 24.Qxd4 Bxc4 25.Qxd8+ Rxd8 26.Rxa6 Be6 27.Nc3 Rb8 28.Ba5 Bxa5 29.Rxa5 Laxman,R (2451)-Hemant,S (2316) Mumbai 2011 1-0 (54)]
15.e4 Nb4
[15...Nf6 16.Nxc4! Qxc4 17.e5 Bxe5 *(17...Qxd4 18.exf6 Qxf6 19.Bg5! Qxg5 20.Qxd6+-)* 18.dxe5 Nfd5 19.Nc3 Bb7 20.Bg5! Qc7 *(20...Nxc3 21.Bxe7+ Kg8 22.bxc3+-)* 21.Rc1 Qd7 22.Qd3 h6 23.Bxe7+ Qxe7 24.Nxd5 exd5 25.Qd4 h5 26.f4 h4 27.f5→]
16.Na3 b5 Diagram
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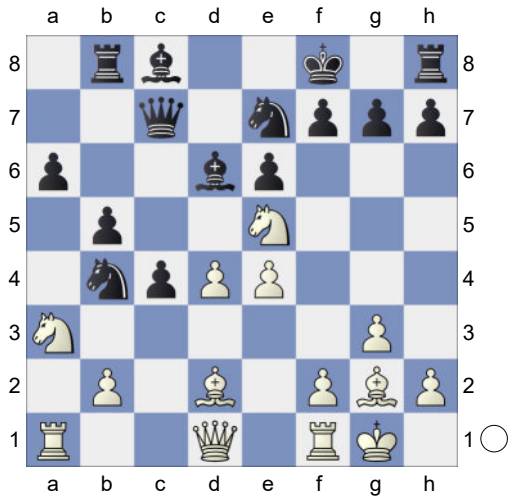
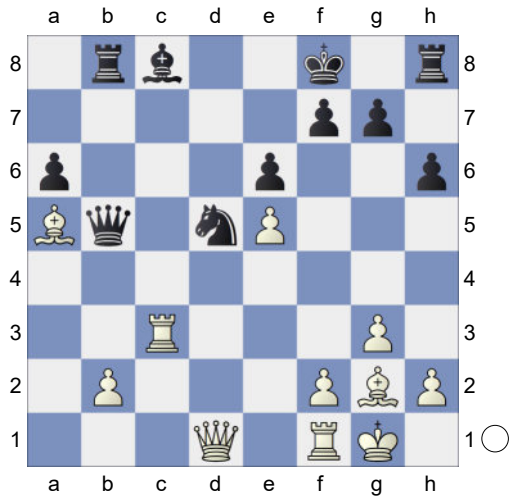


Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '[#]' **17.Nexc4! bxc4 18.e5 Bxe5**
[Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'White would have strong initiative after' 18...Nbd5 19.exd6 Qxd6 20.Nxc4 Qd8 21.Ba5 Qd7 22.Rc1 *(22.Ne5)* 22...Kg8 23.Re1→]
19.dxe5 Nd3 20.Ba5! Qc5
[20...Qxa5 21.Nxc4 Qb4 22.Qxd3 g6 23.Nd6 Kg7 24.Rfc1 Rf8 25.Rc7±]
21.Nxc4!
[21.b4!? Qd4 *(21...cxb3 22.Qxd3 Qxa5 23.Nc4 Qc7 24.Nd6 Bd7 25.Rab1 Qb6 26.Rfd1 Bc6 27.Nc4 Qc7 28.Rxb3±)* 22.Bc7 Rb7 23.Nc2 Qd7 24.Bd6 Kg8 25.Ne3±]
21...Qxc4 22.Ra3 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' **22...Nd5**
[22...Bb7 23.Bxb7 Rxb7 24.Rxd3 g6 25.Bd8 Qb5 26.Rb3 Qxb3 27.Bxe7+ Kxe7 28.Qd6+ Ke8 29.Rc1+-]
23.Rxd3 h6
[Immediately losing was 23...Rxb2 24.Rc3!]
24.Rc3 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' **24...Qb5** Diagram

(Diagram)



25.Bc7! Ra8 26.Rc5+- Qb7
[Nice variation was after capture 26...Qxb2 27.Bd6+ Kg8 28.Rxd5 exd5 29.Qxd5 Ra7 30.Qc5]
27.Bd6+ Kg8 28.Rxd5! Idea is practically the same. **28...exd5 29.Bxd5 Qa7 30.Qf3** 1-0 (30) Can,E (2592)-Maghsoodloo,P (2721) Mayrhofen 2022 CBM 212 Extra [Mikhalchishin,Adrian]
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249 **C24**
□ **Can,Emre** **2592**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**
EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen (3.1) 05.10.2022
[TA]*

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.Nf3 d5 5.Bb3 Bd6 6.Nc3 Bc7
[RR 6...0-0 7.0-0 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.dxe4 h6 10.Qe2 Qe7 11.Rd1 Be6 12.Be3 Na6 13.g3 Bc5 14.Nh4 Rad8 15.Bxe6 Qxe6 16.Nf5 Kh7 17.a3 Bb6 18.Bxb6 axb6 19.b4 b5 20.Ne3 Nc7 21.c4 Nakamura,H (2787)-Naroditsky,D (2619) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0]
7.Bg5

[RR 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.h3 0-0 9.0-0 Na6 10.Re1 Re8 11.d4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Be6 13.dxe5 Qxd1 14.Rxd1 Bxb3 15.axb3 Bxe5 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.Be3 Kf8 18.Rd7 Re7 19.Rd2 Ke8 20.Rad1 b6 21.Ra1 Nc7 Ganti,S (2018)-Villiers,T (2156) Liverpool 2025 0-1 (57)]

7...Be6

[7...d4 8.Ne2 h6 9.Bd2 c5 10.Ng3 Be6]

8.0-0 This variation is quite popular in Catalan.

[8.d4 h6 *(8...exd4 9.Nxd4 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Re1 Nbd7 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Ba4)* 9.exd5 Bg4 *(9...cxd5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.dxe5)* 10.dxe5 Bxe5 11.dxc6 Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Nxc6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.f4]

8...d4

[8...0-0 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nh4 Kh8 11.Qf3 d4 12.Ne2 Nd7 13.Qh5 Rg8 14.h3 Rg5 1/2 (23) Timoshenko,G (2510)-Novikov,I (2580) Nova Gorica 1997 15.Qf3 Qf8 16.Ng3]

9.Ne2N

[9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Ne2 0-0 11.c3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Nbd7 13.Qc2 Qe8 14.Ng3 Qg6 with very strong initiative, Giri,A (2776)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2792) Zagreb 2021 15.Rad1! Interesting was direct Nh5 16.Nxh5 Qxh5 17.Be3 Rxf3 18.gxf3 Qxf3 19.Rfe1 Qg4+ 20.Kf1 Rf8]

[RR 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Ne2 0-0 11.c3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Nbd7 13.Qc2 Qe8 14.Ng3 Qg6 15.Rad1 Nh5 16.Nxh5 ½-½ (16) Bischoff,K (2445)-Grzesik,T (2330) Germany 1983]

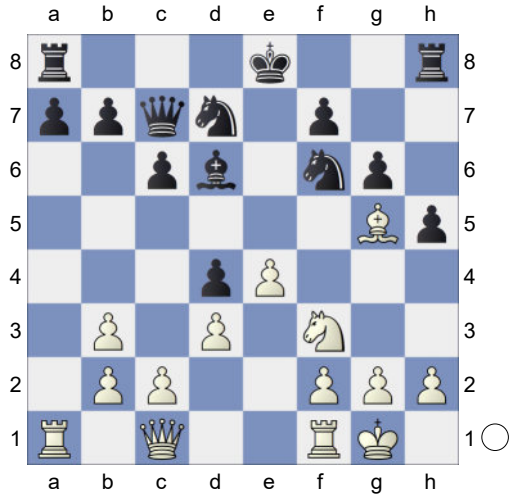
9...Bxb3 10.axb3 Nbd7 11.Ng3 h6 12.Bd2! Modern line.Old aproach promised nothing **12...g6**

[12...0-0 13.Nf5]

13.Qc1 h5 14.Bg5 Bd6 15.Ne2 Qc7

[15...0-0 16.h3 White has nice plan after c5 17.Nh2!]

16.Nexd4 exd4



17.e5!! Very powerfu blow. **17...Bc5**

[17...Nxe5 18.Bxf6 Nice variation was after capture Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Bxh2+ 20.Kg2 Rh7 *(White would have strong initiative after 20...0-0 21.Qh6; 20...Rg8 21.Re1+ Kf8 22.Qh6+)* 21.Re1+ Kf8 22.Qg5 Immediately losing was Bd6 23.Re4!]

18.exf6 0-0-0 19.Bf4 Bd6 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Rxa7!! Second powerful strike! **21...Qxf6 22.Qa1! Rhe8 23.Qa5 Qd6 24.Ra1! Re7 25.Nd2 Rde8 26.Ne4!** Every move improves position. **26...Qc7 27.Qb4 f5 28.Nd6+!** Idea is practically the same. **28...Qxd6 29.Qxb7+**

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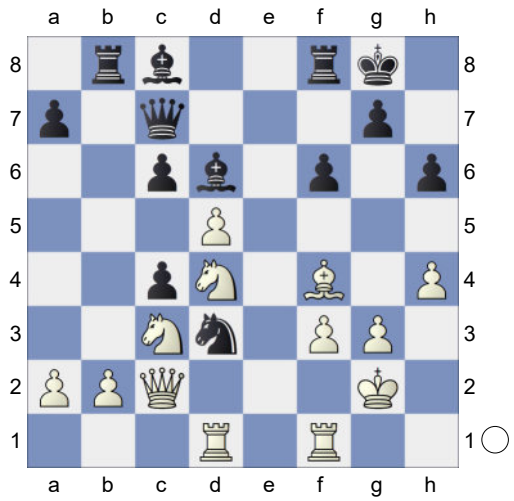
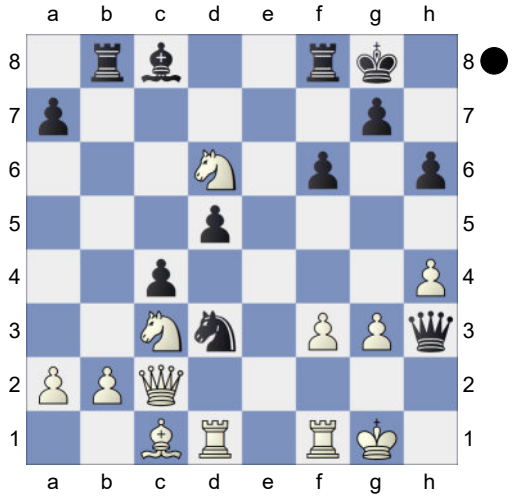
250 **E10**
□ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2699**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
TCh-TUR Super League 2022 (5.2)
[Kitty Kat]*

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 h6N**
[3...c5 4.Nc3 *(4.g3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Bg2 Qc7 7.Qd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 Rd8 10.b3 d6 11.Bb2 Bd7 12.Rac1 Be8 13.Rfd1 Nbd7 14.h3 Rac8 15.g4 Ne5 16.Qe3 Qb8 17.f4 Nc6 18.Nxc6 Bxc6* 0-1 Ollitervo,T (2425)-Visakh,N (2405) Deutsche Schz-5 corr3435 1934*)* 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.g3 Qc7 7.Bg2 Nc6 *(7...Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bf4 d6 10.Nb3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Nh5 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Na4 Bd7 14.Nb6 Rad8 15.Qd2 Be8 16.Qa5 Kh8 17.f4 Ng4 18.Bd2 Ngf6 19.e4 Bc6 20.Rfe1 Ne8 21.Nd5 Qxa5 22.Bxa5* 1-0 Dautov,R (2615)-Lutz,C (2555) 66/458 Nussloch 1996 *)* 8.0-0 Be7 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 d6 11.Rc1 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Bd7 13.Rfd1 Rfd8 14.h3 Rac8 15.e3 Qb8 16.a4 Bc6 17.e4 b5 18.cxb5 1-0 Gheng,J (2576)-Brittner,S (2046) Enghien les Bains 2003 (1)]
4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0
[RR 6...d5 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 c6 9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.Bf4 a5 11.a3 a4 12.Nc3 Qa5 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Rac1 Nb6 17.e4 Bg4 18.Rd3 Rfd8 19.h3 Be6 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Qd1 Le,Q (2729)-Gukesh,D (2776) Saint Louis 2025 0-1 (42)]
7.Qc2 d5 8.h4 -0.14/22
[8.0-0± 0.38/22]
8...Nbd7N
[RR 8...c6 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.e4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Qxe4 c5 13.Bc3 Nf6 14.Qc2 cxd4 15.0-0-0 e5 16.Nxe5 Qc7 17.Bxd4 Be6 18.Kb1 Rad8 19.f4 Qc8 20.Ka1 Rd6 21.Bf3 b5 22.c5 Rfd8 23.Bf2 Mitsis,G (2376)-Zoler,D (2485) Eforie Nord 2025 0-1 (99)]
9.Nc3 dxc4 10.Rd1 c5 11.dxc5 Qc7 12.c6 -0.70/22 **bxc6∓**
[12...Qxc6 13.g4=]
13.0-0 Nd5 14.Nd4 -0.93/21 White is on the road to losing.
[14.Qa4∓ -0.53/22]
14...Rb8 15.Bxd5 -1.87/27
[15.b3∓ -0.71/22 was called for.]
15...exd5-+
[15...cxd5 16.Bf4 Qb6 17.Bxb8 Nxb8 18.e4=]
16.e4 Bc5 17.Bf4 Ne5 18.Kg2 -3.06/21 Wards off Bh3+
[⌓18.Qe2 -1.80/26 f6 19.exd5 cxd5 20.Nxd5]
18...f6 19.f3 Bd6 20.exd5 Black must now prevent Nxc6. **20...Nd3**



Discovered Attack **21.Bc1** -4.01/22
[21.Bxd6 -2.76/23 was forced. Qxd6 22.b3]
21...cxd5
[21...Bxg3 22.dxc6 Be5 *(22...Bxh4 23.Nce2∓)* 23.Nd5∓]

22.Ndb5? -6.40/24
[22.b3 -3.87/22 Qd7 *(22...Bxg3 23.Nxd5 Qd6 24.Qxc4∓)* 23.Rh1]
22...Qd7 (→ ...Qh3+). Black is clearly winning. **23.Nxd6 Qh3+** Deflection **24.Kg1**



And now Nxc8 would win. **24...Qxg3+ 25.Qg2 Qxd6 26.Bxh6 Rf7**
[Worse is 26...Nxb2 27.Qxg7#]
27.Rd2 Bf5 28.Ne2 Re8 White is weak on the light squares **29.Ng3 Qd7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/ Black=0.04 (flawless)
0-1

251 **D10**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2720**
44th Olympiad 2022 (10.4) 08.08.2022
[,TA]*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.f3 A rare idea **5...h5!?** A fifth move novelty from the Indian star!
[A few days earlier Maghsoodloo faced 5...e6 which is the main reply: 6.g4 (OK, White has tried other moves here but this is surely the only way to test Black's set-up) Bg6 7.h4

A) 7...h5 8.g5 Nfd7 9.Nge2 *(9.Bd3?! Bxd3 10.Qxd3 g6 11.Nge2* gave White nothing in Bellahcene, B - Bailet, P Aix-en-Provence 2022, so he offered a draw that was accepted*)* 9...Bd6 10.b3!?N *(*I prefer this to *10.Qb3 Na6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.e4* Galperin, P - Katz, A Merida 2022, which looks too loosening, for example, after *Nb4* White will have to be careful not to just end up with weaknesses galore*)* 10...0-0 11.Bh3 with a tense struggle coming up where White has more space;
B) 7...h6 8.Nge2 *(8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3* (I don't think this exchange works that well once White has committed his kingside pawns) *Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nbd7 11.Nge2* Kozul, Z - Benitah, Y Aix-les-Bains 2011, and now vigorous play is required: *dxc4! 12.Qxc4 Rc8* intending ...b5 with good counterplay in prospect*)* 8...Bd6 9.Qb3 *(9.Nf4!?* is interesting, when Black has to decide if he should capture or not, either way it's 'unclear' *)*
B1) Stockfish suggests 9...dxc4!! 10.Qxc4 *(10.Qxb7 Nd5* with murky play when the queen on b7 would get trapped if it captured on a8 *)* 10...b5⇄;
B2) 9...b6?! 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Nf4!? Bh7 12.Bd2 g5?! (a bit panicky, as now the h-file might become a problem) 13.Nfe2 Qe7 14.hxg5 hxg5 15.Bg2 Na6 16.e4! Maghsoodloo, P - Smirnov, A Chennai 2022, and Black was in

trouble.]

[After 5...Nbd7 White could create some action with 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.g4 Bg6 8.Nh3 with Nf4 in mind. The knight on d7 feels misplaced so I prefer White.]

[Following 5...h6 6.Qb3 in Perlovskiy, V - Polikushin, V Kolomna 2007, Black rather passively retreated his bishop to c8. Instead, Qb6 7.Qxb6 axb6 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 cxd5 10.Bd2 Nc6 looks perfectly fine to me. The inclusion of the 'supplementary pawn moves' f2-f3 and ...h7-h6 shouldn't harm Black's game.]

6.Bd3 A modest enough move, but Maghsoodloo hopes that the daring advance ...h7-h5 will prove to be out of place at a later date. **6...Bxd3 7.Qxd3 e6 8.Nge2 dxc4**

[If 8...Nbd7 then the capture 9.cxd5 Nxd5 would give Black three recaptures, each with its own pluses and minuses. Anyway, with the text move, Harikrishna seems to want to avoid this scenario.]

[RR 8...Nbd7 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.e4 dxe4 11.fxe4 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Qb5+ Ned7 14.Bg5 Qb6 15.e5 Qxb5 16.Nxb5 Nd5 17.Nec3 N7b6 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.0-0-0 a6 20.Rxd5 axb5 21.Rxb5 Rxa2 22.Kb1 Ra7 23.Be3 Chen,Y (2237)-Kuznecova,M (2279) Durres 2025 1-0]

9.Qxc4 Nbd7N

[RR 9...a6 10.Bd2 b5 11.Qb3 Nbd7 12.e4 c5 13.Be3 Qc7 14.0-0 c4 15.Qc2 e5 16.Rad1 Bd6 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nf4 Bc5 19.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 20.Kh1 0-0 21.Ncd5 Nxd5 22.Rxd5 Qe7 23.Nxh5 Nd3 24.Qd2 Trost,E (2442)-Bharath,S (2482) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (80)]

10.e4 There's nothing wrong with gaining ground in the centre. **10...Rc8 11.a4** Clearly a prophylactic move, but is it necessary?

[If instead 11.Be3 any advance with ... b7-b5 might prove to be 'positionally risky' especially as Black has already advanced on the other wing.]

11...Qa5 12.Bd2 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rab1?!

[The engine preference is for 14.Nf4 with a tiny space edge. If then c5 , as it's well-supported, the d-pawn can safely advance: 15.d5!]

[However, the routine move 14.Rfd1 can be happily met by c5 as then 15.d5?! Ne5 suits Black fine, as White's queen is awkwardly placed.]

14...e5?!

[The right break seems to be 14...c5! (creating some problems for White along the a7-g1 diagonal) as again 15.d5?! is well met by Ne5∓]

15.b4! This space-gaining advance seems to ensure that White obtains the easier game. **15...Qc7 16.Be3 Rfd8 17.Rfd1 exd4** The engine is giving 0.00 around here, but I'd still take White (remember that the h-pawn is potentially 'out on a limb' on h5!). **18.Nxd4 Ne5 19.Qe2 Ng6 20.Nf5 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1 Bf8 22.a5** Now there really is a threat of capturing on a7. **22...b6 23.axb6 axb6 24.b5!** A minority attack approach. **24...Ne7 25.Nd4 c5 26.Nde2 Ng6 27.h3** There is no particular hurry, as White has a solid game plus there are certain modest positional features (the d5-outpost, advanced h-pawn and the fixed pawn on b6) that might give prospects of a real advantage down the line. Meantime, Black has plenty of time to commit himself! **27...c4?!** Overplaying

his hand. Maybe Harikrishna simply overlooked White's next move.

[Instead, following 27...Bd6 28.Qc2 h4 Stockfish is happy with Black's chances, but with 29.Bg5 White's game still looks easier to me.]

28.Na4! Oh! Suddenly the b6-pawn is problem. **28...Nd7?!**

[Black should perhaps ditch the weakness with 28...Rd8 intending 29.Qc2 *(the more subtle 29.Qc1! might be best, but even so Rd3 30.Bxb6 Qd7 still looks tricky)* 29...Rd3 30.Bxb6 Qd7 with decent practical chances.]

29.Nec3 Heading for the d5-square! **29...Bc5** Desperately seeking activity, even at the cost of the queenside. The engine dismisses it as bad, but this is a game of chess between two humans. No-one plays perfectly. **30.Bxc5 Nxc5 31.Nd5 Qg3 32.Naxb6 Rb8 33.Nxc4+- Nh4** Time pressure makes even 'easy' wins into 'hard' work, so White has to be vigilant. **34.Nce3**

[Simplest is 34.Qe2 Ne6 35.Qf2 avoiding any potential tricks.]

34...Ne6 35.Ne7+ Kh7 36.N7f5 Qg5 37.Nxh4?!

[The engine gives 37.Kh1! g6 38.f4 but I doubt many grandmasters would go for such a risky-looking idea just before move forty.]

37...Qxe3+ 38.Kh1 g6! The knight is not happy on h4. **39.Qd6?!**

[A better version is 39.Qd7 Kg7 40.Qd6 Rb6 41.Qe5+ (with check!) Kh7 42.Ra1 but even then Black has decent drawing chances. After Qd4 43.Qxd4 Nxd4 44.Ra4 Nxb5 45.Rb4 Rb7 White will have to strive to win a 4 vs. 3 on the same side. Some books claim that a knight endgame with such a pawn disposition is winning, but I wouldn't be so sure. It looks like a classic 50-50 scenario to me, for example, going further with 46.Kg1 Nd6 47.Rxb7 Nxb7 48.Kf2 Kg7 49.Ke3 Kf6 50.f4 Nc5± and I still wouldn't be sure of the most likely result.]

39...Rb6 40.Qe5

[It seems that 40.Qe7 Kg7 41.Qa7 Qd3 42.Qxb6 Qxb1+ 43.Kh2 Qe1 is no longer advantageous either.]

40...Qd3 41.Qa1 Rxb5 42.Rxb5 Qxb5 43.Qf6 Qd7 Now we have 4 vs. 3 with queens as well. This may offer White more winning chances, but only if he can expose the opposing king rather than his own! **44.Kh2 Kg8?!** The first move that comes to mind, as it bolsters the defence of f7, but it turns out that his reduced grip on g6 is a more important issue.

[Better is 44...Nc5!? intending to either shuffle back and forwards or hop to d3.]

45.f4 Nd4? Missing the big point.

[Naturally, 45...Nf8 is more solid.]

46.Nxg6! fxg6 47.Qxg6+ Kf8 48.Qxh5 Four pawns versus a knight is clearly promising, with or without queens. **48...Qd6 49.e5 Qd5 50.Qg6 Ne6 51.h4!? Qc4**

[51...Nxf4?? fails to 52.Qh6+]

52.Qh6+ Ng7 53.h5 Qe2 54.Kh3 Qd3+?

[54...Qf1!± holds back the tide....well, for now.]

55.Kh4+- Qe4 56.g4 Kg8 57.Qf6 Qh1+ 58.Kg5 Qd5 59.Qg6 Kf8 60.Qd6+

1-0

252 **E48**
□ **Giri,Anish** **2760**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
44th Olympiad 2022 (9.3) 07.08.2022
[TA]*

E48: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 including 6 Ne2, but excluding 6 a3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.a3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Be7

[RR 7...Bd6 8.Qe2 Nc6 9.f4 Na5 10.Ba2 b6 11.Nf3 c5 12.0-0 cxd4 13.Nxd4 e5 14.Ndb5 Bb8 15.b4 Nc6 16.Rd1 Qe7 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Bb7 19.Qf3 Rc8 20.Bb2 a6 21.Nc3 b5 22.Ne4 Deac,B (2674)-Maghsoodloo,P (2695) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½ (118)]

8.b4N

[8.Nf3 c5 9.0-0 a6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Bd3 b5 12.e4 Bb7 13.e5 Nfd7 14.Bxh7+ Kxh7 15.Ng5+ Kg6 16.Qd3+ f5 17.Qg3 Qe7 18.Ne2 f4 19.Qd3+ Kxg5 20.Nxf4 Rxf4 21.h4+ Kh5 22.Qh7+ Kg4 1-0 (25) Paravyan,D (2612)-Svane,F (2603) Titled Tue 6th Jun Late blitz 2023 (4)]

[RR 8.Qe2 c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Nf3 Nbd7 11.0-0 a6 12.e4 Ng4 13.e5 Qc7 14.Bf4 b5 15.Bd3 f6 16.exf6 Qxf4 17.Qxe6+ Kh8 18.fxg7+ Kxg7 19.Nd5 Qa4 20.Qe2 Ndf6 21.Nxf6 Nxf6 22.Qe5 Bb6 Deac,B (2674)-Akhmedov,D (2447) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (43)]

[RR 8.Qe2 a6 9.Nf3 b5 10.Ba2 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.0-0 Bb7 13.e4 Nbd7 14.e5 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nh5 16.Rd1 Qc7 17.Ne4 Be7 18.f4 g6 19.Be3 Rad8 20.Rac1 Qb8 21.Nd6 Qa8 22.Rc7 Bxd6 Maghsoodloo,P (2725)-Niemann,H (2703) Ankara 2024 ½-½ (54)]

[RR 8.Qe2 c5 9.dxc5 Nbd7 10.Nf3 Nxc5 11.0-0 a6 12.b4 b5 13.Ba2 Ncd7 14.Bb2 Bb7 15.Rfd1 Qb8 16.Rd4 Rc8 17.Rad1 Nb6 18.h3 Bc6 19.Ng5 Qb7 20.e4 h6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.e5 Nfd5 Dudin,G (2583)-Salem,A (2640) Fujairah 2025 1-0 (54)]

8...b6 9.Nf3 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Bb2 a5 0.41/20

[11...c5= -0.05/17]

12.b5± Bd6 13.Nd2 e5 14.d5 Nc5 15.e4 Nfd7 16.Qc2 Qh4 17.Rae1 Rae8 18.Ne2 Bc8 19.Ng3 g6 Dodges Nf5 **20.Bc1 Nb7 21.Ba2 Kh8 22.Kh1 Bc5 23.Nb3** 0.25/18

[23.f4± 0.83/18]

23...Bd6= 24.Nd2

[24.Qc3 Ndc5 25.Nd2 Na4 26.Qa1]

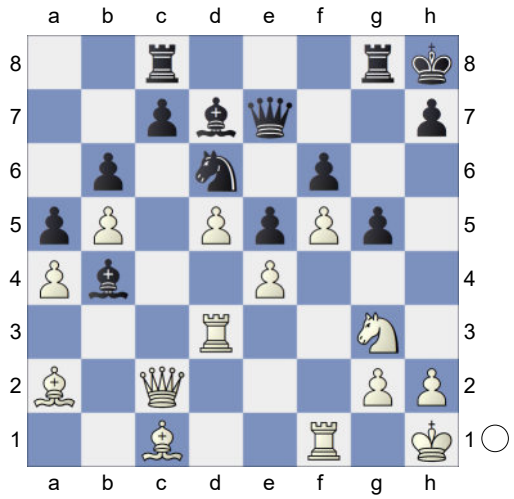
24...Qe7 0.86/16

[24...Bc5!= 0.01/17]

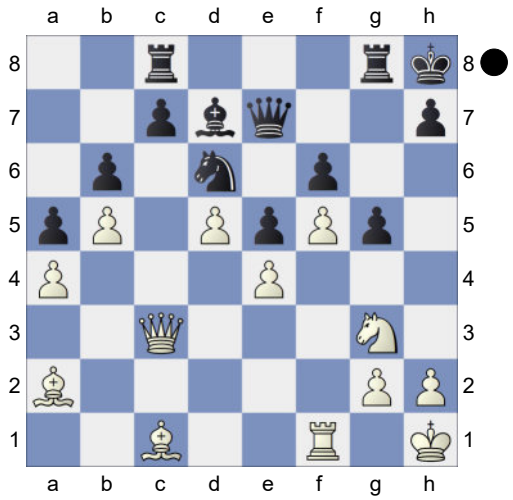
25.Nc4± Bc5 26.f4↑ White has strong initiative. **26...f6 27.f5** White is more active. **27...Nd6 28.a4** 0.67/20

[28.Nxd6± 1.07/17 cxd6 29.Bh6]

28...Rg8 29.Rf3 Bb4 30.Ref1 g5 31.Nb2 Nc5 32.Re3 Bd7 33.Nd3 Nxd3 34.Rxd3 Rc8



35.Rc3 -0.65/20 **Bxc3∓ 36.Qxc3**
(Diagram)



h5 0.01/20 **37.Qd3** -0.90/21
[37.Nxh5= 0.01/20 remains equal. Nxe4 38.Qe3]
37...h4 38.Ne2 Qh7 -0.44/21
[38...Be8∓ -0.91/19]
39.Nc3! g4 40.Nd1 Be8 41.Ne3 g3 -0.01/19
[41...Bh5∓ -0.50/18 was preferable.]
42.h3!= Bh5 43.Bb1 Rg7 44.Ba3 Qh6 45.Bc1 aiming for Ng4!.
[45.Bc2 looks sharper. Qg5 46.Kg1 Rcg8 47.Bd1]
45...Qh7 46.Kg1 Kg8 47.Bc2 Rd8 48.Bd1 Bxd1 49.Nxd1 Qh5 50.Nc3 Kh8 51.Re1 Rdd7 52.Be3 Kh7 53.Qd1 -0.65/23
[53.Nb1= -0.20/21]
53...Qxd1 -0.01/24
[Black should try 53...Qe8∓ -0.65/23]
54.Rxd1 The position is equal. **54...Kg8 55.Kf1 Kf7 56.Ke2 Ke8 57.Kd3 Kd8 58.Rf1 Kc8 59.Bc1 Kb7 60.Nd1 Rg8 61.Ne3 Kc8 62.Nc4 Nf7 63.Be3 Kb7 64.Rc1 Rg7 65.Ke2 Rg8 66.Kf3 Rdd8 67.Ke2 Rd7 68.Kf3 Rdd8 69.Bd2 Rd7 70.Rc3 Rdd8 71.Rc2 Rd7 72.Rc1 Rdd8 73.Ke2 Rd7 74.Kd3 Rdd8 75.Be3 Rd7 76.Rc2 Rg7 77.Bc1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
77...Rg8
½-½

253 **B90**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2783**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
44th Olympiad 2022 (6.3) 03.08.2022
[TA]*

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5N
[6...e6 7.Be3 b5 *(7...h5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.Bc4 Ne5 10.Bb3 b5 11.0-0-0 Bb7 12.Bg5 Qa5 13.Kb1 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Rhe1 Rb8 16.Nf5 exf5 17.e5 Bc8 18.exf6+ Be6 19.fxg7 Bxg7 20.Qxd6 Rxb2+ 21.Kxb2 Qxc3+ 22.Kc1* 1-0 (33) Khalifman,A (2688)-Van Wely,L (2697) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2002 (7)*)* 8.a3 Bb7 9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qe1 0-0 12.Rd1 Rc8 13.Nb3 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Bd3 Qc7 17.Kh1 Ne5 18.Nc1 Nxd3 19.cxd3 Qe5 20.Qd2 Bf6 21.d4 1-0 (36) Lczero (2235)-Pape,J (2412) Chapter 2 (3) (5) Qf5 22.Rf2 Rc7 23.Qb4 Rfc8 24.Kg1 h5 25.Nb3 Bxb3 26.Qxb3 Rd7 27.a4 Rc4 28.axb5 axb5 29.Rfd2 Qd5 30.Qd3 g6 31.Qe4 Kg7 32.Qxd5 Rxd5 33.Kf2 Kf8 34.Ke2 Ke8 35.b3 Rc3 36.Rd3 1-0 Schweitzer,V (2235)-Lagarde,M (2412) Metz op 28th 2010 (5)]
[6...b5 7.a3 Bb7 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Be2 e6 10.Qd2 Be7 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.g4 Nb6 13.g5 Nfd7 14.Kb1 Ne5 15.b3 d5 16.f4 Ned7 17.Na2 dxe4 18.h4

Nd5 19.g6 hxg6 20.h5 g5 21.Rhg1 1-0 (39) Darsith,M (1588)-Mahmoud Youssef,N (1674) Dubai op-B 23rd 2023 (6)]

7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.g4 Be7 10.Qd2 0-0 11.0-0-0 b5 12.g5 b4 13.gxf6 bxc3 14.Qxc3 Nxf6 15.Na5 The position is equal. **15...Rc8 16.Nc6 Qe8 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Qa5 Rc6 19.Rg1 Rfc8 20.Kb1**

[RR 20.Rg2 Bh3 21.Rgd2 Bxf1 22.Rxf1 Qe6 23.Rff2 h6 ½-½ (23) Anand,V (2810)-Grischuk,A (2773) Wijk aan Zee 2011]

[RR 20.Bd3 Qd8 21.Qa3 d5 22.Kb1 Qc7 23.Rd2 dxe4 24.fxe4 Bc4 25.Rdg2 g6 26.h4 Nh5 27.Rf2 Nf4 28.Bxf4 exf4 29.h5 Bxd3 30.Qxd3 Qb6 31.Rgf1 Qb5 32.hxg6 hxg6 33.Qh3 Kf8 34.Qh8+ Ke7 Baziuk,V (2247)-Barwinska,E (2017) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (38)]

20...Nh5

[20...Rxc2 21.Bxa6 R8c6 22.Bb5±]

21.Rg2

[21.Bxa6? Ra8 22.Qb4 *(22.Bb6? Bc4-+)* 22...Rcxa6-+]

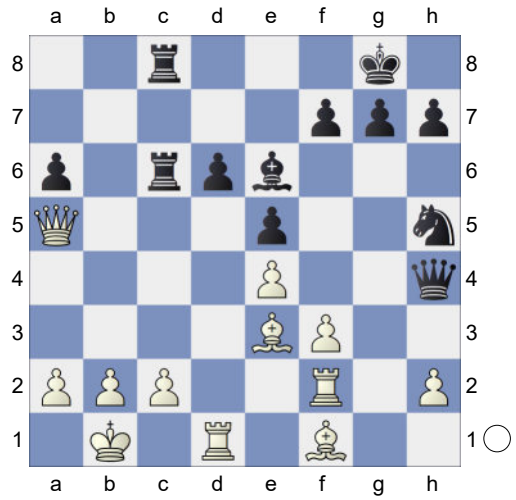
21...Qf6 22.Rf2

[22.Bxa6? Ra8 *(22...Qxf3? 23.Rgd2-+)* 23.Bg5 *(23.Bb6? Bc4-+)* 23...Qg6-+ *(23...Raxa6 24.Qxa6 Rxa6 25.Bxf6∓; 23...Qxf3? 24.Be2-+)*]

22...Qh4N 1.21/20

[22...Nf4= 0.18/20]

[RR 22...Nf4 23.b3 h5 24.Rfd2 Ng6 25.Be2 Nf4 26.Bf1 Ng6 27.Be2 Nf4 28.Bxa6 Ra8 29.Bb6 d5 30.exd5 Bxd5 31.Bd8 Rcxa6 32.Bxf6 Rxa5 33.Bxe5 Ng6 34.Bc3 Rc5 35.Bb4 Rb5 36.Rxd5 Rxb4 37.c4 Vogel,J (2203)-Yakovenko,O (2245) Germany 2023 ½-½ (73)]



23.Rfd2 0.46/22

[23.Bxa6? Ra8 24.a3 *(24.Bb6? Bc4-+)* 24...Rcxa6-+ *(24...Raxa6? 25.Qe1-+)*]

[White should try 23.b4!± 1.21/20]

23...h6± 24.b3 0.19/20

[24.Bxa6? Ra8 25.Rxd6 *(25.Bb6? Bc4-+)* 25...Raxa6 26.Qd8+ Qxd8 27.Rxd8+ Kh7-+]

[24.Rxd6± 0.83/21 Rxd6 25.Rxd6 Qxh2 26.Qd2 *(26.Rxa6? Qxc2+ 27.Ka1 Qd1+)*]

24...Qf6=

[24...Rc3 25.Bg1 Rxf3 26.Bxa6±]

25.Rf2

[25.Bxa6 Ra8 26.Bb6 Bd7∓ *(26...Qxf3 27.Rxd6 Rxd6 28.Rxd6±)*]

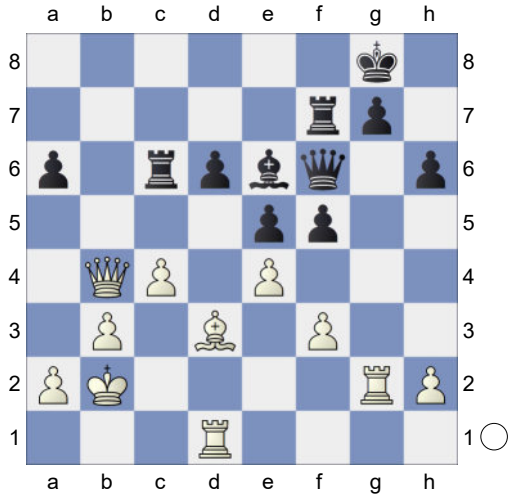
25...Qh4

[RR 25...Kh7 26.c4 Nf4 27.Qb4 Nh3 28.Bxh3 Bxh3 29.Kb2 Qd8 30.Qd2 Rb8 31.f4 Qc7 32.Rg1 Rxc4 33.Rg3 d5 34.f5 d4 35.Bxh6 Rc3 36.Bxg7 Re3 37.Rxe3 dxe3 38.Qxe3 Kxg7 39.f6+ Kf8 40.Qxh3 Ponomariov,R (2699)-Navara,D (2737) Biel 2017 1-0 (39)]

26.Qe1

[26.Bxa6 Ra8 27.Bb6 Rxb6 28.Qxb6 Rxa6 29.Qxa6 Qxf2∓]

26...Nf4 27.c4 f5 0.76/21
[27...Qf6= 0.24/18]
28.Bxf4± Qxf4 29.Bd3! Rf8 0.96/21
[29...Rb8± 0.60/18]
30.Kb2 0.47/18
[30.Qd2± 0.96/21]
30...Qh4± 31.Rg2 Dodges f4 **31...Qf6** 0.83/19
[31...Qxe1± 0.31/21 32.Rxe1 Rf6]
32.Qb4 Rf7 1.55/19
[⌓32...f4 0.80/18]



33.Bc2!± Hoping for Rgd2. White is more active. Black cannot hold the game after this. **33...Qd8?** 3.02/21
[33...Bc8± 1.42/19]
34.Rg6+-
[Not 34.Rgd2 Rd7±]
34...Rf6 35.Rxf6 gxf6 36.exf5 Bxc4 37.Qd2
[37.bxc4 Rb6∓]
37...Qb6 38.Qxh6 d5 7.53/20 Wards off Be4
[38...Kf7 2.37/22 39.Be4 d5]
39.Qg6+ Kf8 40.Rg1 d4 41.Qg7+ Ke8 42.Qh8+? 1.86/5
[42.Be4 9.79/22 Threatening mate with Qh8+. d3 43.Bxc6+ Qxc6 44.Qa7 *(44.bxc4 Qb6+ 45.Kc3 Qd4+ 46.Kd2 Qf2+ 47.Kxd3 Qxf3+ 48.Kc2 Qf2+ 49.Kb3 Qb6+ 50.Ka4 Qc6+ 51.Ka5 Qc5+ 52.Kxa6 Qxc4+ 53.Kb7 Qd5+ 54.Kc7 Qc5+ 55.Kb8 Qb6+ 56.Qb7 Qxg1±)*]
42...Ke7 43.Rg7+
[43.Be4 d3 44.Bxc6 Qf2+ 45.Ka3 *(45.Kc3? Qd4+ 46.Kb4 Bf7+ 47.Ka5 Qc5+ 48.Kxa6 Qxc6+ 49.Ka7 Qc5+ 50.Ka6 Qxg1-+)* 45...Qc5+ 46.b4 Qxc6±]
43...Bf7 and ...Qc5 should not be overlooked **44.Qh5 Rxc2+ 45.Kxc2 d3+?** 6.28/26
[45...Qc5+ 3.78/23 46.Kb1 Qd5]
46.Kd1 White is clearly winning.
46...Qg1+ 47.Rxg1 Bxh5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.71
48.Kd2
1-0

254 **D37**
□ **Andreikin,Dmitry** **2729**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
Titled Tue 12th Jul Early blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]*

D24: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3
1.d4 Navara,David Navara,David **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 7.Nxb5 Nb6 8.Be2** White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Qd2 0-0 11.Rd1 Rb8 12.Nc3 Nb4**
[12...Kh8 13.Qf4 Nb4 14.Ne4 Nc2 15.Rb1 Nd5 16.Qd2 Na3 17.Ra1 Bb4 18.Qg5 Nc2 19.Rb1 Be7 20.Qh5 Na3 21.Nfg5 h6 22.Nxf7+ Rxf7 23.Qxf7 Nxb1 24.Bxc4 Rb4 25.Bb3 Qf8 26.Qg6 Rxb3 27.axb3 1-0 (66) Muchnik,L (2476)-9. ♘xf6+

gxf6 10. ♕e2 (2298) 12/(156) Cande 2011 (10)]

13.Qf4 Bb7 14.Qg4 Kh8 15.Qh5N

[15.Ng5 h6 16.Nh3 N4d5 17.Ne4 f5 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Nxf6 Rxf6 20.Nf4 Qe8 21.h4 Nd5 22.h5 Nxf4 23.Bxf4 Bd6 24.Bxd6 cxd6 25.Bxc4 Rf5 26.d5 Rg5 27.Qxe6 Qxe6 28.dxe6 Rxg2+ 29.Kf1 Rh2 ½-½ (38) Garmash,A (2080)-Lysenko,M (2228) RUS GP Top 28 Rapid (Women) 2022 (4) 30.Ke2 Rf8 31.Rf1 Rf4 32.Bb3 d5 33.Rac1 Re4+ 34.Kd2 Rxe6 35.Rc7 Ba6 36.Rg1 Rxf2+ 37.Kc3 Rf3+ 38.Kb4 ½-½ Stockholm,C (2080)-Martinkova,E (2228) (ol) 26/(162) 1978 (4)]

15...Qe8

[RR 15...Nc2 16.Rb1 Qd7]

[RR 15...Nc2 16.Rb1 Qd7]

16.Ng5 Bxg5 17.Bxg5 f5 18.exf6

[RR 18.Qh3]

[RR 18.Qh3]

18...gxf6

[RR 18...Qxh5

A) RR 19.fxg7+ Kxg7 20.Bxh5 Rf5 21.f4 h6 22.g4 Ra5 23.Be7 *(RR 23.Bh4 Nd3; RR 23.Bh4 Nd3)* 23...N4d5;

B) RR 19.fxg7+ Kxg7 20.Bxh5 Rf5 21.f4 h6 22.g4 Ra5 23.Be7 N4d5;

C) 19.Bxh5 gxf6 20.Bh6 Rfd8]

[RR 18...Qxh5 19.Bxh5 gxf6 20.Bh6 Rfd8]

19.Qxe8 Rbxe8 20.Bf4 A strong pair of Bishops.

[RR 20.Bh6 Rg8 21.g3]

[RR 20.Bh6 Rg8 21.g3]

20...Rc8N 1.24/19

[20...Re7 0.79/18

A) 21.Bg3 Rd8 22.Rac1 Kg7 *(RR 22...Red7)* 23.Nb5 *(RR 23.h3)* 23...Rdd7 *(RR 23...Nxa2 24.Ra1 Bc6 25.Bxc7)*

A1) RR 24.a3 Nc6 25.Bxc4 a6 26.Nxc7 Nxc4 27.Rxc4 e5 28.d5 Rxc7 29.Rdc1 Red7 30.Rc5 *(RR 30.dxc6 Rxc6)* 30...Rc8 31.dxc6 Rxc6 32.Rxc6 Bxc6;

A2) 24.Bxc4 Ba6 *(RR 24...Nxc4 25.Rxc4 Nxa2 26.Nxa7 Bd5 27.Rc5 Nb4)* 25.Bf1 Nxa2 26.Rxc7 *(RR 26.Ra1 Nb4 27.Nxa7 Bxf1 28.Kxf1 c6)* 26...Bxb5 27.Rxd7 Bxd7 28.Ra1 *(RR 28.Bd6 Ba4 29.Ra1 Rd7 30.Bc5 Bb3)*

A2a) RR 28...Nb4 29.Bd6 Nc6 30.Bxe7 Nxe7 31.Rxa7;

A2b) RR 28...Ba4 29.Rxa2 Rd7 30.Ra3 a6 *(RR 30...Rxd4 31.b3)* 31.Bxa6 Rxd4 32.h4 Rb4;

A2c) 28...Bc6 29.Rxa2 Bd5 30.Ra1 Nc4 31.b4 Rb7 32.Bd3 *(RR 32.Bf4)* 32...Nd2

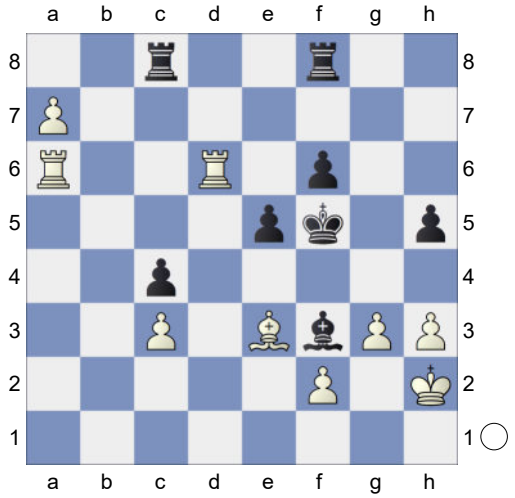
A2c1) RR 33.Bd6 Nb3 *(RR 33...Bc4 34.Bxc4 Nxc4 35.Bc5)* 34.Ra4 Bc6 *(RR 34...Nxd4 35.Bc5 Nb5 36.Ra5 Bc6 37.g4)* 35.Ra3 Nxd4 36.Bc5 Nb5 37.Ra6 Bd5 *(RR 37...Bd7 38.g4)* 38.f3;

A2c2) 33.f3 Nb3 *(RR 33...Bc4 34.Bc2 Bb3 35.Bd3 Bc4 36.Bxc4 Nxc4)*

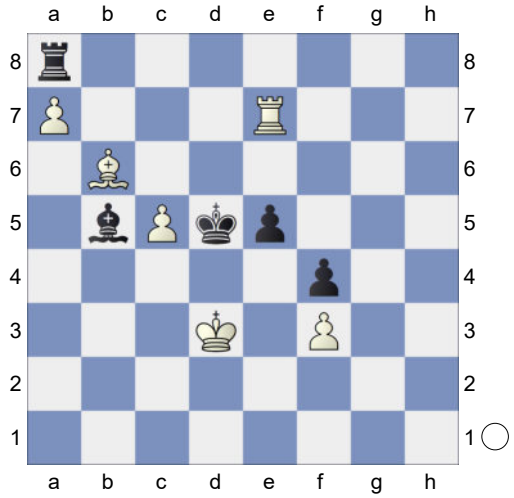
A2c21) RR 34.Ra4 Nxd4 *(RR 34...Bc6 35.Ra6 Bd5 36.Bd6 Nxd4 37.Kf2)* 35.Bf2 Bc6 36.Ra6 Rd7 37.Bf1 *(RR 37.Bxd4 Rxd4 38.Rxa7+*

Kh6 39.Rxh7+ Kg5 40.h4+ Kf4) 37...Bb5 38.Bxb5 Nxb5 39.Rxe6;
A2c22) 34.Ra6 Nxd4 35.Bd6 Navara,D (2667)-Maghsoodloo,P (2715) Prague 2024 CBM 219 [Navara,David] ½-½ (57) RR 35...Nc6 36.b5 Nd4 37.Ra5 Nb3 38.Ra4 e5;
B) RR 21.b3 N6d5 22.Nxd5 Nxd5;
C) RR 21.b3 N6d5 22.Nxd5 Nxd5]
[RR 20...Re7 21.Bg3 Rd8 22.Rac1 Kg7 *(RR 22...Red7)* 23.Nb5 *(RR 23.h3)* 23...Rdd7 *(RR 23...Nxa2 24.Ra1 Bc6 25.Bxc7)*
A) RR 24.a3 Nc6 25.Bxc4 a6 26.Nxc7 Nxc4 27.Rxc4 e5 28.d5 Rxc7 29.Rdc1 Red7 30.Rc5 *(RR 30.dxc6 Rxc6)* 30...Rc8 31.dxc6 Rxc6 32.Rxc6 Bxc6;
B) 24.Bxc4 Ba6 *(RR 24...Nxc4 25.Rxc4 Nxa2 26.Nxa7 Bd5 27.Rc5 Nb4)* 25.Bf1 Nxa2 26.Rxc7 *(RR 26.Ra1 Nb4 27.Nxa7 Bxf1 28.Kxf1 c6)* 26...Bxb5 27.Rxd7 Bxd7 28.Ra1 *(RR 28.Bd6 Ba4 29.Ra1 Rd7 30.Bc5 Bb3)*
B1) RR 28...Nb4 29.Bd6 Nc6 30.Bxe7 Nxe7 31.Rxa7;
B2) RR 28...Ba4 29.Rxa2 Rd7 30.Ra3 a6 *(RR 30...Rxd4 31.b3)* 31.Bxa6 Rxd4 32.h4 Rb4;
B3) 28...Bc6 29.Rxa2 Bd5 30.Ra1 Nc4 31.b4 Rb7 32.Bd3 *(RR 32.Bf4)* 32...Nd2
B3a) RR 33.Bd6 Nb3 *(RR 33...Bc4 34.Bxc4 Nxc4 35.Bc5)* 34.Ra4 Bc6 *(RR 34...Nxd4 35.Bc5 Nb5 36.Ra5 Bc6 37.g4)* 35.Ra3 Nxd4 36.Bc5 Nb5 37.Ra6 Bd5 *(RR 37...Bd7 38.g4)* 38.f3;
B3b) 33.f3 Nb3 *(RR 33...Bc4 34.Bc2 Bb3 35.Bd3 Bc4 36.Bxc4 Nxc4)*
B3b1) RR 34.Ra4 Nxd4 *(RR 34...Bc6 35.Ra6 Bd5 36.Bd6 Nxd4 37.Kf2)* 35.Bf2 Bc6 36.Ra6 Rd7 37.Bf1 *(RR 37.Bxd4 Rxd4 38.Rxa7+ Kh6 39.Rxh7+ Kg5 40.h4+ Kf4)* 37...Bb5 38.Bxb5 Nxb5 39.Rxe6;
B3b2) 34.Ra6 Nxd4 35.Bd6 Navara,D (2667)-Maghsoodloo,P (2715) Prague 2024 CBM 219 [Navara,David] ½-½ (57) RR 35...Nc6 36.b5 Nd4 37.Ra5 Nb3 38.Ra4 e5]
21.Rac1 Rg8 22.g3 N4d5 23.Bd2 Nxc3 24.bxc3 0.56/19
[24.Rxc3± 1.01/18 Rgd8 25.Be3 *(25.Bxc4 Rxd4 26.Bd3 Rcd8∓)*]
24...Bd5± 25.Rb1 c5 26.Be3 Na4 27.Rdc1 Kg7 0.83/19
[27...Rb8± 0.34/20 28.Rxb8 *(28.dxc5 Nxc3 29.Rxb8 Nxe2+ 30.Kf1 Rxb8∓)* 28...Rxb8]
28.Bd1
[RR 28.Rb5 cxd4 29.Bxd4]
[RR 28.Rb5 cxd4 29.Bxd4]
28...cxd4 29.Bxd4 Nb6 1.36/18
[RR 29...Nc5 30.Rb5 Nd3 31.Rcb1]
[RR 29...Nc5 30.Rb5 Nd3 31.Rcb1]
30.a4 0.92/20
[⌓30.Bxb6 1.36/18 axb6 31.Rxb6]
30...Nd7± 31.Bxa7 Ne5 32.Ra1 Nf3+ 33.Bxf3 Bxf3 34.a5 Rgd8 1.38/21
[⌓34...Rc6 0.83/18]

35.Be3 h5 36.a6 e5 1.39/22
[⌓36...h4 0.99/21 37.a7 *(37.gxh4 Kf7±)* 37...h3]
37.a7 Kg6 38.h3 Kf5 1.99/20
[38...Ra8± 1.41/21 39.Ra4 Rd3]
39.Kh2+- Rd3 40.Ra6 Kg6 2.57/21
[40...Ra8 1.93/20 41.Rb1 Rxc3]
41.Rb1 Rdd8 3.40/23
[⌓41...Kg7 2.17/20 42.g4 *(42.Rb8? Rd1-+)* 42...h4]
42.Rbb6 Rf8 43.Rd6 Kf5 3.44/23
[43...Ra8 2.15/22 44.Re6 Kf5]



44.g4+! hxg4 45.Kg3 Ra8 4.75/23
[⌓45...Ke4 2.98/21 46.hxg4 *(46.Rxf6 Rxf6 47.Rxf6 gxh3+-)* 46...Rg8]
46.hxg4+ Bxg4 47.f3 Bh5 48.Kf2 Rf7 49.Rdc6 Rff8 4.60/23
[49...Bg6 3.06/24 50.Rxc4 Re7]
50.Rxc4 Be8 51.Rc7 Rh8? 4.55/22
[51...Rf7 1.91/21 was necessary. 52.Bb6 Rd7 53.Rxd7 Bxd7]
52.Rb6 Rh2+ 53.Kg3 Rh8 54.Rb8 Ba4 55.Rxh8 1.42/23
[55.Rcb7+- 2.75/21 Re8 56.Bc5]
55...Rxh8 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **56.Rb7 Rg8+ 57.Kf2 Ra8 58.Rb8 Bc6 59.Rb6 Bd5 60.Rd6 Bc4 61.Rc6** 1.12/24
[61.Bc5 1.56/24]
61...Bd5± 62.Rc7 Ke6 63.c4 Trapped Piece **63...Kd6 64.Bb6 Bc6 65.Ke3 f5** 1.51/22
[⌓65...Rg8 1.12/20 66.c5+ Kd5]
66.c5+ Kd5 67.Kd3 0.70/19
[67.Rh7± 1.26/22 and Rh6 would now be decisive Kc4 68.f4]
67...f4 1.68/24
[67...e4+± 0.70/19 68.Ke2 *(68.fxe4+ fxe4+ 69.Kc3 Re8±)* 68...exf3+ 69.Kxf3 Re8]
68.Re7 Bb5+



69.Kd2! Bc6 70.Rc7 1.00/22
White is more active.
[⌓70.Kc3 1.44/24]
70...Bb5 1.42/24
[Black should try 70...Re8 1.00/22 71.Kc3 Ba8]
71.Rb7 0.69/21
[71.Rg7± 1.42/24]
71...Bc6!± 72.Rf7 0.13/22
[72.Re7± 0.67/21 Kd4 73.Ke2]
72...Kc4 73.Ke2 Kb5 74.Re7 Rh8 75.Rxe5 Rh2+! 76.Kd3 Ra2 77.Rf5 Ra3+ 78.Kd4 0.02/25
[White should try 78.Ke2± 0.73/25 Ra2+ 79.Kf1]
78...Rxf3= 79.Rf8 Ra3 80.Ke5 f3 81.Kd6 Re3? 9.92/23

[81...Ra2= 0.00/22]
82.a8Q+- Rd3+ 83.Kc7 Bxa8 84.Rxa8 KRB-KR **84...f2 85.Rf8 Rd2 86.Kb7 Rc2 87.Ba7** 5.77/22 **Rb2 88.Bb6?** -0.01/19
[88.Rf5+- 12.72/21 f1Q 89.Rxf1]
Black cannot hold the game after this.
88...Rc2!= 89.Rf5 12.84/19
[⌓89.c6 #18/21
A) 89...f1N 90.Rf5+ *(90.Rxf1 Kc4+-)* 90...Kb4 91.Rxf1 Kc4+- 92.c7 Kd3 93.Rf5 *(93.c8R Rb2+-; 93.c8Q Rxc8 94.Kxc8 Ke4+-)* 93...Rxc7+ 94.Bxc7;
B) 89...Kc4 90.c7 *(90.Rxf2 Rc1+-; 90.Bxf2 Kd5+-)* 90...Kd3 91.Rxf2 *(91.c8R f1Q+-)* 91...Rc4 92.Rf6 *(92.c8R Rg4+-; 92.c8Q Rxc8 93.Kxc8 Ke4 94.Rf6 Ke5 95.Rf3 Ke4 96.Re3+ Kf4)* 92...Rxc7+ 93.Kxc7 *(93.Bxc7 Kc4+-)* 93...Ke4 94.Kd6]
89...Re2 90.c6+ White mates. **90...Kc4 91.Rxf2 Rxf2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.34
92.Bxf2
1-0

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□ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2653**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2716**
TCh-FRA Top 16 Haute 2022 (3.3)
[Fitzsimons,D, TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.d4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 a6 6.Bxd7+ Qxd7!?
An uncommon recapture, but one which Sam has already checked in the archives a couple of times. It's not without merit, as the Queen often ends up on the c-file and Black's light-squared Bishop can reach e6 in one move. **7.Nc3** This is White's most popular continuation.
[7.0-0 1/2-1/2 (59) Zelcic,R (2527)-Bosiocic,M (2625) chess24.com 2020 [Collins,Sam]]
7...e5 8.Qd3
[8.Qb6!? also received a test recently and looks promising. Qc6 9.Nd5 Qxb6 10.Nxb6 Rb8 11.Be3 Nf6 12.Nd2 Be6 13.c4 Be7 14.f3 Nd7 15.Nd5 Bd8 *(15...f5!?⇄* is a more active try for Black.*)* 16.Ke2± I would rate White's chances as slightly higher as his pieces are well-placed to support his advance on the Queenside. g6 17.a4 f5 18.a5 h5 19.b4 Nf6 20.Rhb1 fxe4 1-0 (44) Svane,R (2615)-Cheparinov,I (2667) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021 21.fxe4!± maintains a solid presence for White in the centre and allows him to pursue his Queenside initiative unhindered.]
8...Qc6 9.Nd5 A new move for our site.
[9.0-0 1/2-1/2 (44) Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) -Carlsen,M (2872) London 2019 [Sam Collins]]
[RR 9.0-0 Be6 10.Rd1 Rc8 11.a4 h6 12.Nd2 Nf6 13.Nf1 Be7 14.Ne3 0-0 15.Ncd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Qd7 17.Nf5 Kh8 18.c4 e4 19.Qh3 Nh7 20.b3 Bf6 21.Ra2 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.cxb5 Ng5 Vachier Lagrave,M (2780)-Carlsen,M (2872) London 2019 ½-½ (44)]
9...Be6
[9...f5!?
A) 10.Qb3!? b5 11.exf5 This is ok for Black as long as he avoids the natural recapture. Ne7! *(11...Bxf5? 12.Ne3 Bd7 13.Ng5 Nh6 14.0-0± a5 15.Nd5 Rc8*

16.Re1!? Qxc2?! 17.Qa3!⩱) 12.Nc3! Nxf5 13.0-0 Be7 14.a4 Qc4! 15.axb5 Qxb3 16.cxb3 Bb7⩱;

B) 10.Nd2 Nf6 11.0-0 *(11.f3?! Nxd5 12.exd5 Qc7∓* looks pleasant for Black, with his two Bishops and mobile central majority, □-□ (54) Zarubitski,V (2432)-Sivuk,V (2557) Moscow RUS 2020 *)* 11...fxe4 12.Nxf6+ gxf6 13.Nxe4 f5 14.Nf6+ Kf7 15.Nd5 Rg8!=]

[9...Ne7!? is the engine preference. 10.c4 is met by either f5!?⇄ *(or 10...b5!?⇄)*]

[RR 9...Ne7 10.c4 b5 11.cxb5 axb5 12.Qxb5 Qxb5 13.Nc7+ Kd7 14.Nxb5 Ba6 15.Nc3 Nc6 16.Be3 Nb4 17.0-0-0 Bc4 18.Nxe5+ 1-0 (18) Terry,R (2508)-Kleimenov,N (2198) Chess.com INT 2025]

10.c4 Rc8 11.Nd2N

[RR 11.b3 f5 12.exf5 Bxd5 13.cxd5 Qxc1+ 14.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 15.Ke2 Rxh1 16.Qc4 Be7 17.Qc8+ Kf7 18.Qxb7 h6 19.Qc8 Ra1 20.a4 Ra2+ 21.Ke1 Ra1+ 22.Ke2 Ra2+ 23.Kf1 Ra1+ 24.Ne1 h5 25.h4 Rh6 Terry,R (2508)-Pyrig,R (2414) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (41)]

[RR 11.b3 b5 12.Nd2 Nf6 13.0-0 Be7 14.a4 Bxd5 15.cxd5 Qc2 16.Qxc2 Rxc2 17.axb5 axb5 18.Ra8+ Bd8 19.Rd1 0-0 20.Ba3 Ra2 21.b4 Bb6 22.Ra6 Bd4 23.h3 h5 24.Ra5 Rc8 25.Rc1 Rxc1+ Pastar,S (2361)-Rozen,E (2482) Petrovac 2024 0-1 (33)]

11...f5?! This is less good with the b-pawns still on the board.

[11...b5! 12.b3 f5!? transposes to the previous note. *(12...Nf6 13.0-0 Be7 14.Rd1 Bxd5 15.exd5 Qb7 16.a4±* White has a strong initiative.*)* 13.exf5 bxc4 14.bxc4 Bxd5 15.cxd5 Qb5 16.Qxb5+ axb5 17.Ne4 Rc4 18.f3 Be7 19.0-0 Nf6 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Rb1 0-0 22.Rxb5 e4!⩱ Black should have enough play to draw.]

12.exf5 Bxd5 13.cxd5 Qb5

[13...Qc2!? 14.Qxc2 Rxc2 15.b3 Ne7 16.Nc4 Nxf5 *(16...Nxd5? 17.Bd2±* leaves the Black Rook trapped on c2.*)* 17.Bd2 b5 18.Kd1 Nd4 19.Be3! Rc3 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.Nd2 Rc5 22.a4!± White emerges with some initiative.]

14.Qxb5+ axb5 15.Nf1

[15.Ne4!? is more natural and perhaps more challenging. Rc4 16.f3 Kd7 17.b3! *(17.Bd2 Ne7 18.b3 Rc7 19.Rd1 Nxd5 20.0-0 b4=* looks ok for Black.*)* 17...Rc2! *(17...Rc7?? 18.0-0 Ne7 19.Ba3! Nxf5 20.f4+-* gives White a crushing initiative.*)* 18.Bd2 *(18.0-0 Ne7! 19.Bg5 Nxd5 20.Rfd1 Nf4 21.Bxf4 exf4 22.f6 gxf6 23.Nxf6+ Ke6 24.Nh5 Rg8 25.Nxf4+ Kd7⩱* This isn't easy to judge but it looks like Black has enough play to draw here as well.*)* 18...Ne7 19.Kd1 Rc8 20.a4 Nxd5 21.axb5 Be7 22.Ke2 g6!? 23.fxg6 hxg6⩱ Black is a pawn down but the position is still very unbalanced.]

[15.0-0!? is also possible. Nf6 16.Rd1 Kd7 17.Nf1 Rc5 should give Black enough play as well: 18.Bg5!? Nxd5 19.Be3 Nxe3 20.Nxe3 Be7=]

15...Be7?!

[15...Nf6! looks more precise, immediately attacking d5. 16.Ne3 g6! 17.fxg6 hxg6⩱ It's surprising how much compensation Black has here.

The engine already rates it as 0.00. It's going to be very difficult for White to hang on to the d5-pawn.]

16.Ke2 Bd8 17.Ne3 Bb6 18.a4!?

[18.Bd2!? Ne7 19.Rac1 Kd7 20.a3!? Bxe3 21.fxe3 e4! is very precise, preparing to capture the f5-pawn. White doesn't really have a useful way to improve his position. *(21...Nxd5!? 22.Kf3 h5=* is also fine.*; 21...Nxf5?? 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Rf1 Nh6 24.e4+-)* 22.Ba5 Nxf5 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Rf1 Rc2+! 25.Bd2 Ne7=]

18...Ne7! 19.axb5 Kd7!⩱ Black shows excellent understanding of the position. He is in no hurry to regain the pawns and calmly completes his development.

20.Ra4 Bxe3 Natural, but there is a good alternative.

[20...Rc5! may be even more precise. 21.Rb4 Rhc8 22.Bd2 Nxd5= looks good for Black.]

21.fxe3

[21.Bxe3 Rc2+ 22.Kf3 Rxb2∓ Black takes over the initiative.]

21...Rc2+ 22.Bd2 Nxd5 23.Rb1 h5

[23...Nf6! is even better, clearing the way for the d-pawn. 24.Kd3 Rhc8=]

24.Kd3!?

[24.e4! Nf6 25.Kd3 Rc5 26.b6 Rc6 27.Be3 d5!⩱ gives Black good counterplay.]

24...Rc5

[24...Rhc8! 25.e4!? Nf4+ 26.Bxf4 exf4 27.Ra7 Rxg2 28.Rxb7+ Rc7 29.Rxc7+ Kxc7= Black will hold thanks to his active Rook.]

25.b4 e4+!

[25...Rxb5 26.e4 Nf6⇄ is still ok for Black as we've seen, but the game move is even clearer. 27.Ra5! Rb6! 28.b5 d5!? 29.Ra7! *(29.exd5 Rd6!=* equalises.*)* 29...Nxe4 30.Ba5 Rhh6! 31.Ra8!? Ke7⩱ Black appears to have enough even here, but there is plenty of play left.]

26.Kxe4

[26.Kd4 Rc2 27.Kxd5 Rxd2+ 28.Kxe4 Re8+ 29.Kf3 Re5 30.e4 d5!= Black active Rooks secure an easy draw for him.]

26...Nf6+ 27.Kf4 Rc4+ 28.Kf3 Ne4 29.Be1 Rf8 30.Ke2 Rxf5= Black has played very well and equalised, but the game isn't over yet! **31.Ra5 Rg5 32.Kd3 d5 33.Ra2 Nd6 34.b6 Rc6 35.Bc3 Nb5 36.Ba1 Rxb6 37.Rf1 Nd6 38.Bc3 Ne4 39.Be1 Nd6** Black shows that he's happy to repeat.

[39...Ke6!?= is another good way to play.]

40.Rf8 Rg4 41.h3 Re4 42.Raa8 d4!? A very concrete solution that wasn't really necessary.

[42...Re6 43.Bc3 g6=]

43.Rfd8+ Kc7 44.Bd2!? Showing some ambition.

[44.Rxd6 Rxe3+ 45.Kxd4 Rxe1 46.Rxb6 Kxb6 47.Ra5 g6 48.Rg5 Re6= is an immediate draw.]

44...dxe3 45.Bxe3 Rb5

[45...Ra6!? would have been cleaner, but perhaps Black didn't have time to evaluate the pawn ending correctly: 46.Rxa6 bxa6 47.Rxd6!? *(47.Rh8 Rxb4 48.Rxh5 Rb5=* is probably a better practical choice for White.*)* 47...Rxe3+ 48.Kxe3 Kxd6 However, this is a very good practical chance for Black, as White only has one move that draws! 49.h4!! *(49.Kd4?? h4* removes all of White's reserve tempi and wins the b4-pawn by force: *50.Kc4 Kc6 51.Kc3 Kb5 52.Kb3 g6!! 53.Kc3 Ka4 54.Kc4 g5!*

55.Kc3 Ka3 56.Kc4 Kb2 57.Kd5 Kb3 58.Kc5 Kc3-+) 49...Kd5 50.Kd3 Ke5 51.Ke3=]

46.Bc5! Re6 47.Kc3 Kc6 48.Kb3 The engine wants to sacrifice the exchange on c5 here but that is difficult for a human to voluntarily play!

48...Rg6?

[48...Rxc5!? 49.bxc5 Kxc5 50.Rh8 g6⩱ Black is able to hold this without too much trouble.]

[48...h4!? is another solution. 49.Bxd6 Rxd6 50.Rac8+ Kd5=]

49.Bxd6?

[49.Ra2!± would be good for White as Black's pieces are suddenly uncoordinated.]

49...Rxd6 50.Rac8+ Kd5 51.Ka4!? White goes for his last practical chance to win. **51...Rxd8 52.Rxd8+ Kc6 53.Rd6+!? Kxd6 54.Kxb5** Black has two ways to hold the draw here.

54...Kc7??

[54...h4! 55.Kb6 Kd5 56.Kxb7 Kc4 57.Kc6 Kxb4 58.Kd5 Kc3 59.Ke4 Kd2 60.Kf4 Ke2 61.Kg5 Kf2 62.Kxh4 Kxg2=]

[54...Kd5! 55.h4 Kd4!! Black keeps the b-pawn in his sights. *(55...Ke4?? 56.Kb6+-* wins for White.*)* 56.Kb6 Kc4 57.Kxb7 Kxb4 58.Kc6 Kc4 59.Kd6 Kd4 60.Ke6 Ke4 61.Kf7 Kf4 62.Kxg7 Kg3 63.Kg6 Kxh4!=]

55.g4!!+- The only moves that wins and Black either missed this altogether or miss-evaluated it. **55...hxg4 56.hxg4 Kd7 57.Kb6 Kc8 58.g5** Black will run out of good moves shortly. **58...Kd7**

[58...g6 59.Ka7! Kc7 60.b5 Kc8 61.b6+-]

59.Kb5

[59.Kxb7+-]

59...Kd6 A slightly odd end to the game, so perhaps Black resigned a move earlier and this was the players analysing on the board after the game ended. Obviously, White could have captured the b-pawn on move 59 and won, but even the current position is still winning for White. A very hard fought game. Both sides have many interesting resources in the opening and the positions are unexplored and fascinating.

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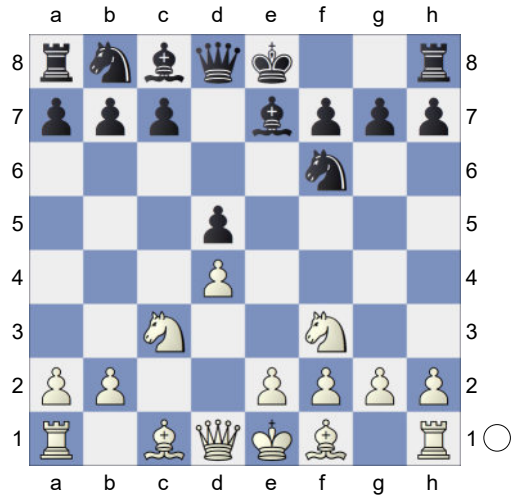
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**

■ **Adams,Michael** **2698**

Bundesliga 2021-22 (10.3) 29.05.2022

[Kapnisis,S, TA]

1.d4 Nigel Davies Kuzmin, Alexey Kuzmin, Alexey **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.cxd5 exd5**



6.Bf4!? Nigel Davies: 'This rare line has been played by Magnus Carlsen in a couple of games. Maghsoodloo has also used it, in both online and over the board games, so Adams would not have been surprised.'A rare line which has gained some attention mainly because Carlsen used it in a couple of cases.

Maghsoodloo has used it in the past, both online and over the board games, so Adams shouldn't have been surprised. **6...c6** Nigel Davies: 'Let's take a look at some plausible alternatives:'

[Nigel Davies: 'a)' 6...0-0 7.e3 c6 *(7...Bf5* Nigel Davies *8.Qb3 Nc6 9.Qxb7 Nb4 10.Rc1 Nc2+ 11.Rxc2 Bxc2 12.Bxc7* gives White more than enough for the sacrificed exchange.*)* 8.Bd3

A) 8...Nh5!? 9.Qc2 Nxf4 10.exf4 g6 11.h4∞ leads to sharp play *(11.0-0* (Nigel Davies) , with active play for the slightly compromised pawn structure. Nigel Davies: 'produces a structure I looked at in my November 2023 update, and a quite pleasant version for White. White's grip on e5 and easy play compensates him for his slightly weakened pawn structure.' *)*;

B) 8...Re8 9.h3 Nbd7 10.Qc2± 0-1 (31) Maghsoodloo,P (2699)-Gokerkan,C (2456) chess.com INT 2022 Nigel Davies: 'was better for White in Maghsoodloo, P (2699) - Gokerkan, C (2456), chess.com INT 2022.']

[Nigel Davies: 'b)' 6...Bd6 Nigel Davies: 'seems more attractive for White after' 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.e3 0-0 9.Qc2± *(9.Bd3* Nigel Davies *Re8 10.h3 Nc6 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Qb3* etc. *)*]

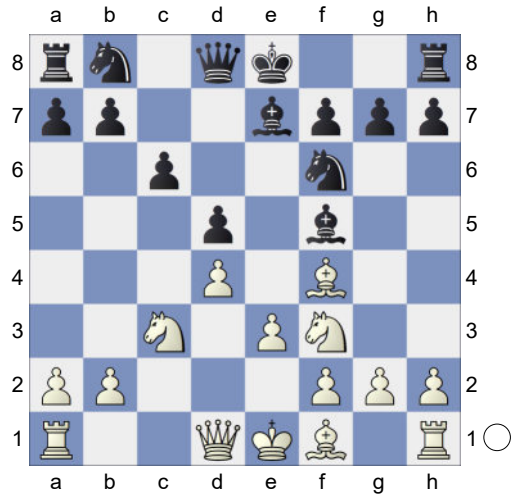
7.e3

[7.Qc2 The Carlsen way g6 8.e3 Bf5 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nbd7 11.h4!? a5 *(11...Nb6 12.Ne5 Qc8 13.0-0-0 Qe6 14.Kb1 Ne4∞* 1/2 (51) Carlsen, M (2863)-Nakamura,H (2736) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 12.Kf1 a4 13.a3 Qb6 14.Qc2 h5 15.Bg5 0-0 16.Ne5 Rfe8∞ 0-1 (58) Carlsen,M (2863)-Aronian,L (2767) Stavanger NOR 2020]

7...Bf5 Black grabs the chance to develop his bishop to f5 before white gets the chance to play Bd3. By the old standards black should be satisfied if he manages to develop his bishop to f5.

[7...Nh5!? 8.h3 Nxf4 9.exf4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bd6 11.g3∞]

[b) 7...Qb6 (Nigel Davies) can be answered by the calm 8.Qc2 , for example Bf5 9.Qxf5 Qxb2 10.Qc8+ Bd8 11.Rb1 Qxc3+ 12.Kd1 Ne4 13.Bg3 leaves b7 under threat.]



Nigel Davies: 'Again let's see the alternatives:' **8.Nh4!** Nigel Davies: 'The key move, which causes problems for Black.' White tries to remove black's bishop from the important b1-h7 diagonal. **8...Bg4** Nigel Davies: 'There are other bishop moves here too, and all of them deserve further study:'

[Nigel Davies: 'a)' 8...Be4 9.Be2

A) 9...h6 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Nf5 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 g6 *(12...0-0? 13.Bd3+-)* 13.Ng3±;

B) 9...Nbd7 10.0-0 *(10.f3 Bg6 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Bg3 0-0 13.0-0*

b5 looks ok for black) 10...0-0

B1) 11.f3!? Bg6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.e4 c5! 14.Kh1 cxd4 15.Qxd4 dxe4 16.Rad1!?∞ *(16.fxe4 Bc5 17.Qd3 Qe7∞)*;

B2) 11.h3 Re8 12.f3 Bg6 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.e4 c5 15.Nb5! cxd4 16.Nc7 Bc5 Nigel Davies: 'was Maghsoodloo, P (2701) - Oparin, G (2654), Toledo ESP 2021, and now' 17.Kh1 *(17.Bd3!?* Nigel Davies: 'was apparently White's best, with slightly the better of it.'*)* 17...dxe4 18.Nxe8 Qxe8 19.fxe4 Ne5⩲ 1-0 (37) Maghsoodloo,P (2701)-Oparin,G (2654) Toledo ESP 2021]

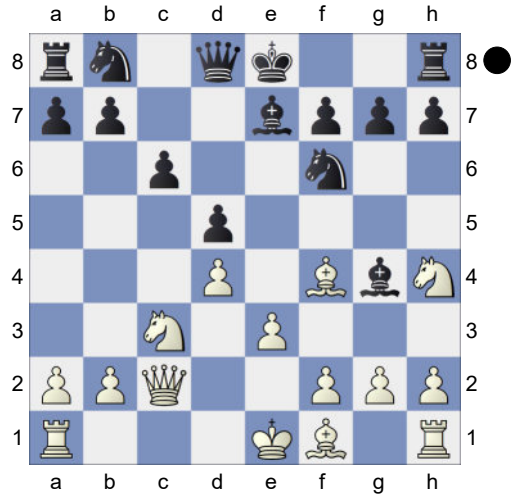
[Nigel Davies: 'b)' 8...Bg6 9.Nxg6 *(9.g4!? Nbd7 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.h4±)* 9...hxg6 10.h4 *(10.Be2* Nigel Davies *Nh5 11.Be5 Nd7 12.0-0 Nhf6 13.Bf4 Nh5 14.Bxh5 Rxh5 15.Rb1* still leaves Black with some problems to solve because of his loss of castling rights.*)* 10...Bd6 11.Qf3 Appears to be quite pleasant for white]

[Nigel Davies: 'c)' 8...Be6 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.h3± *(10.Nf5* (Nigel Davies) gets the bishop pair. *)*]

9.Qc2

[Nigel Davies: 'This is probably White's best, though' 9.Be2 Nigel Davies: 'is also playable as in Davies - Pal.' Bxe2 10.Qxe2 g6 11.Nf3 Nbd7 12.Bh6 Ng4 13.Bf4 Ngf6 14.0-0 0-0 15.h3 Re8∞ 1/2 (74) Yu Yangyi (2751)-Jakovenko, D (2719) Shenzhen CHN 2019]

(Diagram)



9...Nbd7 Kuzmin, Alexey: 'After h3 the bishop will have to retreat on to e6, and the moves Qc2 and h3 are useful for White. That's why if Black does not play 9...Nh5, the manoeuvre 8...Bg4 will lose its sense. In this case playing 8...Be6 outright is more logically.'

[Nigel Davies: 'There is a major alternative in' 9...Nh5 Nigel Davies: ', for example' 10.h3 Be6 *(10...Bc8!?* Might look strange but probably c8 is a better square than e6.*)* 11.Nf3 Nxf4 12.exf4 g6 13.Bd3 Qd6 14.Ne2 *(14.f5!?)* 14...Nd7 15.0-0 Nigel Davies: 'gave White compensation for his weakened pawns in Warmerdam, M (2613)-Michalik, P (2577) Prague CZE 2022.' Nf6?! *(15...0-0-0!* Castling long looks quite risky but probably the queenside is the safest place for the black king. *16.b4 Kb8 17.a4 Nb6∞; 15...0-0 16.f5±)* 16.Ne5± 1-0 (100) Warmerdam,M (2613)-Michalik,P (2577) Prague CZE 2022]

[Nigel Davies: 'Another possibility is' 9...g6 Nigel Davies: 'for example' 10.h3 Be6 11.Bd3 *(11.Nf3* Kuzmin, Alexey *Bf5 12.Qb3 Qb6 13.g4±)* 11...0-0 *(11...Nh5!? 12.Nf3*

Nxf4 13.exf4 Bd6 14.g3∞) 12.Nf3 Kuzmin, Alexey: ' ± ' '±'Kuzmin, Alexey: 'Maghsoodloo,P - Rychagov,A Blitz, Chess.com INT 2022' Nbd7 13.0-0 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Nd4± 0-1 (51) Maghsoodloo,P (2716)-Rychagov,A (2549) chess.com INT 2022 Nigel Davies: 'was better for White at this stage in Maghsoodloo, P (2716) - Rychagov, A (2549), chess.com INT 2022.']

[9...Ne4 Kuzmin, AlexeyUsually such a penetration is not good if Black can not reinforce the knight on e4.

A) 10.h3!? Bxh4?! *(10...Be6±)* 11.hxg4 Bxf2+ 12.Ke2 Bg3 13.Nxe4 Bxf4 14.exf4 dxe4 15.Qxe4+ Qe7 16.Qxe7+ Kxe7 17.Kf3±;

B) 10.Nf3 Nd6 *(10...Qa5±)* 11.Bd3± Smolik,J - Zhou,A Mamaia 2022]

10.h3 Be6

[10...Bh5?! Kuzmin, Alexey 11.Bd3 Bg6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.0-0-0±]

11.Nf3 Nigel Davies: 'With Black's bishop having gone from the f5 square, White has a typical and rather pleasant version of this position type.'White has managed to kick black's bishop out of f5 and can probably claim a small advantage.

[11.Nf5?! Kuzmin, Alexey Nigel Davies: 'seems less convincing after' Bxf5 12.Qxf5 Ne4!⇄ 13.Bd3 Nigel Davies g6 14.Qg4 Ndf6 15.Qe2 0-0 16.0-0 Bd6 , with an easy game for Black now.]

11...Nf8?! Nigel Davies: 'White has a good game after this move, but the alternatives don't look too attractive either:'

[Nigel Davies: 'a)' 11...0-0 12.Ng5± h6 Nigel Davies 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Bd3 gives White a useful pair of bishops.]

[Nigel Davies: 'b)' 11...h6 12.Bd3 0-0 13.0-0 Re8 14.a3± Nigel Davies: 'is a typical QGD Exchange, with White's choice of plans making life difficult for his opponent.']

[11...Nh5

A) 12.Bh2 g6 13.Bd3 0-0 14.0-0 a5! With a typical queen's gambit declined middlegame position *(14...Ng7?! 15.b4! Bxb4 16.Rfb1±)*;

B) 12.Bd3 Nxf4 13.exf4± Nigel Davies: 'would again produce a structure I looked at in my November 2023 update, which looks especially awkward for Black because of his bishop on e6.']

[11...g6 Kuzmin, Alexeyby analogy with the game Maghsoodloo - Kasimdzhanov was better.]

12.Bd3 Ng6 13.Bh2 Nd7N Nigel Davies: 'Black hopes to make Nf3-e5 less attractive for White, whilst potentially bringing the knight to b6 and c4, should White start a minority attack with b2-b4. White seems to be better after other moves too, for example:' A move played in order to make Ne5 less attractive while the black knight is likely neading towards b6 in order to help against a possible minority attack.

[Nigel Davies: 'a)' 13...Bd6 14.Ne5 *(14.0-0-0!?; 14.Ng5* Nigel Davies *Bxh2 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Bxg6+ hxg6 17.Qxg6+ Kf8 18.Rxh2* wins a pawn for quite questionable compensation.*)* 14...Bxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.f4 Qh4+ 17.Qf2 Qxf2+ 18.Kxf2 looks good for white]

[Nigel Davies: 'b)' 13...0-0 14.0-0

Bd6 15.Ne5 Kuzmin, Alexey: '↑' '↑' Nd7 16.f4 Nigel Davies: 'starts a typical Philidor type attack. None of this endears me to Black's position.' f5 17.Kh1 I like white's attacking potential.]

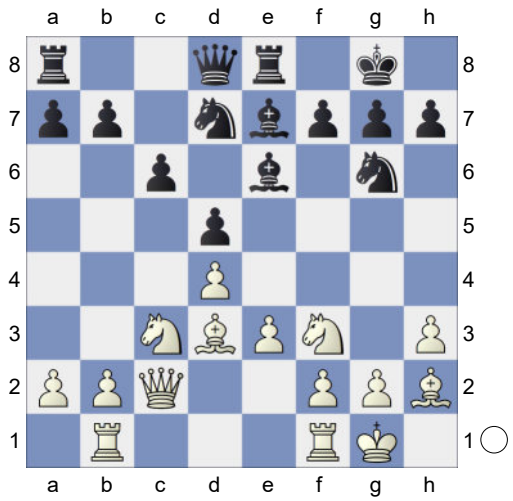
[RR 13...Bd6 14.Ne5 Ne7 15.f4 c5 16.f5 Bc8 17.Nb5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Ne4 19.Bxe4 Qa5+ 20.Qc3 Qxb5 21.Bd3 c4 22.f6 cxd3 23.fxe7 Be6 24.0-0 Rc8 25.Qa3 Qc5 26.Qxd3 Qxe7 27.Qb5+ Qd7 28.Qb4 Melnikov,F (2338)-Rychagov,A (2546) Sochi 2025 0-1 (61)]

14.0-0 0-0 15.Rab1

[15.Ne2!?]

15...Re8

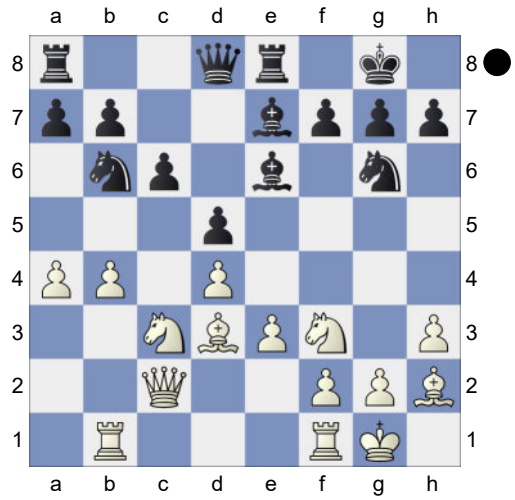
[15...a5 Nigel Davies: 'could be met by' 16.a3 *(16.Na4* (Nigel Davies) , when *Nb6* is good for White after *17.Nc5 .)* 16...Nb6 17.b4? *(17.Ne2 Bd6±)* 17...axb4 18.axb4 Nc4 is fine for black]



16.b4

[16.Nd2!? is a way for white to take advantage of black's Re8. White's threat of f4 is quite annoying. Ngf8 17.f4 *(17.b4!?)* 17...f6 18.b4±]

16...Nb6 17.a4



a6?!

[17...Nc4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 Nigel Davies: 'is unpleasant for Black but might have been his best shot. Now things start to get ugly.' Kuzmin, Alexey: 'was better although White had an advantage in this case too.' 19.Rfd1 is good for white but compared to what happenned in the game black can still fight back.]

18.a5!

[Nigel Davies: 'After' 18.b5? Nigel Davies: 'Black has the typical' cxb5 19.axb5 a5∞ Nigel Davies: ', with good counterplay.'Black is fine and the transfer of his knight to b6 makes perfect sense.]

18...Nc8

[18...Nc4 Nigel Davies: 'would be met by' 19.Bxc4 dxc4 20.Na4± Nigel Davies: ', though this might have been Black's best try.']

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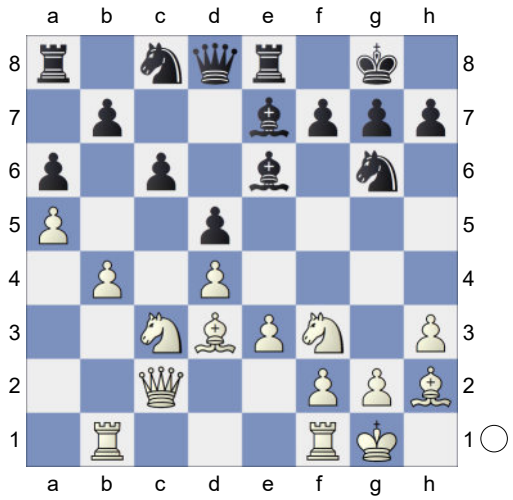


19.Na4 Nigel Davies: 'A logical follow up to White's earlier play.'Although white's move is perfectly logical and gives white a substantial advantage there was a more concreet way to play.

[Nigel Davies: 'Yet there was also a nice tactical shot with' 19.b5! Kuzmin, Alexey: '!?' '!?' Nigel Davies: 'after which'Was a nice tactical shot to achieve the necessary breakthrough in the queenside. Nigel Davies: 'Or' 19...Qxa5 *(19...cxb5?! 20.Nxb5 axb5 21.Bc7 Qd7 22.Bxb5+- Bf5* Nigel Davies *23.Bxd7 Bxc2 24.Rb2* is simply winning for White.*; 19...axb5 20.Nxb5!* Kuzmin, Alexey: ' ± ' '±' *Nd6 21.Nxd6 Bxd6 22.Bxd6 Qxd6 23.Rxb7 Rxa5 24.Rc1+-* Nigel Davies: ', and Black will struggle to defend his c6 pawn.'*)* 20.bxc6 bxc6 21.Na4+- Nigel Davies: 'threatening Qxc6 for starters.']

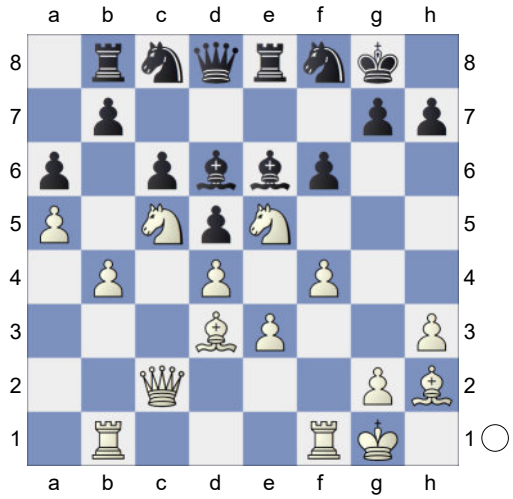
19...Bd6

[19...Nd6 Nigel Davies: 'would be met by' 20.Ne5± *(20.Nc5* (Nigel Davies) , which is also very good for White. *)*]

20.Ne5 Kuzmin, Alexey: '±' '±' Kuzmin, Alexey: 'White has a huge advantage.' **20...Nf8** Nigel Davies: 'Preparing to play the logical ...f7-f6, but even this won't solve Black's problems.' Black tries to prepare f6 in order to kick white's knight out of e5 but this will not be enough to ease black's problems.

21.Nc5 Rb8 22.Kh1

[Nigel Davies: 'There was a case for the immediate' 22.f4!? Nigel Davies: 'for example' f6



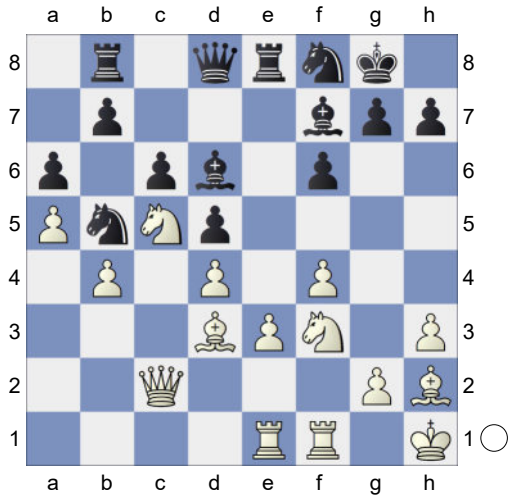
23.Bxa6! fxe5 Nigel Davies: 'is met by' *(23...Bxc5 24.bxc5 fxe5 25.f5 Bd7 26.dxe5+-* Nigel Davies: ', and Black has no answer to White's powerful pawn phalanx.'*;* Nigel Davies: 'and' *23...bxa6* Nigel Davies: 'by' *24.Nxc6 Qc7 25.Nxa6+-* Nigel Davies: ', both of which are winning for White.'*)* 24.Nxb7 Qc7 25.Nxd6 *(25.fxe5* Nigel Davies*)* 25...Nxd6 26.f5±]

22...Na7?! Nigel Davies: 'Bringing the knight back to b5 should not have been Black's priority, but perhaps he underestimated the speed with White White's kingside play would develop.' Black should have kicked white's knight out of e5 before white gets the chance to play f4. Transfering black's knight to b5 shouldn't have been black's priority.

[Nigel Davies: 'He had to kick back White's knights with' 22...f6

Nigel Davies: 'after which' 23.Nxa6!? *(23.Nf3 Bf7±* Nigel Davies: 'gives Black a stable if inferior position.'*)* 23...fxe5 24.Nxb8 e4 Nigel Davies: 'is just rather murky.' 25.Be2 Bxh2 26.Kxh2 Qc7+ 27.Kg1 Qxb8 28.b5±]

23.f4 f6 24.Nf3 Bf7 25.Rbe1 Nb5



26.g4!+- Nigel Davies: '!' Nigel Davies: 'This simple kingside advance is impossible to meet because Black has no counterplay.' White's space advantage is enormous and makes it difficult for black to find squares for his pieces. Black has no counterplay and simply waits for white's final attack in the kingside in order to react. **26...Na3**

[26...Bxc5 27.dxc5 Nigel Davies: 'would not change anything.' Doesn't change much]

27.Qc1 Nc4

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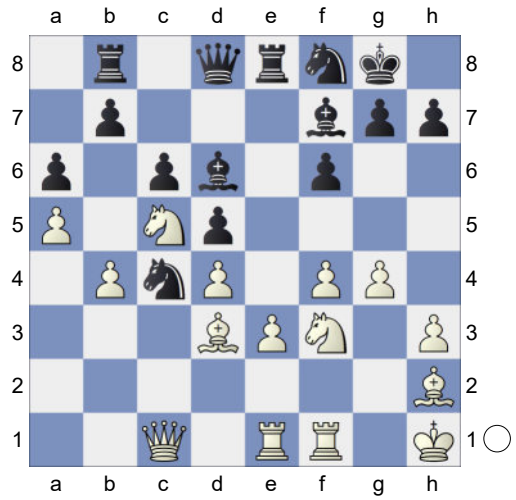

Nigel Davies: 'Under normal circumstances this would be a great idea, but here it gives White the chance to push through with e3-e4.'Regrouping Nb5 to c4 is hardly better for black since white gets the chance to play e4 **28.e4! Ne6**

[Nigel Davies: 'After' 28...dxe4 Nigel Davies: 'there follows' 29.Bxc4 exf3 30.Bxf7+ Kxf7 31.Qc4+ is game over Kg6 Nigel Davies 32.f5+ Kh6 33.Rxe8 Qxe8 34.Bxd6 etc.]

[28...b6 29.axb6 Qxb6 30.f5+-]

29.Nxe6

[29.e5!? Nigel Davies: 'would have been less convincing because of' Bxc5 Nigel Davies 30.dxc5 fxe5 31.Nxe5 Nxe5 32.Rxe5 Rc8 . Even this is good for White but not as convincing as the game.]

29...Rxe6

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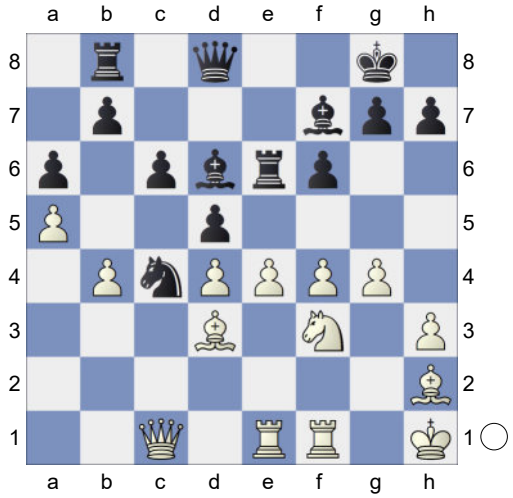
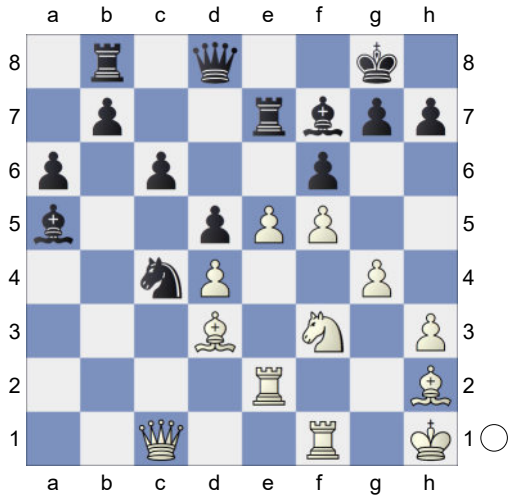


30.e5! Nigel Davies: 'White correctly pushes his pawns in the kingside creating serious threats and pays no attention to what happens in the queenside.' White correctly pushes his pawns in the kingside creating serious threats and pays no attention to what happens in the queenside. **30...Bxb4 31.f5 Re7 32.Re2 Bxa5**



33.g5 Nigel Davies: 'One of several good moves.' White pawns dominate the kingside and the end is a matter of time.

[33.e6+- Nigel Davies: 'was also winning for White.']

33...fxe5 34.dxe5 Bh5 35.e6 Bc7 36.f6 Bxh2 37.fxe7 Qxe7 38.Kxh2 Rf8 39.Kg2
1-0

257 **C50**
□ **Giri,Anish** **2773**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2699**
Chess.com Rapid Wk8 Swiss (7) 2.4.22
[Kitty Kat]*

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3

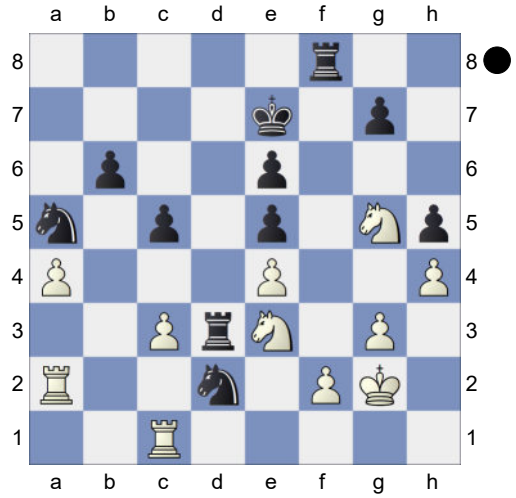
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.0-0 d6 6.c3N

[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.Nc3 *(13.h3 Ne2+ 14.Qxe2 Bxe2 15.Ne6 Bb6 16.Nc3 Bxf1 17.Kxf1 gxf2 18.Na4 Kd7 19.Nxb6+ axb6 20.Kxf2 b5 21.Bb3 Rag8 22.Nxc7 Kxc7 23.Bxg8 Rxg8 24.g4 d5 25.Kf3 Kd6* Chapter E5-Sidelines 2023*)* 13...Nf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxf3 0-1 Bernstein,O-Jakobsen,O New York New York USA]

[6.a4 a6 *(6...Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.c3 a5 9.Re1 Qd7 10.Nbd2 g5 11.g4 Nxg4 12.hxg4 Qxg4+ 13.Kf1 Qh3+ 14.Ke2 g4 15.Ng5 Qh4 16.d4 exd4 17.f4 gxf3+ 18.Ndxf3 Ne5 19.Bxf7+ Nxf7 20.cxd4 Nxg5 21.Bxg5* 0-1 (25) Noetzel,F-Sitnikov,D (ch) 7/283 Bulgaria 1969*)* 7.c3 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 0-1 (40) Maghsoodloo,P (2702)-Duda,J (2732) World-chT Rapid 2023 (11)]

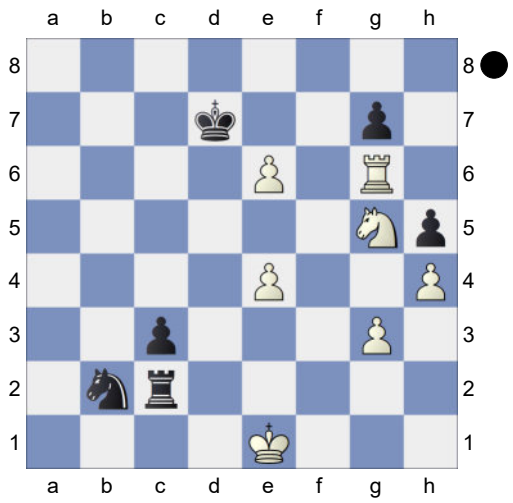
6...a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 h6 The position is equal. **9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Bb5 Nd7**

11.Nf1 d5
[RR 11...f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Ng3 Qf6 14.Nxf5 Qxf5 15.d4 exd4 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.cxd4 Bb6 18.Be3 Qd5 19.Nh2 Rae8 20.a3 Re6 21.Rc1 Rg6 22.g3 Nf6 23.Qc2 Ne4 24.Qc4 h5 25.b4 a4 26.h4 Giri,A (2761)-Azarov,S (2588) Chess.com INT 2022 ½-½ (105)]
12.Be3 Bd6N
[RR 12...dxe4 13.dxe4 Qf6 14.Qe2 Rfd8 15.Red1 Bf8 16.Ng3 Nc5 17.Bxc6 Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 bxc6 19.Nh5 Qe7 20.Nxe5 Bxa2 21.Bd4 Ne6 22.Nxc6 Qe8 23.Ne5 Nxd4 24.cxd4 c5 25.Ng4 Kh8 26.d5 f5 27.Ne3 So,W (2760)-Deac,B (2700) Chess.com INT 2022 ½-½ (47)]
[RR 12...dxe4 13.dxe4 Qe7 14.Qe2 Rfd8 15.Red1 a4 16.Qc2 a3 17.b4 Bd6 18.N1d2 Nb6 19.Bxb6 cxb6 20.Bc4 Rdc8 21.Qd3 Nd8 22.Bxe6 Qxe6 23.Nf1 Bf8 24.Ne3 f6 25.Nd5 Nf7 26.Nd2 Ra6 27.Rab1 So,W (2776)-Radjabov,T (2753) Stavanger 2022 1-0 (38)]
[RR 12...dxe4 13.dxe4 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 Nc5 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nd5 Qg6 17.Bxc6 Kh8 18.Nxe5 Qh5 19.Nf3 Bxh3 20.Nf4 Qg4 21.Nxh3 bxc6 22.Ne5 1-0 (22) Saydaliev,S (2461)-Zhou,Y (2101) Chess.com INT 2025]
13.Ng3! dxe4 14.dxe4 Qf6 15.Qe2 Rfd8 16.Bc4 Ne7 17.a4 Bxc4 0.43/20
[17...b6= 0.01/18]
18.Qxc4± Qe6 19.Qxe6 fxe6 20.Nf1 Nc6 21.N1d2 Bc5 22.Nc4 Bxe3 23.Rxe3 Kf7 24.Kf1 Kf6 25.Nh2 h5 26.h4 Nc5 27.Nf3 Rd7
[27...Rd3 28.Rxd3 Nxd3 29.Nfd2 Nc5]
28.g3
[28.Ke2 is more complex. Rad8 29.g3 Ke7 30.Ng5]
28...Rad8
[28...Rd3 29.Rxd3 Nxd3 30.Nfd2 Nc5]
29.Ree1 0.01/24
[29.Ke2± 0.50/23]
29...Rd3
[29...b6 simplifies 30.Ra3 Rd1 31.Ng5 Rxe1+ 32.Kxe1 Nd3+]
30.Kg2 b6 31.Ng5 Nb3 32.Ra3 Nd2 33.Ne3 -0.51/22
[33.Nxd2!= 0.01/23 Rxd2 34.Re3]
33...Nb8∓ 34.Raa1 Na6! 35.Nh7+ Ke7 36.Ng5 Nc5 37.b4? -2.00/23
[37.Re2∓ -0.46/20]
37...Ncb3-+
[37...Ncxe4 38.Nxe4 Nxe4 39.Nc4 Nxc3 40.bxa5±]
38.Ra3 -2.49/20
[38.Ra2 -1.89/20 was worth a try.]
38...c5? -0.98/23
[38...Rxc3-+ -2.49/20 39.bxa5 bxa5]
39.bxa5∓ Nxa5 40.Rc1 Rf8 -0.56/22
[40...Nac4∓ -1.12/23 41.Nxc4 Nxc4]
41.Ra2∓



Ndc4 -0.01/24
[Black should try 41...Ra8!∓ -0.79/21]
42.Nxc4= Nxc4 43.Kg1 -1.24/23
[43.a5!= -0.01/23 remains equal.

Nxa5 *(43...bxa5 44.Ra4∓* Deflection *)* 44.Rb1]
43...Ra8 44.Kf1 b5 45.Ke2 Dodges Rd2+ **45...Rxa4** 0.33/22 Black is more active.
[45...Rd7∓ -1.06/26 46.a5 *(46.Rca1 Rda7∓)* 46...Rda7 *(46...Rxa5 47.Rxa5 Nxa5 48.Rb1∓; 46...Nxa5 47.Rb1±)*]
46.Rxa4± Rd2+ 47.Ke1! bxa4 Endgame KRN-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **48.Ra1 Rc2! 49.Rxa4 Rxc3** 0.88/23
[49...Nb2± 0.51/23 feels stronger. 50.Ra7+ Deflection Ke8]
50.Ra7+± Kd6 51.Ra6+ Kd7 52.Rxe6 0.01/23
[52.Nxe6± 1.21/21 Na5 53.Nxg7]
52...Rc2= 53.Rg6 Nb2! 54.f4 c4 55.fxe5 c3 Strongly threatening ...Nd3+. **56.e6+?** -3.81/22
[56.Rxg7+ Kc8 *(56...Kc6 57.Ne6∓)* 57.Nf7 Nd3+ 58.Kf1 Rf2+ 59.Kg1 c2 60.Nd6+ Kd8 61.Nb7+ Ke8 62.Nd6+ Kf8-+ *(62...Kd8? 63.Nb7+ Ke8 64.Nd6+ Kf8 65.Rc7-+)*]
[56.Rd6+= -0.01/21 and White has nothing to worry. Ke7 57.Re6+ Kf8 58.Kf1]



56...Ke8!-+ (-> ...Nd3+) **57.Rxg7 Nd3+ 58.Kf1 Rf2+ 59.Kg1** aiming for Rc7. **59...c2 60.Rg8+?** -11.95/25
[60.Rc7 -3.62/23 Rd2 *(60...c1B?* perishes. *61.Rxc1* Deflection *Nxc1 62.Kxf2+-)* 61.Nh7]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
60...Rf8
0-1

258 **D36**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2781**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2699**
Chess.com Rapid Wk8 Swiss (1) 2.4.22
[Kitty Kat]*

D36: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation: Main line (5 Bg5 c6 6 Qc2)
1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.Qc2 h6 7.Bh4 Be6 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Bd3 The position is equal.
[RR 9.f3 c5 10.Bd3 Rc8 11.Nge2 Bd6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Kh1 Qb6 14.Qd2 cxd4 15.exd4 Rfe8 16.Rad1 a6 17.Bb1 Qc7 18.f4 Bg4 19.Rc1 Qa5 20.Ng3 Nh5 21.Nxh5 Bxh5 22.Bf5 Rc7 23.Rce1 Rxe1 Carlsen,M (2853)-Abdusattorov,N (2731) Stavanger 2023 1-0 (34)]
9...c5N 0.62/18
[Black should try 9...g5= 0.00/17 10.Bg3 Nh5
A) 11.Nf3 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Qf6 *(12...Bg7 13.Rb1 Qe7 14.b4 Rc8* D 36/01 2003*)* 13.0-0 0-0-0 14.a4 Kb8 15.a5 a6 16.b4 Rc8 17.Rfb1 Bg7 18.Rb3 Rc7 19.Rab1 h5 20.b5 axb5 21.Bxb5 cxb5 22.Qb2 Qg6 23.e4 dxe4 24.Rxb5 Kc8 25.Rxb7 1-0 Larsen,

B (1520)-Ilic,D (2061) 9/392 Praha 1970;
B) 11.Nge2 Nxg3 12.Nxg3 h5 *(12...Nf6 13.Rb1 h5 14.Nf5 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Qxe4 Qf6 17.d5 cxd5 18.Qa4+ Bd7 19.Qd4 Qxd4 20.Nxd4 Bb4 21.Ke2 Bxc3 22.bxc3 b6 23.Nb5 Ke7 24.Nc7 Rac8 25.Nxd5+ Ke6 26.Rhd1 Rc5 27.e4* ½-½ (60) Gligoric Taimanov Variation,W (2441)-Dimitrijevic,N (2453) corr BFM- 055 1998 (8)*)* 13.a3 *(13.0-0-0 h4 14.Nge2 Qe7 15.Kb1 Nb6 16.Rc1 0-0-0 17.Na4 Nxa4 18.Qxa4 Kb8 19.Rc3 Qf6 20.f4 Bd6 21.Rf1 Rhe8 22.Qd1 Bc8 23.Bc2 Bg4 24.h3 Bxe2 25.Qxe2 gxf4 26.Qf2 Re7 27.exf4 Rde8* 0-1 (48) Cvitan,E (2259)-Injac,T (2425) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (3.19) *)* 13...h4 14.Nf5 Qf6 15.0-0-0 0-0-0 16.Nb5 Kb8 17.Nbd6 Nb6 18.e4 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Qxf5 20.Nc5 Qf4+ 21.Kb1 Rxd4 22.g3 Qe5 23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.Rhe1 Qf6 25.Qc3 Bg7 0-1 (31) Gavriel,A (1296)-Weber,Y (1628) Rishon le Zion-ch U18 2023 (5)]

[RR 9...g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Nge2 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Nb6 13.0-0-0 Qe7 14.Kb1 0-0-0 15.Na4 Nxa4 16.Qxa4 Kb8 17.Rc1 Qf6 18.Rhf1 Bd6 19.Rc3 Rc8 20.b4 Qe7 21.Rb3 h5 22.Rc1 h4 23.gxh4 Rxh4 24.Ka1 Tudor,H (2261)-Gales,R (1953) Mamaia 2023 1-0 (45)]

[RR 9...g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Nge2 Nxg3 12.Nxg3 h5 13.h4 gxh4 14.Nf5 Qa5 15.Rxh4 0-0-0 16.Kf1 Kb8 17.Rb1 Nf6 18.b4 Qc7 19.Na4 Ne4 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Ng3 f5 22.Ne2 Be7 23.Rh1 Bd6 24.Nc5 Naroditsky,D (2619)-Szpar,M (2490) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (41)]

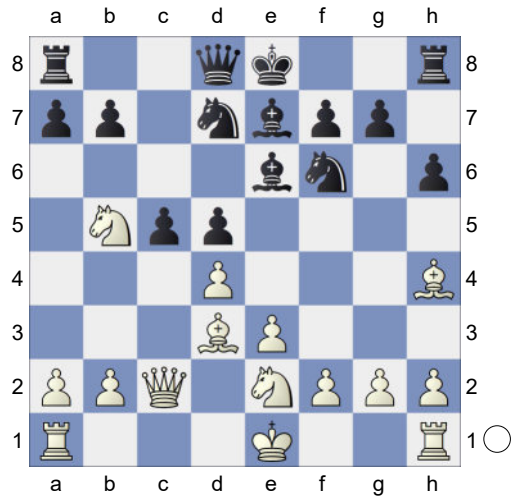
[RR 9...g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Nge2 Nxg3 12.Nxg3 h5 13.h3 h4 14.Nf5 Rg8 15.f3 a6 16.0-0 c5 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.Kh1 Rc8 19.Rad1 b5 20.Qe2 Kf8 21.f4 Ba7 22.Qh5 Nc5 23.Qh6+ Ke8 24.Ng7+ Caruana,F (2794)-Szpar,M (2485) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0]

[RR 9...g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Nge2 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Qf6 13.a3 Nb6 14.Na4 Nxa4 15.Qxa4 Bd6 16.Rc1 a6 17.Qb3 Qe7 18.Qc2 Qf6 19.Nc3 Rc8 20.Na4 Rc7 21.Qe2 Kf8 22.Nc5 Bc8 23.Qf3 Kg7 24.Qxf6+ Hoang,T (2263)-Pham,L (2348) Tashkent 2016 ½-½ (33)]

10.Nge2 Bd6 0.86/17

[10...c4!± 0.39/17]

11.Nb5± Be7



12.Bg3 0.28/18

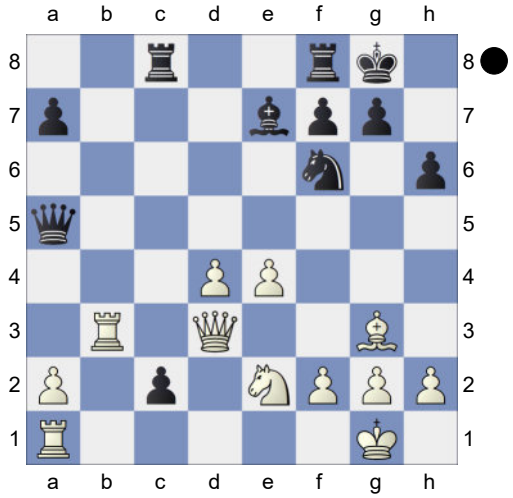
[12.dxc5!± 1.00/18 and 0-0 should not be overlooked Qa5+ 13.Nbc3]

12...0-0= 13.0-0 c4 14.Bf5 Qb6 15.Nc7 Bxf5 16.Qxf5 Rac8 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Nf6 19.Qf3 Qxb2 20.Rfb1 0.21/19

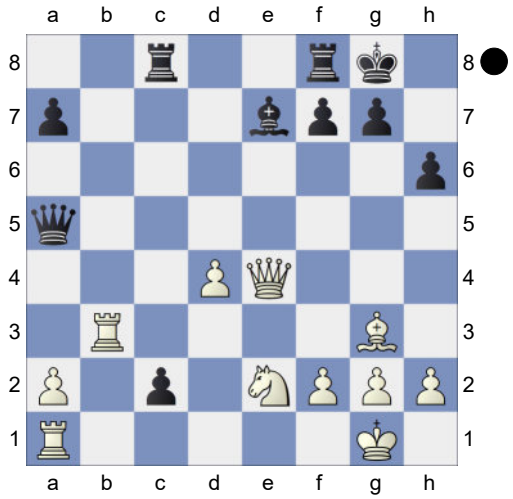
[20.Rab1!± 0.68/19 Qa3 21.Qxb7 *(21.Rxb7 c3±)*]

20...Qa3 21.Rxb7 -0.03/19

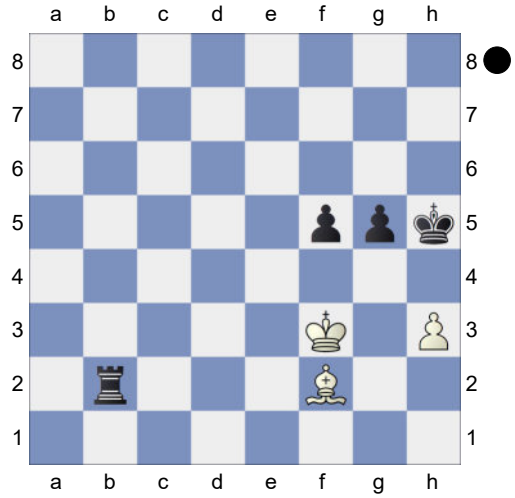
[21.Qxb7± 0.55/18 Rfe8 22.Qb5]
21...c3 22.Rb3 -0.38/20
[22.Rc1= -0.01/18]
22...Qa5∓ 23.e4 c2 24.Qd3 -1.36/20
[24.h4= -0.29/18 keeps the balance.]



24...Nxe4!→ Black wants a kill. Black has more active pieces. Loses the game.
25.Qxe4 -4.97/21
[25.Bf4∓ -1.42/19 Nf6 26.Bd2]



25...Qxa2!-+ Double Attack **26.Rf1 Qxb3 27.Qxe7 Rfe8 28.Qd7 Qc4 29.Nc1 Rcd8 30.Qxa7** -11.21/23
[⌓30.Qc7 -5.15/21 Rxd4 *(30...Qxc7? 31.Bxc7 Rxd4 32.g3-+)* 31.Qxc4 Rxc4 32.h3]
30...Rxd4 (-> ...Qxf1+!)
[Weaker is 30...Qxd4 31.Qxd4 Rxd4 32.f3∓]
31.f4 Rd1 32.Qf2 Red8 33.Qe2 Rxf1+ Remove Defender **34.Kxf1 Rd1+ 35.Kf2 Qxe2+ 36.Kxe2 Rxc1** Endgame KR-KB **37.Kd2 Rg1 38.Kxc2 Rxg2+ 39.Kd3 f5 40.Ke3 Kf7 41.Kf3 Ra2 42.Bf2 Ra4** -6.05/26
[⌓42...Rxf2+ -12.67/29 43.Kxf2 Ke6]
43.Be3 Kg6 44.h3 Kh5 45.Bf2 Ra3+ 46.Kg2 g5 White must now prevent ... Ra2. **47.fxg5 hxg5** (-> ...Ra2) **48.Bc5 Rb3 49.Bf2 Rb2** Black mates. **50.Kf3**



Rxf2+! 51.Kxf2 Kh4 52.Kg2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/Black=0.39
52...f4
0-1

259 **C07**
□ **Kovalev,Vladislav** **2623**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
Chess.com Rapid Wk7 Swiss (8) 26.3.22
[John Watson]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5 Qxd5
[6...Nxd5 is seen in this month's

game Matlakov-Jumabayev.]

7.Nb5 Na6

[7...Qd8 was successful in the Archives game Vachier Lagrave-Caruana and hasn't been refuted at all, but hasn't been terribly popular since. Black's counterchances tend to be more limited than after 7...Na6.]

8.Nc3 Qd8

[The almost equally popular 8...Qd6 is seen in Draskovic-Meier and other Archives games. Kovalev himself tried 9.a3 (White's most successful move) Bd7 10.Nc4 Qxd1+ 11.Nxd1 Nc5 12.Nc3 Na4 13.Nxa4 Bxa4 14.b3 Bd7!? *(14...Bc6=; 14...Bb5 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.Bxb5+ Ke7=)* 15.Bb2 0-0-0 16.Bd3 Nd5 17.0-0-0 f6 18.Be4⩲ Kovalev,V (2655)-Nisipeanu,L (2672) Dortmund 2018]

9.a3 Bd7 This is playable, but reduces control over d6 and I don't think it equalizes.

[a) 9...Be7 is more commonly played, when one example is 10.Qf3 Nc7 11.Bd3 Ncd5 12.Nxd5 *(12.Nde4!?)* 12...exd5 *(12...Qxd5 13.Ne4 Bd7)* 13.0-0 0-0 14.h3 Be6 *(14...Bd6 15.Nb3 Re8)* 15.Nb3 Nd7 16.Nd4 Nc5 17.c3 *(17.Rd1! Nxd3 18.Rxd3±)* 17...Nxd3 18.Qxd3 with approximate equality, Kollars,D (2607) -Meier,G (2628) Dortmund 2021]

[b) 9...Nc7 has scored okay in a small sample space, but is a little passive and hasn't caught on.]

[RR 9...Be7 10.Qf3 0-0 11.Bxa6 1-0 (11) Carlsen,M (2881)-Caruana,F (2791) Flor/Fjaere 2014]

10.Nc4

[RR 10.Be2 Bc6 11.Bf3 Qc7 12.0-0 Be7 13.Qe2 0-0 14.Bxc6 Qxc6 15.Nc4 Rad8 16.Ne5 Qc8 17.Bg5 Nc7 18.Ng4 Nfd5 19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.Rad1 Ng6 21.Qe3 a6 22.Ne5 Ne7 23.Qf3 f6 24.Nd3 Ncd5 Kolosowski,M (2444)-Maghsoodloo,P (2701) Warsaw 2021 ½-½ (120)]

10...Be7N

[A previous Kovalev game went 10...Bc6 11.Qxd8+ *(11.Bf4 Be7 12.Ne5±)* 11...Rxd8 12.Ne5⩲ Nb8 13.Be3 a6 Kovalev,V (2648)-Erigaisi,A (2559) chess.com INT 2020 and now 14.Nxc6 Nxc6 15.Bd3 leaves White with a small advantage due to the bishop pair.]

[RR 10...Bc6 11.Qxd8+ Rxd8 12.Ne5 Nb8 13.Be3 a6 14.Bb6 Rc8 15.Nxc6 Rxc6 16.Be3 Bc5 17.Bxc5 Rxc5 18.0-0-0 Ke7 19.Be2 Rhc8 20.Bf3 R8c7 21.Rhe1 Nbd7 22.Re3 Ne5 23.Be2 g5 24.Rd4 h5 25.h3 Kovalev,V (2648)-Erigaisi,A (2559) Chess.com INT 2020 0-1 (62)]

[RR 10...Qc7 11.Qf3 Bc6 12.Qg3 Qxg3 13.hxg3 Rd8 14.Na5 Nb8 15.Be3 a6 16.Nxc6 Nxc6 17.Bd3 Ne5 18.Be2 Rc8 19.Bd4 Ned7 20.Bf3 Rc7 21.g4 Bc5 22.Bxc5 Nxc5 23.g5 Ng8 24.b4 Nd7 25.Ne4 Vaz,E (2430)-Viani,A (2378) Bengaluru 2025 1-0 (48)]

[RR 10...Nc5 11.Nd6+ Bxd6 12.Qxd6 Qe7 13.Qe5 Bc6 14.Be3 Ncd7 15.Qg5 0-0 16.0-0-0 Rfe8 17.f3 a6 18.h4 e5 19.h5 h6 20.Qg3 Kh8 21.Be2 Nc5 22.Bc4 Na4 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.Bxd5 Nxd5 25.Rxd5 Ivanchuk,V (2733)-Hambleton,A (2446) Edmonton 2015 ½-½ (37)]

11.Nd6+

[11.Ne5 also keeps a little pressure on Black, e.g., 0-0 12.g3 and Bg2.]

11...Kf8 12.Be3!?
[12.Bf4 Bc6 13.Ndb5±]
12...Bc6 13.Ndb5
[13.Nc4]
13...Qxd1+ 14.Rxd1 Bc5?
[14...Nc5! recentralizes, when 15.Nd4 Na4 16.Nxa4 Bxa4 17.b3 Bd7 is equal.]
15.Nd4 Nc7
[15...Be8?? 16.Bxa6 bxa6 17.Nxe6+ fxe6 18.Bxc5+]
[15...Bxd4 16.Bxd4 Nc7 17.f3±]
16.Nxc6 Bxe3 17.Na5 A strong move, but
[17.fxe3! bxc6 18.Rd6 is more one-sided: Ncd5 19.Rxc6 Nxe3 20.Kd2 Nxf1+ 21.Rxf1±]
17...Bb6! 18.Nxb7 Rb8
[18...Ke7! 19.Nd6 Rhd8 20.Nc4 Bd4 gives some counterplay.]
19.Nd6 Ba5?
[19...Ke7]
20.b4 Rxb4? The point, but it falls short.
[20...Bb6 21.Na4 Rd8 22.Nxb6 *(22.c4!? Bxf2+! 23.Kxf2 Rxd6* , although *24.Be2!* is still quite good for White *)* 22...axb6 23.Nb5 and White has material and position in his favor.]
21.axb4 Bxb4 22.Ndb5! Nxb5 Nothing else works:
[22...Nfd5 23.Rb1! Nxb5 24.Rxb4 Nxb4 25.Bxb5 Nxc2+ 26.Kd2+-]
[22...Ncd5 23.Bc4 Nxc3 24.Rd8+ Ke7 25.Rxh8 Nxb5+ 26.Kf1+-]
23.Rd8+ Ke7 24.Rxh8 Nxc3 25.Bd3 a5 26.0-0 White is too exchanges up, and can always give one back for the a-pawn. The rest of the game is fairly clear: **26...g6 27.Ra1 h5 28.Ra8 Nfd5 29.Ra7+ Kf6 30.g3 a4 31.R1xa4 Nxa4 32.Rxa4 Bc3 33.Ra7 Bd4 34.Rd7 Bc5 35.Kg2 Nc3 36.Rc7 Bd4 37.f4 Nd5 38.Rd7 Bc5 39.Kf3 Bg1 40.Be4 Ne7 41.h3 Bc5 42.Rc7 Bb6 43.Rb7 Bc5 44.Rb5 Bd6 45.c4 Nc8 46.c5 Bc7 47.Rb7 Ba5 48.Bc6 Ne7 49.Be8 e5 50.fxe5+ Ke6 51.Ke4 g5 52.g4**
[52.Bd7#!]
52...hxg4 53.hxg4 f6 54.exf6 Kxf6 55.Bd7 Ng6 56.Bf5 Ne5 57.Kd5 1-0

260 **E49**
□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2758**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
Chess.com Rapid Wk7 Swiss (3) 26.3.22
[John Emms,TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.Bd3 d5 There are quite a few lines in the Nimzo-Indian where Black can transpose into the Botvinnik-Capablanca Variation, so if you're willing to play the positions it's a useful resource to have at hand. is another move-order.
[7...Nc6 aims for the main line of the Saemisch.]
8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne2 b6 10.0-0 Ba6 11.f3 Grischuk chooses the main line.
[White can head for a different type of position with 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.c4 - see the notes to Rakhmanov,A-Sagar,S/Teplice 2015.]
11...Re8 12.Ng3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nc6 14.Bb2 h5
[14...c4 is the main alternative. 15.Qe2 *(15.Qd2 b5 16.Rae1* - see the notes to Kryvoruchko, Y-Klekowski,M/Wroclaw 2017*)* 15...b5! *(15...h5 16.Qf2!* is promising for White, as we saw in Le Quang Liem-Aleksandrov,A/Khanty-Mansiysk 2019.

It seems, however, that Black can allow e3-e4, as correspondence games have shown.*)* 16.e4 dxe4 17.fxe4 Nxe4! Without this idea, White would have an overwhelming positional advantage. 18.Nxe4 Qd5 19.Rf4 *(19.Rae1 f5 20.Qh5 Rxe4 21.Rxe4 Qxe4 22.Qxf5 Qxf5 23.Rxf5 a6 24.Bc1 Ne7* and Black held in Amico,R-Catozzi,M/ICCF email 2019 *)* 19...f5 20.Nf6+! gxf6 21.Qf2 Ne7 22.a4 Rab8 *(22...a6* is more natural but after *23.Ba3!* Black's position is getting stretched*)* 23.Ba3 Qd7! 24.Bxe7 Qxe7 25.Rxf5 bxa4 26.Rxf6 a3! 27.Rf1 Rb6 28.Rf5 Qe3 (□-□ Fuchs,J-Goreczny, G/LSS email 2019) 29.Rf8+ *(29.Rg5+ Rg6)* 29...Rxf8 30.Qxe3 Rxf1+ 31.Kxf1 Rb1+ 32.Kf2 a2 forces White to give perpetual check.]

15.Rae1

[15.e4 remains a critical alternative.

A) 15...h4 16.Nf5 looks dangerous, but with precise defence Black is okay. dxe4 17.fxe4 cxd4 *(as noted before, 17...Rxe4 18.Nxg7 Ne5 19.Qh3!* favours White *)* 18.cxd4 Rxe4

A1) 19.Nxg7!? Nxd4 20.Kh1! h3! *(20...Rg4? 21.Rad1+-)* 21.Qxh3 Kxg7 22.Qg3+ Kf8 23.Qh3 *(23.Rad1!?)* 23...Kg7 24.Qg3+ Kf8 1/2-1/2 (24) Lafortune,P (2021)-Sileika,A (2086) ICCF email 2020;

A2) 19.Nh6+ gxh6 20.Rxf6 Qxf6! *(20...Qd5 21.Rd6 Qxd6 22.Qxe4 Rd8 23.Qxh4±* Kasabasic, D-Bourgoin,C/LSS email 2011*)* 21.Qxe4 Qg6! 22.Qxh4 Re8 23.Qf2 Qh5 24.Qg3+ *(24.Rc1 Re2)* 24...Qg5 25.Qf3 Qe3+ 26.Qxe3 Rxe3= Depasse,J-Wosch,A/LSS email 2019.;

B) 15...c4 is another option for Black, and this has also held in correspondence games: 16.Qc2 *(16.Qe3 dxe4 17.fxe4 h4 18.Nf5 Nxe4 19.Qf3 Qf6 20.Rad1 Ng5 21.Qh5 Qg6!=* Walther,J-Egoshin, G/ICCF email 2018*)* 16...h4 17.Nf5 dxe4 18.fxe4 Nxe4 *(18...Rxe4? 19.Nxg7! Kxg7 20.Rxf6!* favours White*)* 19.Rf4 Nd6 20.Raf1! *(20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.Rxh4 Qg6!=; 20.Rg4 Nxf5 21.Qxf5 Ne7!)* 20...Ne7! 21.Nxd6 Qxd6 22.Rxf7 h3 *(*or *22...Qe6 23.Qf2 h3 24.Qg3 Ng6 25.R7f6* □-□ Wilkinson, J-Martins,E/ICCF email 2019*)* 23.Bc1 Qe6 24.R7f3 Rf8 25.Qf2 Rxf3 26.Qxf3 Nd5 27.gxh3 Re8= Foulds,E-Ilyasov,A/ ICCF email 2019.]

15...h4

[15...g6 16.e4! h4 17.Nh1 Nh5 18.Nf2! looks promising for White, as noted in the analysis of Gagarin,V-Romanov,E/Stockholm 2014.]

16.Nf5 h3! We first looked at this move in the notes to Szabo,G-Paschall,W/ Zalakaros 2016, and since then there have been quite a few new games reaching this position.

[16...Nh5?! 17.e4! was good for White in Szabo,G-Paschall,W/ Zalakaros 2016.]

17.Re2N This is a novelty, but the idea of enabling a rook recapture on g2 is quite a natural one. Here's a summary of alternatives:

[17.e4 hxg2 18.Rf2 Ne7 19.e5 Nh5 20.Rxg2 Nxf5 21.Qxf5 Qh4 22.Rf1 g6 23.f4 Ng7= Ojeda,J-Roberts,A/

ICCF email 2018.]
[17.gxh3 cxd4 18.cxd4 Ne7! looks perfectly okay for Black. After, for example, 19.Ng3 Qd7 20.h4 Qh3 Black gets good counterplay.]
[17.g4 Ne7! 18.Ng3 Rc8 *(18...Ng6!?* planning ... Nh4 or *19.e4 Nf4 20.Qd2 Ng2)* 19.Bc1 *(19.e4!?)* 19...Qd7 20.g5 Nh7 21.e4 cxd4 22.cxd4 Ng6 23.Be3 Nh4! and Black has managed to make it look like White has over-extended, Esipenko,A-Maghsoodloo,P/Chess.com 2020]
[17.Ng3 has been played in numerous correspondence games. Retreating isn't the most obvious choice, but it's actually useful prophylaxis against ...Ne7, after which White usually retreats anyway as a knight exchange typically favours Black. Even so, Black has been holding okay. For example, hxg2 18.Kxg2 Ne7 19.e4 Ng6! 20.Bc1 dxe4 21.fxe4 Qd7
A) 22.Rxf6!? gxf6 23.Nf5 Re5! *(23...cxd4? 24.Qh3!* wins *)* 24.Qh3 Rxf5 25.exf5 Qxf5! 26.Qxf5 Nh4+ 27.Kg3 Nxf5+ 28.Kg4 Ng7 29.d5 Rd8 30.Rd1 f5+ 31.Kf3 f6= Shaw,S-Wojcik,W/ICCF email 2018.;
B) 22.Nf5 cxd4 23.cxd4 Nxe4! 24.Rxe4 Qd5 25.Ng3 f5! 26.Rxf5 Nh4+ 27.Kg1 Nxf5 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Nxf5 Re6 and White is unable to utilise his small material advantage, Schroeder,C-Fric, L/FICGS email 2019.;
C) 22.Kg1 (preparing Nf5) 22...cxd4 23.cxd4 Rad8 24.Nf5 Ne7 25.Nxg7!? *(25.Nxe7+ Qxe7 26.e5 Qe6 27.Rf4 Nd5 28.Rh4 Qg6+ 29.Qxg6 fxg6 30.Rg4 Nf6 31.Rxg6 Rxd4=* Kulick,N-Germanes,R/FICGS email 2017*)* 25...Kxg7 26.e5 Ng6! *(26...Nfd5? 27.Rxf7+! Kxf7 28.e6+ Qxe6 29.Qh7+ Kf6 30.Qh6+ Ng6 31.Bg5+! Kf5 32.Rxe6 Rxe6 33.Bxd8* looks winning for White*)* 27.exf6+ Kg8 and White's open king offers Black enough counterplay.]
[RR 17.e4 hxg2 18.Kxg2 cxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Ng3 Ng6 21.Bc1 Rc8 22.Kh1 Nh7 23.e5 Nh4 24.f4 Qc7 25.Rf2 Nf6 26.f5 Ne4 27.Rff1 Qc2 28.Qxc2 Rxc2 29.Nxe4 dxe4 30.Rxe4 Nxf5 31.Bg5 g6 Lazavik,D (2577)-Najer,E (2623) Sochi 2025 1-0 (40)]
[RR 17.g4 Ne7 18.Ng3 Rc8 19.Bc1 Qd7 20.g5 Nh7 21.e4 cxd4 22.cxd4 Ng6 23.Be3 Nh4 24.Rc1 Rxc1 25.Bxc1 Rc8 26.Bd2 Nf8 27.exd5 Qxd5 28.Qe4 Qa2 29.Qxh4 Qxd2 30.Qxh3 Rc2 31.Nf5 Ng6 Esipenko,A (2682)-Maghsoodloo,P (2676) Chess.com INT 2020 0-1 (38)]
[RR 17.Ng3 hxg2 18.Kxg2 cxd4 19.cxd4 Rc8 20.e4 Na5 21.e5 Nh7 22.f4 Qd7 23.f5 Qa4 24.Re2 Qb3 25.Qa6 Rc2 26.Rff2 Rxe2 27.Rxe2 Ng5 28.Rf2 Ne4 29.Nxe4 dxe4 30.Qxa7 Nc4 31.Bc1 e3 Shuvalov,E (2038)-Oro,F (2316) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (39)]

17...Rc8

[Clearly 17...hxg2? is no longer desirable, because 18.Rxg2 activates the rook.]
[However, there's no reason not to delay the typical ...Ne7 plan: 17...cxd4 18.cxd4 Ne7! 19.Ng3 Rc8 intending 20.e4 Ng6!]

[Or 17...Ne7]

18.e4! No further preparation is needed for this advance. **18...cxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7!** There's no alternative. Black needs to deal with the positional threat of e4-e5. **20.e5**

[20.Nxe7+! Qxe7 21.e5 Qe6! *(21...Nh5 22.f4!)* 22.Ref2! Black is unable to blockade on the light squares. Nh5 23.f4 Qg4 24.f5! favours White *(*whereas *24.Qxh3? Qxh3 25.gxh3 f5!* favours Black! *)*]

20...Nxf5 21.Qxf5 Qd7! A crucial resource for Black, without which White simply plays Qxh3. **22.g4**

[22.Qxh3 Qxh3 23.gxh3 Nh5! is fine for Black. Notice that 24.f4 can be met very effectively by f5!∓ fixing a weakness on f4.]

[22.Qd3 is met by Nh5! 23.f4 Qg4! 24.g3 *(24.f5? Nf4)* 24...Rc6 *(or 24...Nf6 25.f5 Ne4)* 25.f5 Rec8 with strong counterplay.]

[22.Qg5 Nh7 23.Qh5 Rc6! is also fine for Black, e.g. 24.Qxh3 Qxh3 25.gxh3 Ng5! 26.Kg2 *(26.h4? Nh3+ 27.Kh1 Nf4)* 26...Ne6 27.f4 f5! 28.exf6? Nxf4+!]

22...Qxf5 23.gxf5 Nh5 24.f4 We've reached a sharp endgame with imbalances but overall roughly level chances. **24...Rc4 25.Re3?! Rc2**

[25...Nf6! 26.Rxh3 Ne4 and Black's dominant knight is worth more than White's extra pawn. After Maghsoodloo's choice, the endgame remained easier for Black to play. Both sides' moves were likely affected by time pressure, and Maghsoodloo eventually prevailed.]

26.Rxh3 g6 27.Bc1 Ng7 28.fxg6 fxg6 29.Be3 Nf5 30.Bf2 Rec8 31.Rd3 R8c3 32.Rfd1 Kf7 33.Kf1 Ke6 34.Ke1 Ng7 35.Rg3 Rxg3 36.hxg3 Kf5 37.Rd2 Rc3 38.Ra2 Ne6 39.Kd2 Rf3 40.Ke2 Ke4 41.a4 Rc3 42.a5? b5! 43.a6 b4 44.Rb2 b3 45.Kd2 Rf3 46.Ke2 Rd3 47.Rd2 Rc3 48.Kd1 Kf3

[48...Rc6]

49.Be1 Re3 50.Bf2 Rc3 51.Be1 Ke4 52.Bf2

[52.Re2+! Re3 53.Rxe3+ Kxe3 54.Kc1=]

52...g5 53.fxg5 Nxg5 54.Re2+ Kf3

[54...Kd3! 55.e6 Nxe6 56.Rxe6 b2 wins.]

55.Be1 Rd3+ 56.Rd2 Re3 57.Rf2+ Kxg3 58.Re2+ Kf3 59.Rxe3+ Kxe3 60.Bc3 Ne4 61.Bb2 Ng5 62.Kc1 Kd3 63.Kb1 Ne6 64.Ba1 Kc4 65.Kc1

[65.Bb2=]

65...Kb5

[65...Nc7!]

66.Kd2

[66.Bc3!=]

66...Kb4 67.Bb2 Nc7! 68.Kd3 Nxa6 69.e6 Nc7 70.e7 a5 71.Bc3+ Ka3 72.Bxa5 b2

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**

■ **Cheparinov,I** **2672**

Chess.com Rapid Wk6 Swiss (8) 19.3.22

[TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nbd7 8.Qe2 Qc7 9.0-0-0 b5 10.a3 Rb8 11.g4

[11.Nd5 - 16/472]

11...Be7 12.Bg2 h6 13.Bh4 b4 14.axb4 Rxb4 15.Be1 Qb6 16.Bf2 Qc7 17.h4 h5 18.g5 Ng4 Diagram

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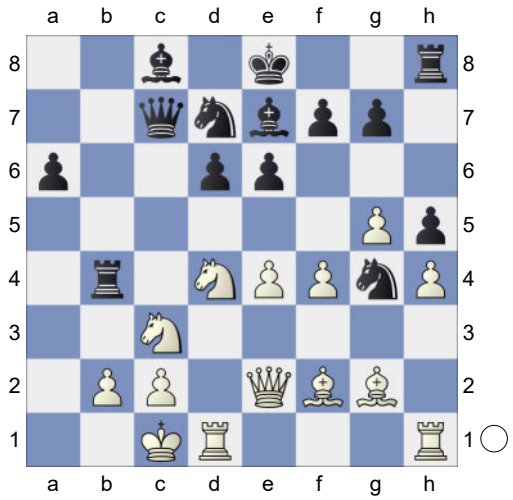


19.Bg1N

[19.Be1 Qc5 *(19...Qb6? 20.Nd5! exd5 21.Bxb4 Qxb4 22.exd5+-)* 20.Qd2 Nb6 *(20...Rb8 21.Na4 Qc7 22.Bf3 Bb7 23.g6 fxg6 24.Qe2 Nf8 25.Nc3±)* 21.Nb3 Qc7 22.Rh3 0-0 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.exd5 Ra4∞]

[RR 19.Be1 Qc4 20.Nd5 Qxe2 21.Nxe2 Rb8 22.Nxe7 Kxe7 23.Rh3 Bb7 24.Bb4 Nc5 25.Rc3 Rhc8 26.e5 Bxg2 27.exd6+ Kd7 28.Bxc5 a5 29.Rd2 Bf3 30.Ba3 Rxc3 31.Nxc3 Bc6 32.Rd4 Ne3 33.Na4 Bxa4 Ivic,V (2595)-Iniyan,P (2493) Dubai 2024 1-0 (105)]

[RR 19.Be1 Qb6 20.Nd5 exd5 21.Bxb4 Qxb4 22.exd5 Nb8 23.Rh3 Qa5 24.Rb3 Qa1+ 25.Kd2 Qa5+ 26.c3 Qc7 27.Re1 1-0 (27) Tari,A (2553)-Sarkar,J (2426) Reykjavik 2016]

19...Nc5

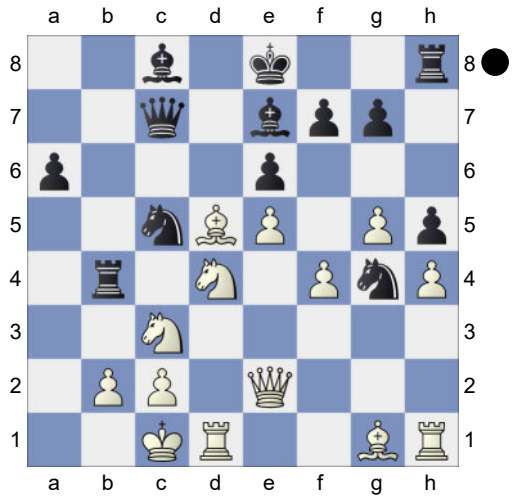
[19...0-0 20.Rh3 *(20.Nf5!? exf5 21.Nd5 Qa5 22.Nxe7+ Kh8 23.Nc6 Qa1+ 24.Kd2 Qxb2 25.Nxb4 Qxb4+ 26.Kc1 Nc5∓; 20.Bf3 Nb6∞)* 20...Nc5 21.f5 g6∞]

20.e5 d5?!

[20...Bb7! 21.Nf5 dxe5 22.Nxg7+ Kf8 23.Nxh5 Na4! 24.Qxg4 Nxc3 *(24...Rxb2 25.Rh3 Bxg2 26.Qxg2 Ba3! 27.Nb5 Rxc2+ 28.Kb1 Rc1+ 29.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 30.Ka2 axb5 31.Qa8+ Ke7 32.Qb7+ Kf8 33.Qa8+ Ke7=)* 25.bxc3 Qxc3 26.g6 fxg6 27.Qxg6 Rg8 28.Qh6+ Kf7 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Qh6+=]

21.Bxd5 Diagram

[21.f5! Bb7 *(21...Nxe5 22.fxe6 fxe6 23.Bh2 Bd6 24.Rhf1±; 21...Qxe5 22.Nc6 Qxe2 23.Nxe2 Rc4 24.fxe6 Bxe6 25.Nxe7 Kxe7 26.Nc3±)* 22.f6 Bf8 23.Nf5! exf5 24.Nxd5 Bxd5 25.Bxd5±]



21...Bb7!

[21...exd5 22.Nxd5 Qb7 23.Nxb4 Qxb4 24.Rh3 Bd7 25.Qe1±]

22.Bxb7 Qxb7 23.Rh3 Rxb2 24.Qf3 0-0 25.Nc6? Diagram

[25.Qxb7 Rxb7 26.Nc6 Rc8 27.Nxe7+ Rxe7 28.Bxc5 Rxc5 29.Ne4 Ra5 30.Rdd3 Kh7 31.Ra3 Rxa3 32.Rxa3 Rd7 33.Nd6 f6=]

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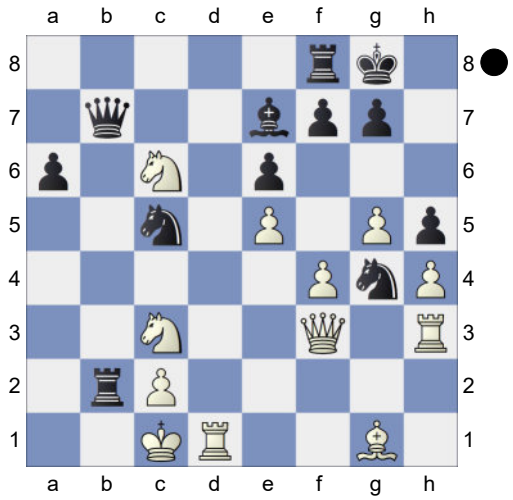

25...Nb3+! 26.cxb3
[26.Kxb2 Nd4+-+]
26...Ba3! 27.Rd2
[27.Nd4 Rf2+-+]
27...Qxb3 28.Rxb2 Qxb2+ 29.Kd1 Qc1+ 30.Ke2 Qxg1 31.Ne4 Qc1 32.Qc3 Qxf4 33.Qc4
[33.Qd4 Bb2 34.Nf6+ Qxf6 35.exf6 Bxd4 36.Nxd4 gxf6-+]
33...Nxe5 34.Nxe5 Qxe5-+ 35.Re3 Qh2+ 36.Nf2 Rb8 37.Rf3 Rb2+ 38.Kf1 Rb1+ 39.Ke2 Qe5+ 40.Ne4 Rb4 41.Qc8+ Kh7 42.Re3 Rxe4 43.Qc3 Rxe3+
0-1

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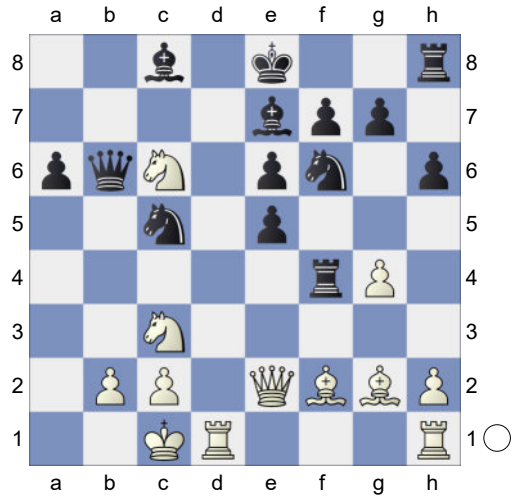
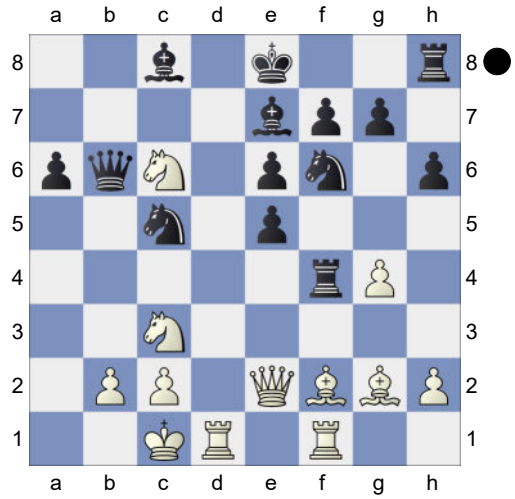
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
■ **Bok,Benjamin** **2624**
Chess.com Rapid Wk6 Swiss (1) 19.3.22
[TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nbd7 8.Qe2 Qc7 9.0-0-0 b5 10.a3 Be7 11.g4 Rb8 12.Bg2 h6 13.Bh4 b4 14.axb4 Rxb4 15.Be1 Qb6 16.Bf2 *
16...Nc5 17.e5N
[RR 17.b3 Bb7 18.h4 g6 19.g5 hxg5 20.hxg5 Rxh1 21.Bxh1 Nh5 22.Qe3 Qc7 23.Kb2 Bf8 24.Bf3 Bg7 25.Bxh5 gxh5 26.f5 Be5 27.Bg3 Bxg3 28.Qxg3 e5 29.Nde2 Nxe4 30.Nxe4 Bxe4 31.Nc3 Bxf5 Firouzja,A (2777)-Bok,B (2621) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (41)]
17...dxe5 18.Nc6 Rxf4 Diagram



19.Be3N
[19.Rhf1 Diagram



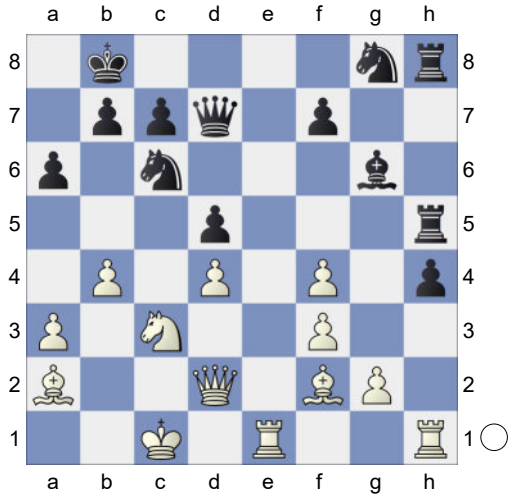
Rxf2! *(19...Qc7 20.Bxc5 Rxf1 21.Bxe7 Rxd1+ 22.Qxd1 Bb7 23.Bd6 Qb6 24.Ba3+-)* 20.Qxf2 Bd7 21.Nxe5 *(21.Nxe7 Kxe7 22.Ne4 Na4 23.Qxb6 Nxb6 24.Nxf6 gxf6 25.Rf3 Bc6 26.Rb3 Bxg2 27.Rxb6 Ra8∞)* 21...0-0 22.h4 Rb8 23.Nc4

Qb4∞]
19...Rxg4 20.Nxe7
[20.Nxe5 Rg5! 21.Na4 Qc7 22.Bxg5 hxg5 23.Nxc5 Bxc5 24.Bc6+ Kf8∞]
20...Kxe7 21.Qf2 Rc4 22.Na4 Nb3+! 23.Kb1 Rxa4 24.cxb3 Qxb3 25.Bc5+ Ke8 26.Bc6+ Bd7 27.Bxa4 Qxa4?
[27...Bxa4 28.Rhf1 *(28.Ba3? Ne4-+)* 28...Bb5 29.Ba3 Bxf1 30.Rxf1 Qb7∞]
28.Ba3 Qc6 29.Rhg1+- Nd5 30.Rxg7 f6 31.Qa7 Qc7 32.Qxc7 Nxc7 33.Re7+
1-0

263 **E35**
□ **Indjic,Aleksandar** **2605**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
GM Belgrade 2022 (9.2) 14.03.2022
[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Nc6 8.e3 g5 9.Bg3 h5 10.Bb5 h4 11.Be5 Rh5N
[11...0-0 - 148/182]
[RR 11...Rh6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.h3 Ne4 14.Nge2 Bf5 15.Qa4 Qb8 16.0-0 Bxc3 17.Nxc3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Qb5 19.Qxb5 cxb5 20.Bxc7 a5 21.a4 Rc6 22.Be5 b4 23.cxb4 axb4 24.a5 f6 25.Ra4 b3 26.Rb4 Loiacono,L (2277)-Blohberger,F (2433) Porto Carras 2018 0-1 (34)]
[RR 11...Rh6 12.h3 Ne4 13.Nge2 Bf5 14.Qb3 Bxc3+ 15.Nxc3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Qd7 17.Bh2 0-0-0 18.Qa4 Rg8 19.f3 a6 20.Be2 Re8 21.Bg1 Rhe6 22.Bf2 Qe7 23.0-0 Qd7 24.Rfd1 Rxe3 25.Bxe3 Rxe3 26.Bf1 Sjugirov,S (2663)-Yu,Y (2764) St Petersburg 2018 0-1 (58)]
[RR 11...0-0 12.Nf3 Ne4 13.h3 Bf5 14.Bd3 f6 15.Bh2 Qe7 16.a3 Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 Na5 18.Nd2 c6 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Bxe4 Qxe4 21.Qxe4 dxe4 22.Rb1 b5 23.Bd6 Rfe8 24.Ke2 Nc4 25.Bc5 a6 26.Rhd1 Shi,Y (1889)-Zhu,J (2548) Shenzhen 2025 0-1 (43)]
[RR 11...0-0 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.h3 Ne7 14.Nf3 c5 15.dxc5 Bf5 16.Bd3 Rac8 17.Nd4 Bd7 18.0-0 Bxc5 19.Qe2 Kg7 20.f4 Rce8 21.Qh5 Rh8 22.Qxg5+ Qxg5 23.fxg5 Nc6 24.Na4 Bxd4 25.exd4 Nxd4 26.Nc5 Indjic,A (2599)-Predojevic,B (2624) Valjevo 2018 1-0 (42)]
[RR 11...Rh6 12.h3 Ne4 13.Nge2 Bf5 14.Bd3 Qd7 15.Bh2 0-0-0 16.a3 Nxc3 17.Bxf5 Ne4+ 18.axb4 Qxf5 19.f3 Nd6 20.Qxf5+ Nxf5 21.b5 Nce7 22.Kf2 Kb8 23.Nc3 Re6 24.Rxa7 Nc8 25.Raa1 Rxe3 26.Ra8+ Petrosyan,M (2625)-Gharibyan,M (2460) Jermuk 2021 1-0 (32)]
12.h3
[12.Nge2!?]
12...Bd7 13.Bh2
[13.Bxc6!? Bxc6 14.Nge2]
13...Qe7! [Δ Nd4] **14.Nge2 0-0-0 15.0-0-0**
[15.a3 Bd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6=]
15...a6 16.Ba4
[16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.a3 Bxc3 *(17...Bd6 18.Bxd6 Qxd6=)* 18.Nxc3 Ne4=]
16...Kb8 17.a3 Bd6 18.Bg1?!
[18.Bxd6 Qxd6 *(18...cxd6!?)* 19.f3 Na5=]
18...g4
[⌓18...b5 19.Bb3 g4 20.hxg4 Bxg4∓ △21.Nxd5? Nxd5 22.Qxc6 Bxe2 23.Bxd5 Rxd5 24.Qxd5 Bxd1 25.Kxd1 Bc5 26.Qc6 Bxd4-+]

19.hxg4 Nxg4 20.Bb3 Nf6 21.f3 Bf5?!
[21...Rg5∓]
22.Qd2 Bg6 23.Bf2?!
[23.Bh2±]
23...Rdh8 24.Ba2 Qd7 25.Rde1 Na5
[25...Ne7=]
[25...Na7!?]
26.b4?!
[26.Bg1 Δ Bh2]
26...Nc6!
[26...Nc4?! 27.Bxc4 dxc4 28.e4±]
27.Nf4
[27.Kb2 a5→]
27...Bxf4 28.exf4 Ng8? Diagram
[28...Bf5↑]



29.f5! Rxf5
[29...Qxf5? 30.Re8+ Ka7 31.Bxd5+-]
[29...Bxf5 30.Nxd5±]
30.Rxh4 Rxh4
[30...Rfh5!?]
31.Bxh4 Rh5 32.Bg3
[32.Bg5!?]
32...Nd8?! Diagram
[32...Nge7!?]
[32...b5!?]

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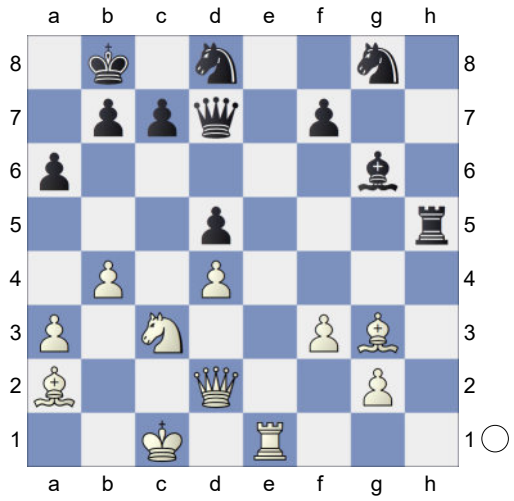
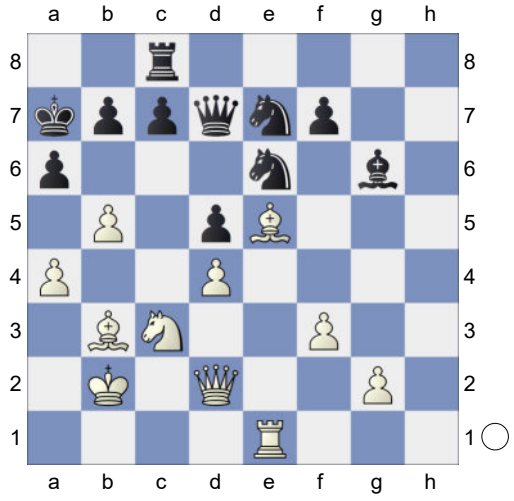


33.a4!± Ne7 34.b5 Ne6 35.Kb2?!
[35.Be5!]
35...Ka7?
[35...axb5 36.axb5 *(36.Nxb5 Nc6∞)* 36...Nc8∞]
36.Bb3
[36.Be5!?]
36...Rh8
[36...c6!?]
37.Be5! Rc8 Diagram
[37...Rf8]



38.g4!+- c6 39.bxa6
[39.f4!?]
39...b6 40.a5 b5 41.Na2
[41.f4!?]
41...c5?! 42.dxc5 Nc6 43.f4

[43.Bd6]
43...Nxc5
[43...Kxa6!?]
44.Bd4! Nxd4 45.Qxd4 Bd3 46.Bxd5 Bc4 47.Nb4 Qd6 48.Rd1
[48.Re5!?]
48...Bxd5 49.Nxd5 Qe6?!
[49...Qd8]
50.Rc1! Qd6 51.Kb1
[51.g5!?]
51...b4
[⌓51...Kb8]
52.Rc4 Qg6+ 53.Kb2 Qd6 54.Nxb4 Qxd4+ 55.Rxd4 f5 56.g5 Ne6 57.Rd7+ Kb8 58.Nd5
1-0

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2685**
GM Belgrade 2022 (7.1) 12.03.2022
[TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nbd7 8.Qe2 Qc7 9.0-0-0 b5 10.a3 Rb8 11.g4
[11.Nd5 - 16/472 Bronstein,David 2585 - Gheorghiu,Florin 2530, Petropolis (izt) 1973 - 16/472]
11...h6 12.Bh4 Be7 13.Bg2 b4
Black is seeking chances on the queenside, thus reaching a highly double-edged position. Precise play is much required on both sides. **14.axb4 Rxb4 15.Be1 Qb6 16.Bf2** Diagram

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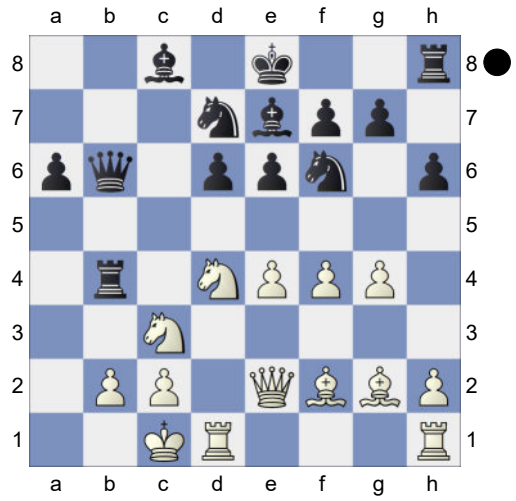

16...Rxb2N
[Much better is 16...Qc7 17.h4 *(17.Bf3 Nb6 18.Na2 Ra4 19.Kb1 d5∞)* 17...h5 18.g5 Ng4∞ with unclear play, as in Magshoodloo's games against Cheparinov some 10 days later.]
Diagram

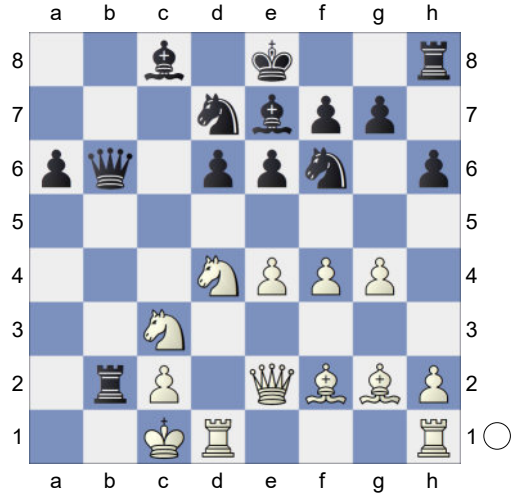

Diagram [#] **17.Ndb5! Qa5**
[17...Nc5 18.Kxb2 0-0 *(18...Nfd7 19.Bxc5 Nxc5 20.Kc1 axb5 21.Qxb5+ Nd7 22.Qxb6 Nxb6 23.h4+-)* 19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.e5 Nd7 21.Rhe1±]
18.Kxb2 Qb4+ 19.Kc1 axb5 Diagram

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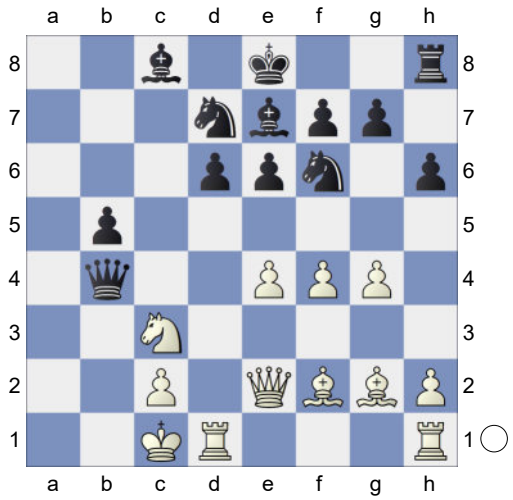

20.Kd2! This king walk brings White some advantage.
[20.Nb1? Nc5 21.c3 Qa5∓]
20...0-0
[Black can put stronger resistance after 20...g5 21.Rb1 Qc4 22.Rxb5 Qxe2+ 23.Nxe2 gxf4 *(23...Nxg4 24.Bd4 e5 25.fxe5 dxe5 26.Bc3±)* 24.h3 *(24.Nxf4 Nxg4 25.Bg3 Bg5 26.h4 Bf6 27.Nd3±)* 24...Ba6 25.Rb3 Bxe2 26.Kxe2 0-0 27.Rhb1± with somewhat better position for White.]
21.Rb1 Qa5 22.Rxb5
[Probably stronger is ⌓22.Qxb5 Qc7 23.h3 g5 24.Ra1 gxf4 25.Ra7 Qd8 26.Rb1±]
Diagram

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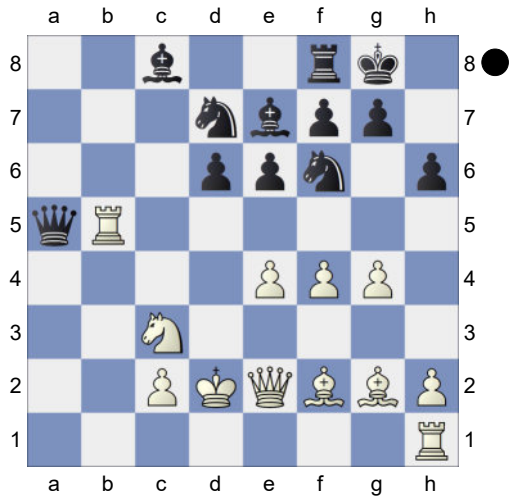

22...Qc7? The crucial mistake. Black misses the opportunity to generate some counter-chances.
[After 22...Qa8 win10: '∞!'
A) 23.h4 Ba6 24.g5 Bxb5 25.Qxb5 Rb8 26.Qe2 Nh7 27.gxh6 Qa5∓;
B) 23.Rg1 win10: '!' Ba6 24.e5 d5! 25.exf6 Bxf6 26.Rgb1 Bxc3+ 27.Kxc3 Bxb5 28.Rxb5 *(28.Qxb5?? d4+-+)* 28...Qa4 win10: '=' 29.Kd2 Rc8 30.Kd1 Qa1+ 31.Kd2 Qa4=;
C) 23.Rb2 Ba6 24.Qf3 *(24.Nb5! d5 25.Nc7 Bxe2 26.Nxa8 Bc4∓)* 24...Bc4 25.Rhb1 d5 26.e5 *(26.exd5! exd5 27.Kd1 Nc5∓)* 26...Ne4+ 27.Nxe4 dxe4 28.Qxe4 Qa5+-+;
D) 23.g5 hxg5 24.fxg5 Nh7 25.h4 Ba6∞ and Black has solved all of his problems.]
[22...Qa3!?]
23.Ra1 Rd8
[Black will suffer after 23...Nc5 24.Bxc5 dxc5 25.e5 Nd7 26.Rbb1+-]
24.Ra7+- Qc6 Diagram

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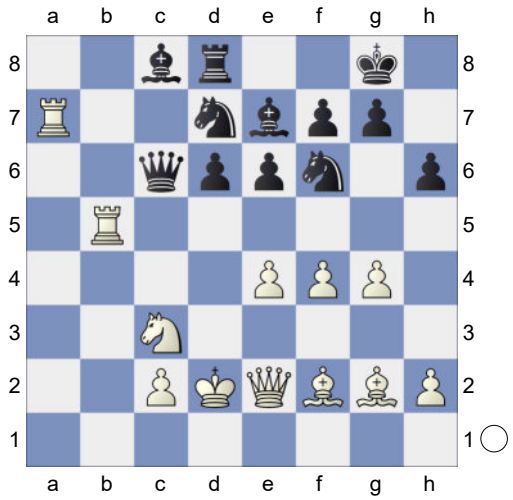
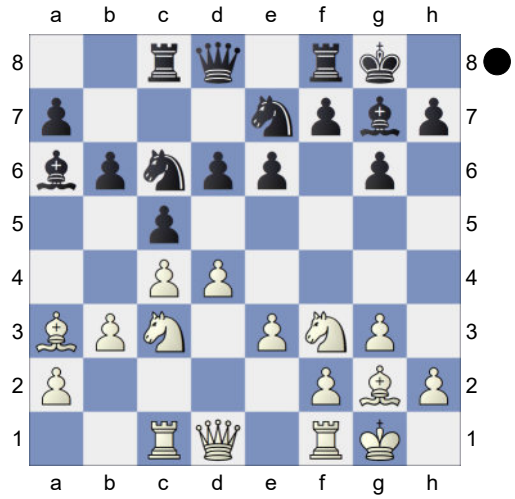


25.Nd5! The most efficient finish! Black loses his queen. **25...Re8N**
[25...exd5 26.exd5]
26.Nb4
1-0

265 **A37**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2651**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
GM Belgrade 2022 (4.4) 09.03.2022
[TA]*

1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 e6 7.e3 Nge7 8.d4 0-0 9.Rb1
[9.Re1 - 143/17]
9...b6
[RR 9...cxd4 10.exd4 d5 11.b3 b6 12.Ba3 Ba6 13.Re1 Re8 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Qd2 Qd7 17.h4 h6 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Rxe5 20.Rxe5 Bxe5 21.Qxh6 Bg7 22.Qg5 Re8 23.Qxd5 Qxd5 24.Bxd5 Carlsen,M (2831)-Martinez Alcantara, J (2598) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (48)]
10.b3 Ba6 11.Ba3N
[11.Re1]
[RR 11.Re1]
[RR 11.Nb5 d5 12.Ba3 cxd4 13.exd4 Qd7 14.Re1 Rfd8 15.Nd6 Rab8 16.Ng5 Rf8 17.Nf3 Rfd8 18.Bh3 h6 19.cxd5 Nxd5 20.Nxf7 Kxf7 21.Bxe6+ Qxe6 22.Rxe6 Kxe6 23.Qc2 Nce7 24.Re1+ Kf7 25.Bxe7 Nxe7 Donchenko,A (2627)-Quparadze, G (2543) Eforie Nord 2025 1-0 (39)]
[RR 11.Re1 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.exd4 Rc8 14.Ba3 Re8 15.Qd2 Nf5 16.d5 e5 17.Ne4 Bf8 18.h4 Rc7 19.Rbc1 Bh6 20.Qb4 Bxc1 21.Rxc1 Rc5 22.Re1 Bc8 23.Nxc5 bxc5 24.Qa4 Re7 25.b4 cxb4 Abdusattorov,N (2661)-Salem,A (2690) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (54)]
11...Rc8
[11...Nf5 12.g4 Nh6 *(12...Nh4? 13.Nxh4 Qxh4 14.Bxc6+-)* 13.h3 f5 14.Nh2 Rc8 15.d5 Bxc3 16.dxc6 Bg7∞]
12.Rc1 Diagram



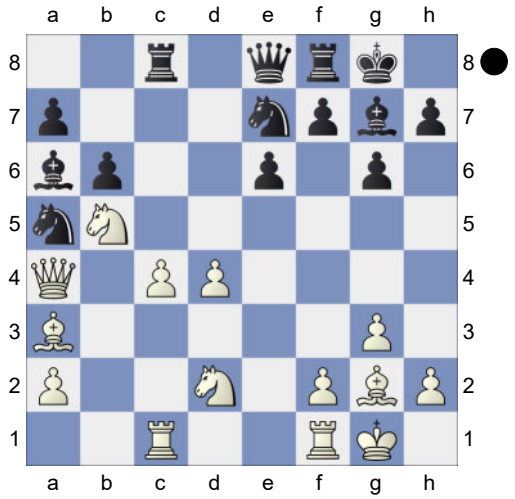
12...d5!
[12...cxd4!? 13.Nxd4 *(13.exd4 d5 14.Nb5 dxc4 15.bxc4 Na5)* 13...Nxd4 14.exd4 d5 15.Re1 dxc4 16.d5 cxb3 17.Qxb3 Bc4 18.Qa4 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Bxf8 Bxf8 21.Red1 b5⩲]
13.Nb5 cxd4= 14.exd4

[14.Nd6 Rc7 15.Nb5 Rd7 *(15...Rc8=)* 16.Nfxd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Re8 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Re1 dxc4 20.Bc6 Rxd4 21.exd4 Rd8 22.d5 c3 23.Qf3 Bc8!⩱]

14...dxc4 15.bxc4 Na5!∓

[15...Bh6?! 16.Nd6! Rc7 17.Qa4 Bxc1 18.Rxc1→]

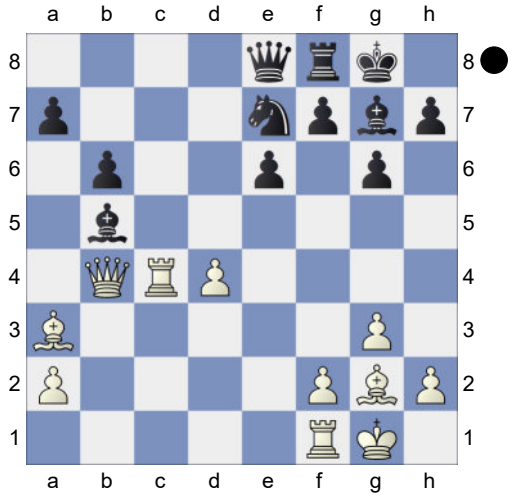
16.Qa4 Qe8 17.Nd2 Diagram



17...Rxc4! 18.Nxc4

[18.Rxc4 Bxb5 19.Qb4 Nxc4 20.Nxc4 Nf5-+]

18...Bxb5 19.Qb4 Nxc4 20.Rxc4 Diagram



20...Bxc4

[20...a5! 21.Qc3 Bxc4 22.Qxc4 b5 23.Qc5 Nf5 24.Bc6 Qb8 25.Qxb5 Nxd4∓]

21.Qxc4 Qd7 22.Bxe7 Qxe7 23.d5 Rd8 24.Rc1

[24.dxe6 Qxe6 25.Qxe6 fxe6 26.Rc1 Bd4 27.Rc7 b5 28.Bc6 Rf8 29.Bxb5 Rxf2 30.Kh1 Rxa2 31.Bc4 Ra1+ 32.Kg2 Re1∓]

24...exd5

[24...e5!? 25.Qc7 Rd7 26.Qc8+ Bf8∓]

25.Bxd5 Bf8

[25...Rd7∓]

26.Qd4 Bg7 27.Qd3 Bf6 28.Qf3 Kg7 29.Rc6 Bd4 30.Rc2 Rd6 31.Kg2 Qd7 32.Bb3 b5 33.Rd2 a5 34.Qf4 a4 35.Bd1 Qc6+-+ 36.Bf3

[36.Qf3 Qc5 37.Qe4 Bxf2!]

36...Qc5 37.Qe4 b4 38.Qb1 Rf6

[38...b3 39.axb3 Qb4 40.Rd3 a3 41.h4 Rf6 42.Qa2 Bb2]

39.Qd1 Bc3 40.Rd8 b3 41.axb3 a3 42.Ra8 Rd6 43.b4 Bxb4 44.Qa1+ Kh6 45.Bb7 Qb6 46.Be4 Rd2 47.Qe1 Qd4 48.Ra4 a2 49.Bf3 Rc2

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266 **D30**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**

■ **Ivanisevic,Ivan** **2601**

GM Belgrade 2022 (3.3) 08.03.2022

[Kitty Kat]*

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 c5 5.Bg2 cxd4 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nxd4 0-0 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Qb3 Nc6N

[9...Na6 10.Rd1 Nc5 11.Qf3 Bd7 12.e4 Nb6 13.Nc3 Qe8 14.Qe2 Rd8 15.Bf4 Nca4 16.Nxa4 Bxa4 17.b3 Bd7 18.a4 f6 19.Be3 Nc8 20.Rac1 Bd6 21.Bh3 Kh8 22.Nb5 Bb8

23.Nc7 Bxc7 24.Rxc7 ½-½ (55) Xu,L (2471)-8.00 00 9. ♔h1 ♗d7 10.f4 (2445) Ayvalik 154/(89) 2022 Bc6 25.Bc5 Rg8 26.Bg2 Qg6 27.e5 Rxd1+ 28.Qxd1 Bxg2 29.exf6 Qxf6 30.Kxg2 Qe5 31.Qd7 Nb6 32.Bxb6 axb6 33.Rc4 b5 34.Qxb5 Qxb5 35.axb5 Rd8 36.b6 h6 37.Rc7 Rd3 38.h4 Rxb3 39.Rxb7 ½-½ (55) Xu,L (2471)-8.00 00 9. ♔h1 ♗d7 10.f4 (2445) Ayvalik 154/(89) 2022 h5 40.Rb8+ Kh7 41.b7 Kg6 42.Kf1 Rb2 43.Ke1 Kh7 44.Kd1 Kg6 45.Kc1 Rb6 46.f3 Kh7 47.Kc2 g6 48.Kc3 Kg7 49.Kc4 Rb1 50.Kc5 Rb2 51.Kd6 Rd2+ 52.Kxe6 Re2+ 53.Kd5 Rb2 54.Ke4 ½-½ (55) Szczepanski,Z (2471)-Rybak,M (2445) corr 3.Foglar veterans - GM-B email 2007]

[RR 9...Na6 10.Rd1 Nc5 11.Qc4 Nb6 12.Qc2 Bd7 13.Nc3 Rc8 14.b3 Nca4 15.Bd2 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Bb4 17.Bxb4 Rxc2 18.Nxc2 Re8 19.Bxb7 Qc7 20.Be4 Bc6 21.Bxc6 Qxc6 22.Nd4 Qe4 23.Be1 Rc8 24.f3 Bok,B (2592)-Gazik,V (2573) Saint Louis 2025 0-1 (46)]

10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.e4 White is slightly better. **11...Nb4N**

[RR 11...Nf6 12.Bf4 Qa5 13.Qc3 Bb4 14.Qe5 Bc5 15.Qc3 Qb6 16.Be5 Ne8 17.Nd2 Ba6 18.Nc4 Qb5 19.Rfc1 f6 20.Bf4 e5 21.Be3 Bb4 22.Qb3 Kh8 23.Bf1 Be7 24.Nd2 Qa5 25.Rxc6 Bxf1 26.Rxf1 Franca,F-Aguiar,D Florianopolis 2007 1-0 (46)]

[RR 11...Nf6 12.Nc3 Qc7 13.h3 Rb8 14.Qc2 Bc5 15.Bf4 e5 16.Bg5 Nd7 17.Rad1 h6 18.Bc1 a5 19.b3 Ba6 20.Rfe1 Rfc8 21.Na4 Bd4 22.Ba3 c5 23.Rc1 Bb5 24.Nc3 Bc6 25.Bf1 Nb6 26.Nb5 Bueno Gauna,C (2094)-Rodriguez Arrieta,M (1935) Havana 2025 ½-½ (46)]

[RR 11...Nf6 12.Nc3 Ba6 13.Rd1 Qa5 14.Qa4 Qxa4 15.Nxa4 Rab8 16.b3 Be2 17.Rd2 Bb5 18.Nc3 Rfd8 19.Nxb5 cxb5 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Be3 a6 22.f3 Ba3 23.Kf2 h6 24.Bf1 Rc8 25.Bd3 Nd7 26.Rd1 Kamuhangire,S (2205)-Rian,M Thessaloniki 1988 1-0 (60)]

12.Rd1 Qb6 13.Be3 c5 14.Nc3

[14.a3!? Nd5 15.Qxb6 Nxb6 16.b4=]

14...Ba6 1.36/21

[Better is 14...Rb8!± 0.38/18]

15.Rd7↑ White is really pushing.

15...Rfe8 16.Rad1 Bf8 17.e5! Rad8 18.Be4 Prevents Bd3.

[18.Na4?! Qa5 19.Nc3 *(19.Rxa7? c4-+)* 19...Bd3 20.Rxd8 Rxd8=]

18...Rxd7 19.Rxd7 Bc8 20.Rd2 White has more active pieces. **20...Ba6** 2.01/22

[20...Bb7± 1.41/19]

21.a3+- Nd5 22.Qa4 Nc7 2.41/21

[⌓22...Rb8 1.82/21]

23.b4 Rc8? 4.07/20

[23...h6 2.05/19 is a better defense. 24.Bg2 Bb5 25.Nxb5 Qxb5 26.Qxb5 *(26.Qxa7 cxb4 27.axb4 Nd5±)* 26...Nxb5]

24.bxc5 Bxc5

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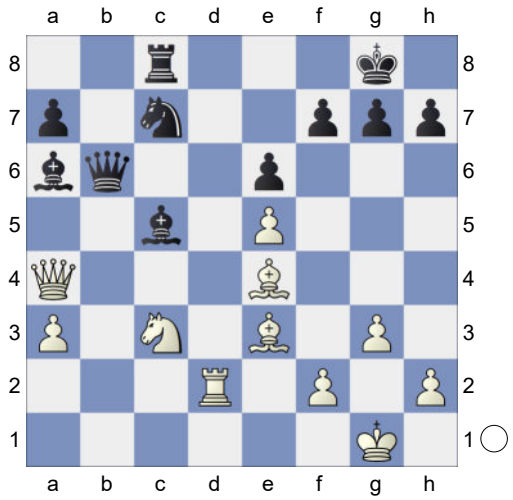
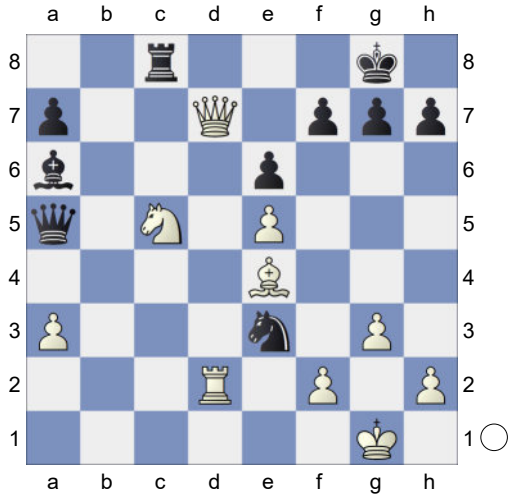


25.Qd7!
[25.Rd6 Qb2 26.Bxc5 Qxc3∓]
25...Nd5
[25...Bxe3 26.Qxc8+ Bxc8 27.Rd8+]
26.Na4? 1.47/20
[26.Nxd5+- 5.02/21 exd5 27.Bxc5 *(27.Bxd5 Bxe3 28.Qxf7+ Kh8±)* 27...Qxc5 28.Rc2 Skewer *(28.Rxd5 Qf8+-; 28.Qxd5 Qc1+ 29.Rd1 Bb7∓)*]
Loses the game. **26...Qa5** 4.86/23
[26...Qb5± 1.47/20 is tougher. 27.Qxb5 *(27.Nxc5? Qf1#)* 27...Bxb5 28.Nxc5 *(28.Bxc5 Bxa4 29.Bxa7 g6±)* 28...Nxe3]
27.Nxc5 White is clearly winning.
27...Nxe3



28.Nb3! and Qxc8+ should not be overlooked **28...Qb6** Threatens to win with ...Nc4.
[28...Qxe5 29.Qd8+ Rxd8 30.Rxd8#]
[28...Qxa3? 29.Qxc8+ *(29.fxe3 g6+-; 29.Qd8+ Qf8+-)* 29...Bxc8 30.Rd8+]
29.Rd6 Skewer **29...Qb8**
[29...Qxb3 30.Qd8+ Rxd8 31.Rxd8#]
30.fxe3
[Weaker is 30.Rxa6 Rd8=]
30...g6 7.44/21
[Not 30...Qxb3 31.Qd8+ Rxd8 32.Rxd8#]
[⌓30...Bb5 4.35/19 31.Qb7 g6 32.Qxb8 Rxb8]
31.Rxa6 Rd8 32.Qb7
[32.Qxa7 Qxb3 33.Rd6 Rxd6 34.Qa8+ *(34.exd6 Qd1+ 35.Kf2 Qd2+ 36.Kf3 Qd1+ 37.Kf4 Qxd6+ 38.Kf3 Qd1+ 39.Kf4 Qd6+ 40.Kf3 Qd1+ 41.Kf4 Qd6+=)* 34...Kg7 35.exd6 Qd1+ 36.Kf2 Qd2+ 37.Kf3 Qd1+ 38.Kf4 Qxd6+ 39.Kf3 Qd1+ 40.Kg2 Qe2+ 41.Kh3 h5 42.Bxg6 Qg4+ 43.Kg2 Qe2+ 44.Kh3 Qg4+ 45.Kg2 Qe2+ 46.Kh3=]
32...Qxe5 33.Rxa7 Rd1+ 34.Kg2 Qb2+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.83
35.Kh3
1-0

267 **E09**
□ **Deac,Bogdan-Daniel** **2679**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
Chess.com Rapid Wk2 Swiss (6) 19.2.22
[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Qc2 c6 8.Nbd2 b6 9.e4 dxc4 10.Nxc4 Bb7 11.Bf4!?
[11.Ne3 - 146/165]
11...c5 12.Rfe1 cxd4 13.Nd6 Bxd6 14.Bxd6 d3
[14...Rc8 15.Qa4 Nc5 16.Qxd4 Re8 17.e5 Nfe4 18.b4 Nxd6 19.exd6 Nd7 20.Rad1±]
15.Qxd3
[15.Qc4 Rc8
A) 16.Qxd3 Bxe4! 17.Qd4 *(17.Rxe4?! Nc5! 18.Qe2 Ncxe4 19.Bxf8 Kxf8 20.Rd1 Qc7 21.Nd4 Nc5 22.Nb5 Qb8 23.a3 h6⇄)* 17...e5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Qxd4 20.Bxd4 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Nd5=;
B) 16.Qd4 e5 17.Qxd3 Nc5 18.Qd1 Re8=]
15...Bxe4 16.Qd4 e5 17.Qa4
[17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxe4 Nxe4 19.Bxe5 Qxd4 20.Bxd4 Ng5 21.Kg2 Ne6 22.Bc3 Rfd8=]
17...Re8 18.Rad1 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 e4
Diagram

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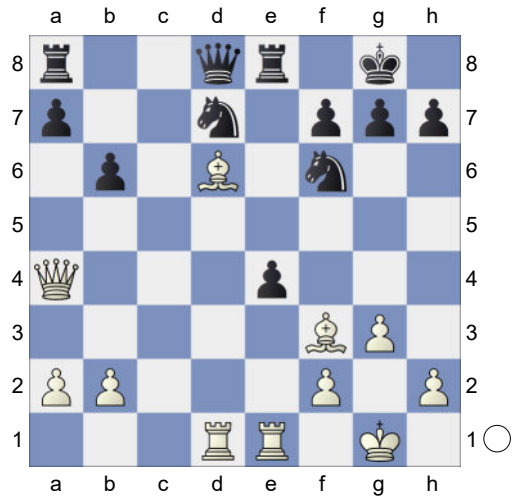

20.Be2!?N
[20.Bxe4 Nxe4 21.Rxe4
A) 21...Nf6!? 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Qxe8+ Rxe8 24.Bb4 h5 25.Kf1 Kh7!? 26.f3 Kg6 *(26...g5 27.Rd6 Re6 28.Rxe6 fxe6 29.Ke2 Kg6 30.h3 g4 31.fxg4 hxg4 32.h4 e5=)* 27.Bc3 Re7=;
B) 21...Rxe4 22.Qxe4 Nc5 23.Qf3 Ne6 24.Be5 *(24.Be7!?)* 24...Qe8 25.h4 Rd8 26.Rxd8 Qxd8 27.Qb7 f6 28.Qc6 *(28.Bb8 Nc5! 29.Qxa7 Qd1+=)* 28...Nf8 *(28...Kf7 29.Bd6!±)* 29.Qc4+ *(29.Bd6 Qd7=)* 29...Kh8 30.Bc3 Qd7 Δ Ne6=]
20...e3
[20...a6!? 21.Bxa6 Nb8 22.Bxb8 Qxb8 23.Qc4 Qa7 24.Bb5 Rec8 25.Bc6 Qxa2=]
21.f3!?
[21.f4 Ne4 22.Bb4 Nd2 23.Bxd2 Nc5 24.Qc2 exd2 25.Rxd2 Qf6=]
[21.Bf3 exf2+ 22.Kxf2 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Rc8 24.Qxa7 Nc5 25.Bxc5 bxc5 26.Rd1 *(26.Kg2 g5 27.Rd1 Qe8 28.Qa6 Kg7⇄)* 26...Qe8 *(26...Ne4+ 27.Kg2 Qe8 28.Qd7!±)* 27.Qa5 h5 *(27...g5 28.Qe1!±)* 28.Kg2 Ng4⇄]

21...a6 22.Qa3
[22.Bxa6 Ra7 Δ Qa8⇄]
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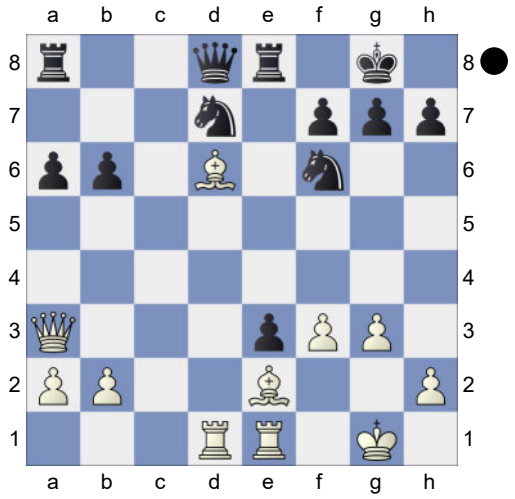

22...b5!
[22...Qc8 23.Bf4 Qc5 24.Qxc5 Nxc5 25.b3! *(25.Bf1 Na4 26.Re2 b5 27.Rd6 h6∞)* 25...Ra7 *(25...Re7 26.Bd6 Ree8 27.Bxc5 bxc5 28.Rc1 Nd7 29.Rc3* Δ Bf1 *)* 26.Rd6 Rd7 27.Rxd7 Nfxd7 28.b4 Ne6 29.Bxe3 b5 30.Rd1 Nf6 31.Kf2±]
23.Bc5 Qc8
[⌓23...Re6 24.Bxe3 *(24.Bd4 Qe8 25.f4 Rd8 26.f5 Re4 27.Qxa6 Ne5⇄)* 24...Qe8 25.Bf1 *(25.Kf2 Ne5 26.Bd4 h5⇄)* 25...b4 26.Qd3 Ne5 27.Qe2 a5 28.Bh3 Qc6! 29.Bg2 Qe8 30.f4 Nc4! 31.Bxa8 *(31.Qxc4 Rxe3 32.Qc1 Rd8!=)* 31...Rxe3 32.Qf2 Ng4 33.Rxe3 Ncxe3□ 34.Qe2 Qxa8 35.Rd3 h5=]
24.Bxe3± b4
[24...Ne5 25.Bd4 Qf5 26.f4 Nc4 27.Qd3 Re4 28.b3 Rd8 29.Qc3! Rdxd4 30.Rxd4 Qc5 31.Red1 Rxe2 32.bxc4 h5 33.Qd3 Rxa2 34.cxb5 axb5 35.Qe3±]
25.Qd3 Nc5
[25...Ne5 26.Qb3 Qf5 27.Bf2 a5 28.Kg2±]
26.Qd4 Na4
[26...Ncd7 27.Bf2 a5 28.Kg2 Qc6 29.Rc1 Qb7 30.Bc4 Rad8 31.Rcd1±]
27.Bf2 Rb8 28.Bf1 a5
[28...Rxe1 29.Rxe1 Qf8 30.Qc4 Qd6 31.Qc2±]
29.g4!?
[29.Re5 Rd8 30.Qxd8+ Qxd8 31.Rxd8+ Rxd8 32.Rxa5 Nxb2 33.Bb6!± △Rc8 *(33...Rb8 34.Be2! h6 35.Bd4+-)* 34.Bd4 Nd1 35.Rb5 h5 36.Rxb4 Nd5 37.Rb7 N5e3 38.Bd3 Rd8 39.a4+-]
29...h6
[29...Rxe1 30.Rxe1 Qd8 31.Qe5 Nd7 32.Qf4± △Nxb2 33.Rb1 Na4 34.Rd1 Nab6 *(34...Nc3 35.Rxd7+-)* 35.Bb5 Rc8 36.Bxd7 Nxd7 37.Qf5+-]
30.h4 Rd8 31.Qe5 Re8 32.Qxa5 Nxb2 33.Rxe8+ Qxe8
[33...Nxe8 34.Rd4 Qc7 35.Qxc7 Nxc7 36.Rd2 Na4 37.Bg3 Rc8 38.Rd4+-]
34.Rb1
[⌓34.Re1 Qc6 35.Qe5 Rc8 36.g5+-]
34...Na4 35.Rxb4 Ra8 36.Qb5 Nc3 37.Qxe8+ Nxe8 38.a3 Nc7
[38...Nd5 39.Rd4 Ndc7 40.a4+-]
39.Rc4
[39.Bg3 N7d5 40.Rb8+ Rxb8 41.Bxb8 f6 42.Bc4+-]
39...N7d5 40.Bd3 h5 41.gxh5 f5 42.Bxf5 Rxa3 43.Bg6
[43.Rc8+ Kf7 44.Bg6+ Ke6 45.Re8+ Kd7 46.Rg8+-]
43...Ra8 44.Kh2 Rf8 45.Bd4 Ne2
[45...Rxf3 46.Rc8+ Rf8 47.Rc5!+-]
46.Be5
[⌓46.Bc5 Rc8 47.Ra4 Rd8 48.Ra7+-]

46...Nef4
[46...Ne3 47.Rc7 Rxf3 48.Rxg7+ Kf8 49.Be4 Rf2+ 50.Kh3 Nc4 51.Ba1 Nf4+ 52.Kg3! Nxh5+ 53.Kxf2 Nxg7 54.Kg3 Nd6 55.Bd3 Δ Kg4+-]
47.Rc7?⊕
[47.Rd4 Nxg6 48.hxg6 Ne3 49.f4+-]
47...Nxc7 48.Bxc7 Ne6
[48...Nxg6 49.hxg6 Rf6 50.h5 Rxf3 51.Bg3 Rf5 52.Kh3 Rxh5+ 53.Kg4=]
49.Be5 Rxf3∓ 50.Kg2 Re3 51.Bg3 Re2+ 52.Kf3 Nd4+ 53.Kg4 Rg2 54.Kh3 Rb2 55.Kg4 Rb4 56.Kh3 Rb3 57.Kg4 Ne6 58.Be5 Rb4+ 59.Kf5 Nf8 60.Bf4 Rb5+ 61.Kg4 Nd7 62.h6N Nf6+ 63.Kf3 Rb3+ 64.Kg2 Nd5 65.Bg5 gxh6 66.Bxh6 Rb6 67.h5= 0-1

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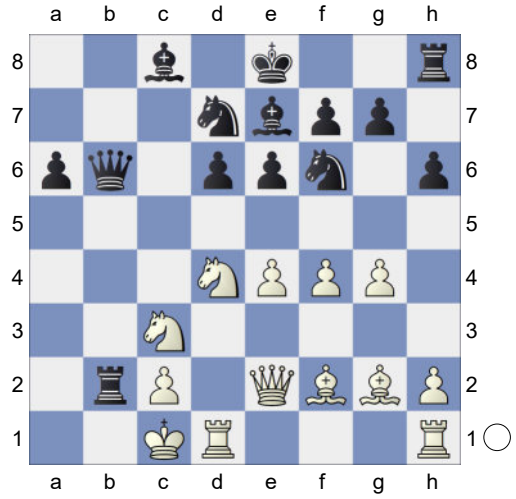
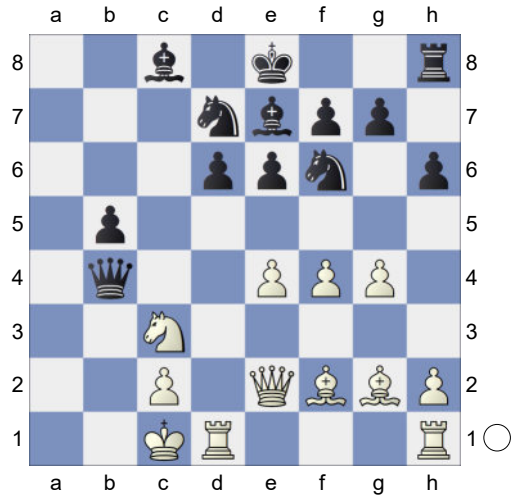
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2685**
Beograd 2022
[TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nbd7 8.Qe2 Qc7 9.0-0-0 b5 10.a3 Rb8 11.g4
[11.Nd5 Bronstein,David 2585 - Gheorghiu,Florin 2530, Petropolis (izt) 1973 - 16/472]
11...h6 12.Bh4 Be7 13.Bg2 b4 Black is seeking chances on the queenside, thus reaching a highly double-edged position. Precise play is much required on both sides. **14.axb4 Rxb4 15.Be1 Qb6 16.Bf2 Rxb2N**
[Much better is 16...Qc7 17.h4 *(17.Bf3 Nb6 18.Na2 Ra4 19.Kb1 d5∞)* 17...h5 18.g5 Ng4∞ with unclear play, as in Magshoodloo's games against Cheparinov some 10 days later.]
Diagram



17.Ndb5! Qa5
[17...Nc5 18.Kxb2 0-0 *(18...Nfd7 19.Bxc5 Nxc5 20.Kc1 axb5 21.Qxb5+ Nd7 22.Qxb6 Nxb6 23.h4+-)* 19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.e5 Nd7 21.Rhe1±]
18.Kxb2 Qb4+ 19.Kc1 axb5 Diagram



20.Kd2! This king walk brings White some advantage.
[20.Nb1? Nc5 21.c3 Qa5∓]
20...0-0
[Black can put stronger resistance after 20...g5 21.Rb1 Qc4 22.Rxb5

Qxe2+ 23.Nxe2 gxf4 *(23...Nxg4 24.Bd4 e5 25.fxe5 dxe5 26.Bc3±)* 24.h3 *(24.Nxf4 Nxg4 25.Bg3 Bg5 26.h4 Bf6 27.Nd3±)* 24...Ba6 25.Rb3 Bxe2 26.Kxe2 0-0 27.Rhb1± with somewhat better position for White.]

21.Rb1N

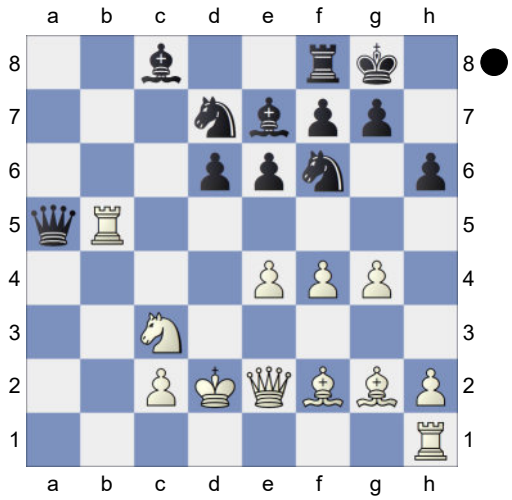
[RR 21.Ra1 Ne5 22.Qxb5 Nc4+ 23.Kd3 Nb2+ 24.Kd2 Nc4+ 25.Kd3 Nb2+ ½-½ (25) Gutierrez Delgado,Y (2304)-Morales Marmol,M (2216) Havana 2022]

[RR 21.Ra1 Ne5 22.fxe5 dxe5 23.Be1 Rd8+ 24.Ke3 Nd5+ 25.Nxd5 Qd4+ 26.Kf3 exd5 27.Ba5 f5 28.Rhd1 dxe4+ 29.Kg3 f4+ 30.Kh3 h5 31.Rxd4 hxg4+ 32.Qxg4 Bxg4+ 33.Kxg4 Rxd4 34.c3 Rc4 35.Kf5 f3 Sethuraman,S (2603)-Lim,Z (2271) Melaka 2024 1-0 (46)]

21...Qa5 22.Rxb5

[Probably stronger is 22.Qxb5 Qc7 23.h3 g5 24.Ra1 gxf4 25.Ra7 Qd8 26.Rb1±]

Diagram



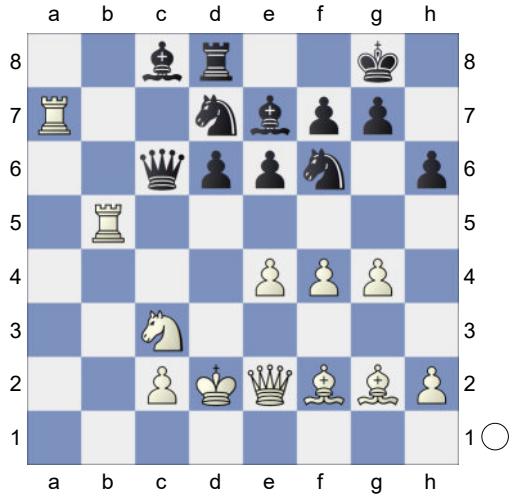
22...Qc7? The crucial mistake. Black misses the opportunity to generate some counter-chances.

[After 22...Qa8 23.g5 *(23.h4 Ba6 24.g5 Bxb5 25.Qxb5 Rb8 26.Qe2 Nh7 27.gxh6 Qa5∓; 23.Rg1 Ba6 24.e5 d5! 25.exf6 Bxf6 26.Rgb1 Bxc3+ 27.Kxc3 Bxb5 28.Rxb5 Qa4 29.Kd2 Rc8 30.Kd1 Qa1+ 31.Kd2 Qa4=)* 23...hxg5 24.fxg5 Nh7 25.h4 Ba6∞ and Black has solved all of his problems.]

23.Ra1 Rd8

[Black will suffer after 23...Nc5 24.Bxc5 dxc5 25.e5 Nd7 26.Rbb1+-]

24.Ra7+- Qc6 Diagram



25.Nd5! The most efficient finish! Black loses his queen.

[25.Nd5 Re8 *(25...exd5 26.exd5)* 26.Nb4]

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A37: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 Nf3

1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 e6N

[6...f5 7.d3 Nf6 8.a3 0-0 9.Rb1 a5 10.Bg5 Ng4 11.Bd2 h6 12.Nb5 g5 13.b4 axb4 14.axb4 f4 A 37/05 2000]

[6...Nf6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.e4 0-0

A) 11.Be3 Nd7 12.Rc1 a5 13.Qd2 *(13.b3 Nc5 14.Re1 Qb6 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Rfe8 17.Rb1 Qb4 18.Re2)* 13...Nc5 14.Bh6 Re8 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Rfd1 Kg8 17.b3 Rc8 18.h4 h5 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 b6 21.Re1 Qd7 22.Kh2 Rb8 23.Bh3 Qa7 24.f4 Nd7 25.f5 Nf6 0-1 (69) Demeter,P (2090)-Zetocha,A (2177) SVK-chB op Bratislava 2023 (3);

B) 11.Qe2 Nd7 12.Bd2 a6 13.Rab1 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.a3 Rb8 16.Rfc1 Ne5 17.Nd5 Qd7 18.Bc3 Rfc8 19.b3 Ba8 20.h3 e6 21.Nb4 1-0 (62) Camilleri,S (2524)-Babarovic,F (2494) Tata Steel-A 84th 2022]

7.e3 Nge7 8.d4 0-0 9.Rb1 b6

[RR 9...cxd4 10.exd4 d5 11.b3 b6 12.Ba3 Ba6 13.Re1 Re8 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Qd2 Qd7 17.h4 h6 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Rxe5 20.Rxe5 Bxe5 21.Qxh6 Bg7 22.Qg5 Re8 23.Qxd5 Qxd5 24.Bxd5 Carlsen,M (2831)-Martinez Alcantara, J (2598) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (48)]

10.b3 Ba6 11.Ba3N White is slightly better.

[RR 11.Re1]

[RR 11.Nb5 d5 12.Ba3 cxd4 13.exd4 Qd7 14.Re1 Rfd8 15.Nd6 Rab8 16.Ng5 Rf8 17.Nf3 Rfd8 18.Bh3 h6 19.cxd5 Nxd5 20.Nxf7 Kxf7 21.Bxe6+ Qxe6 22.Rxe6 Kxe6 23.Qc2 Nce7 24.Re1+ Kf7 25.Bxe7 Nxe7 Donchenko,A (2627)-Quparadze, G (2543) Eforie Nord 2025 1-0 (39)]

[RR 11.Re1 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.exd4 Rc8 14.Ba3 Re8 15.Qd2 Nf5 16.d5 e5 17.Ne4 Bf8 18.h4 Rc7 19.Rbc1 Bh6 20.Qb4 Bxc1 21.Rxc1 Rc5 22.Re1 Bc8 23.Nxc5 bxc5 24.Qa4 Re7 25.b4 cxb4 Abdusattorov,N (2661)-Salem,A (2690) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (54)]

11...Rc8 12.Rc1 d5 13.Nb5 cxd4 14.exd4 dxc4 15.bxc4 -0.45/20

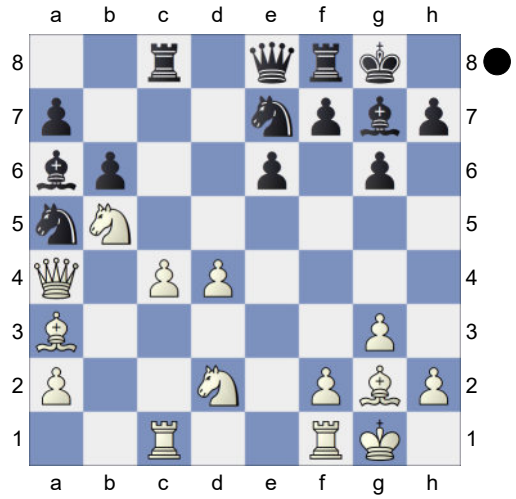
[15.Nd6= -0.01/21 might be stronger.]

15...Na5∓ 16.Qa4

[16.Nxa7? Rxc4 17.Rb1 Qd7 *(17...Bxd4 18.Qe2∓)* 18.Rxb6 Qxa7-+]

16...Qe8 17.Nd2 -1.26/21

[17.Bxe7∓ -0.43/21 Qxe7 18.Rfd1]



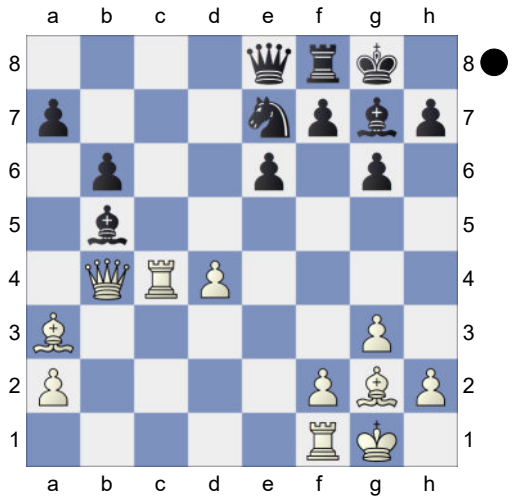
17...Rxc4!!∓ Remove Defender, Decoy

18.Nxc4 Bxb5 19.Qb4 Nxc4

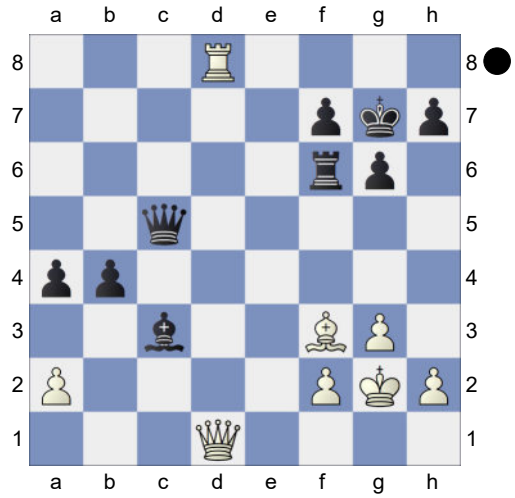
[19...Bxd4? 20.Nd6 *(20.Qxe7 Qxe7 21.Bxe7 Bxc4+-; 20.Nxa5 Bf6+-)* 20...Qb8 21.Nxb5+-]

20.Rxc4

(Diagram)



Bxc4 -0.43/23
[20...a5!∓ -1.23/21 21.Qc3 Bxc4 22.Qxc4 b5]
21.Qxc4∓ d5 is the strong threat.
21...Qd7 22.Bxe7! Qxe7 23.d5 Rd8
[23...Re8 24.dxe6 Qxe6 25.Qxe6 Rxe6 26.Rd1 Bf8]
24.Rc1 exd5 25.Bxd5 Bf8 26.Qd4 Bg7 -0.01/20
[26...Rd6∓ -0.63/19]
27.Qd3 -0.59/20
[27.Qc4= -0.01/20]
27...Bf6 28.Qf3 Kg7 29.Rc6 Bd4 30.Rc2 Rd6 31.Kg2 Qd7 32.Bb3 b5 33.Rd2 a5
[33...Qe7 simplifies 34.Re2 Qf6 35.Qxf6+ Bxf6 36.Rc2 Rd7]
34.Qf4 a4 35.Bd1 Qc6+ 36.Bf3 Qc5↑ Black has strong initiative.
[36...Qc3 seems wilder. 37.Rd1 Rf6 38.Qe4 Bb6]
37.Qe4 -1.48/21
[White should try 37.Rd3 -0.96/21]
37...b4∓ 38.Qb1 Rf6 -0.98/22
[Black should play 38...Qb6 -1.45/19 ...b3 is the strong threat. 39.Bd1 b3 40.axb3 Qb7+ 41.Bf3 Qxb3 42.Qxb3 axb3]
39.Qd1 Bc3 Black is more active.
40.Rd8 -1.55/22
[⌓40.Rd3 -1.01/24]



40...b3! 41.axb3 a3 42.Ra8? -4.48/21
[42.b4 -1.75/22 was forced. Bxb4 *(42...Qxb4? 43.Ra8-+)* 43.Qe2]
42...Rd6-+ 43.b4 Bxb4
[Weaker is 43...Qxb4 44.Qa4∓]
44.Qa1+ Kh6 45.Bb7 Qb6 Black is clearly winning. **46.Be4 Rd2 47.Qe1 Qd4** Dodges Rxa3. White is weak on the dark squares **48.Ra4 a2 49.Bf3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
49...Rc2
0-1

270 **A28**
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A28: English Opening: Four Knights Variation
TonyK: 'By simple moves White gains a crushing advantage. This game is worth seeing for the plan White employs.' RR: 'Inf 97/(6)' **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e4N**

[4.a3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0
A) 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 *(9.Nxe5 Nxc3 10.Nxc6 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 bxc6 12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.d3 Bh3 14.Re1 Rb3 15.Rb1 Qxd3 16.Qxd3 Rxd3 17.Be4 Rb3 18.Bc2 Rb6 19.b4 Rc6 20.Be4 Re6 21.Bb2 Rfe8 22.f3 Rd6* ½-½ Kacheishvili,G (2605)-Svetushkin,D (2552) 97/(6) Kusadasi 2006*)* 9...Qxd5 10.d3 Qb5 11.Rb1 a5 12.Be3 Be6 13.b3 Nd4 14.b4 Ba2 15.Bxd4 exd4 16.Rb2 Bd5 17.Qc2 Qd7 18.Nd2 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 axb4 20.axb4 Rfe8 Gurevich,M (2643)-Balogh,C (2576) 97/(6) Kusadasi 2006;
B) 7.d3 h6 8.0-0 d6 9.b4 a6 10.Rb1 Be6 11.e4 Qd7 12.Nd5 Ne8 13.Bb2 Kh7 14.d4 Bg4 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Ne3 Qxd1 17.Rfxd1 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Nd6 1-0 (39) Gurevich,M (2644)-Plischki,S (2310) KB Czech Open 2003 (1)]
[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 h6 8.b4 d6 9.Rb1 a6 10.a4 Ne7 11.Ba3 c6 12.c5 Re8 13.e4 Bg4 14.Qb3 Nd7 15.Nd2 Nc8 16.Qc2 Bf8 17.cxd6 Nxd6 18.Nb3 b5 0-1 (56) 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4_43147 (2742)-C 06/32 (2795) W-ch19 sf03 corr9095 1990 (4)]

4...Bb4 5.d3 d6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 0-0 8.g3 Rb8 9.a4 Ne8 0.34/19
[9...Nd7= -0.05/18 should be considered.]

10.Nh4± Ne7 11.Bg2 f5 12.exf5 Nxf5 13.Nxf5
[RR 13.Nf3 b6 14.0-0 Bb7 15.d4 Nf6 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Qxd1 19.Rxd1 Rbe8 20.Nc6 Re2 21.Ba3 Rfe8 22.Kf3 g5 23.h3 h5 24.Nd4 g4+ 25.Kg2 Nxd4 26.Rxd4 Ne4 27.Rf1 c5 Abdusattorov,N (2661)-Sevian,S (2703) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (49)]

13...Bxf5 14.0-0N
[RR 14.Be3 b6 15.a5 Nf6 16.0-0 Qd7 17.axb6 axb6 18.Ra7 Bh3 19.Qa4 Qf5 20.Bxh3 Qxh3 21.Qc6 Rbc8 22.Qg2 Qh5 23.Rfa1 0-1 (23) Ozsac,S (2293)-Royal,S (2452) Vrnjacka Banja 2023]

14...Qd7 15.Be3 b6 16.d4 exd4 17.cxd4 Bh3 18.d5 Nf6 19.Bd4 Rbe8 20.a5
[20.f3 simplifies a5 21.Bxh3 Qxh3 22.Qd3]

20...Ne4 21.Ra2 -0.30/21
[21.axb6± 0.31/20 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 axb6 23.f3]

21...Ng5 22.f4 Bg4 23.Qa1 Nh3+ 24.Kh1⇄ White has counterplay **24...Rf7 25.axb6 cxb6 26.Qc3**
[26.Qb1 is more complex. Rfe7 27.f5 Re2 28.f6]

26...Rfe7 27.Bf3 h5 28.Qd3 Bxf3+ 29.Qxf3 Qg4 30.Qxg4 hxg4 31.Rfa1 -1.42/24
[31.Bc3∓ -0.44/23]

31...Re4∓ 32.Rd2 Rc8? -0.01/22
[Black should try 32...R8e7-+ -1.74/24 33.Rc1 Kf7]

33.Rc1= Rce8 0.01/20
[33...Rf8∓ -1.06/22 34.Kg2 Rc8]

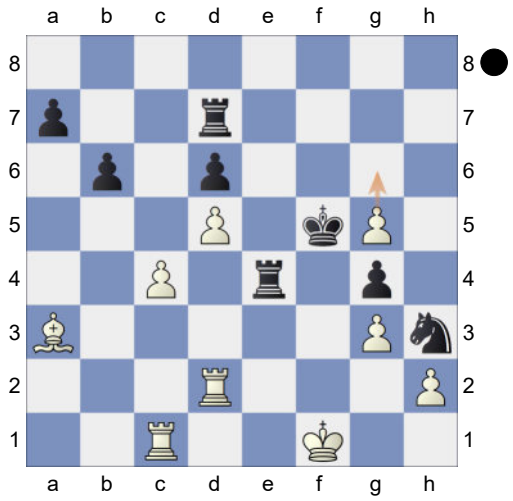
34.Ra1 R8e7 35.Kg2 Kh7 36.Kf1 Kg6! 37.Rc1 -1.85/23
[37.Rdd1∓ -1.46/20]

37...Kf5-+ 38.Bb2 g5 -1.25/22
[38...Re3-+ -1.69/23 39.Bd4 R3e4]

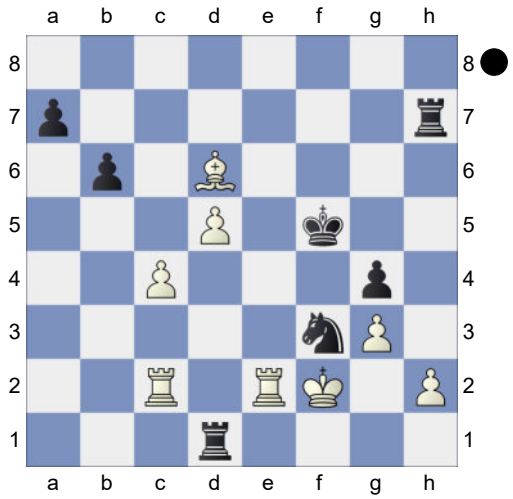
39.Ba3∓ Rd7
[39...gxf4?! 40.Bxd6 Rd7 41.Bxf4=]

40.fxg5

(Diagram)



Nxg5 -0.99/22 Black is more active.
[⌓40...Re3! -1.56/22 41.Ra1 Nxg5]
41.Rf2+ Nf3 42.Re2 -2.25/21 Repels Re3
[42.h4∓ -1.38/21]
42...Rh7? -0.71/22
[42...Ne5-+ -2.25/21 is more deadly. Hoping for ...a5. 43.Rf2+ Nf3]
43.Rcc2 -1.94/24
[43.Bxd6∓ -0.71/22 Rxe2 44.Kxe2]
43...Rd4-+
[Resist 43...Rxe2 44.Rxe2 Rd7 *(44...Nxh2+ 45.Kf2=; 44...Rxh2 45.Bxd6 Nd2+ 46.Ke1∓)* 45.Re8∓]
44.Bxd6 Rd1+ 45.Kf2



Nd4!
[Weaker is 45...Rxh2+ 46.Ke3 Rhh1 47.Bc7∓]
46.Re5+ -3.01/23
[⌓46.Ke3 -1.95/21 Nxc2+ 47.Rxc2]
46...Kf6? -0.01/24
[46...Kg6-+ -3.01/23 47.Kg2 *(47.Rc3? Rf7+ 48.Kg2 Rdf1-+)* 47...Rd7 *(47...Nxc2 48.Re6+ Kg5 49.Re5+ Kf6 50.Re6+ Kg7 51.Re7+ Kg6 52.Re6+ Kg5 53.Re5+ Kh6 54.Re6+ Kh5 55.Re5+ Kh6 56.Re6+ Kh5 57.Re5+ Kg6 58.Re6+=)]
47.Kg2= The position is equal. **47...Nxc2**
[47...Nf3!? 48.Re6+□ Kf5=]
48.Re6+ Kf5 49.Re5+ Kg6 50.Re6+ Kf7 51.Re7+ Kg8 52.Re8+ Kg7 53.Re7+ Kg6 54.Re6+ Kf5 55.Re5+ Kf6 56.Re6+ Whites escaped into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
56...Kf5 Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
0-1

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Nc6 8.e3 g5 9.Bg3 h5 10.Bb5 h4 11.Be5 Rh5N
[11...0-0 - 148/182]
[RR 11...Rh6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.h3 Ne4 14.Nge2 Bf5 15.Qa4 Qb8 16.0-0 Bxc3 17.Nxc3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Qb5 19.Qxb5 cxb5 20.Bxc7 a5 21.a4 Rc6 22.Be5 b4 23.cxb4 axb4 24.a5 f6 25.Ra4 b3 26.Rb4 Loiacono,L (2277)-Blohberger,F (2433) Porto Carras 2018 0-1 (34)]

[RR 11...Rh6 12.h3 Ne4 13.Nge2 Bf5 14.Qb3 Bxc3+ 15.Nxc3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Qd7 17.Bh2 0-0-0 18.Qa4 Rg8 19.f3 a6 20.Be2 Re8 21.Bg1 Rhe6 22.Bf2 Qe7 23.0-0 Qd7 24.Rfd1 Rxe3 25.Bxe3 Rxe3 26.Bf1 Sjugirov,S (2663)-Yu,Y (2764) St Petersburg 2018 0-1 (58)]

[RR 11...0-0 12.Nf3 Ne4 13.h3 Bf5 14.Bd3 f6 15.Bh2 Qe7 16.a3 Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 Na5 18.Nd2 c6 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Bxe4 Qxe4 21.Qxe4 dxe4 22.Rb1 b5 23.Bd6 Rfe8 24.Ke2 Nc4 25.Bc5 a6 26.Rhd1 Shi,Y (1889)-Zhu,J (2548) Shenzhen 2025 0-1 (43)]

[RR 11...0-0 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.h3 Ne7 14.Nf3 c5 15.dxc5 Bf5 16.Bd3 Rac8 17.Nd4 Bd7 18.0-0 Bxc5 19.Qe2 Kg7 20.f4 Rce8 21.Qh5 Rh8 22.Qxg5+ Qxg5 23.fxg5 Nc6 24.Na4 Bxd4 25.exd4 Nxd4 26.Nc5 Indjic,A (2599)-Predojevic,B (2624) Valjevo 2018 1-0 (42)]

[RR 11...Rh6 12.h3 Ne4 13.Nge2 Bf5 14.Bd3 Qd7 15.Bh2 0-0-0 16.a3 Nxc3 17.Bxf5 Ne4+ 18.axb4 Qxf5 19.f3 Nd6 20.Qxf5+ Nxf5 21.b5 Nce7 22.Kf2 Kb8 23.Nc3 Re6 24.Rxa7 Nc8 25.Raa1 Rxe3 26.Ra8+ Petrosyan,M (2625)-Gharibyan,M (2460) Jermuk 2021 1-0 (32)]

12.h3

[12.Nge2!?]

12...Bd7 13.Bh2

[13.Bxc6!? Bxc6 14.Nge2]

13...Qe7! [Δ Nd4] **14.Nge2 0-0-0 15.0-0-0**

[15.a3 Bd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6=]

15...a6 16.Ba4

[16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.a3 Bxc3 *(17...Bd6 18.Bxd6 Qxd6=)* 18.Nxc3 Ne4=]

16...Kb8 17.a3 Bd6 18.Bg1?!

[18.Bxd6 Qxd6 *(18...cxd6!?)* 19.f3 Na5=]

18...g4

[⩲18...b5 19.Bb3 g4 20.hxg4 Bxg4∓ △21.Nxd5? Nxd5 22.Qxc6 Bxe2 23.Bxd5 Rxd5 24.Qxd5 Bxd1 25.Kxd1 Bc5 26.Qc6 Bxd4-+]

19.hxg4 Nxg4 20.Bb3 Nf6 21.f3 Bf5?!

[21...Rg5∓]

22.Qd2 Bg6 23.Bf2?!

[23.Bh2±]

23...Rdh8 24.Ba2 Qd7 25.Rde1 Na5

[25...Ne7=]

[25...Na7!?]

26.b4?!

[26.Bg1 Δ Bh2]

26...Nc6!

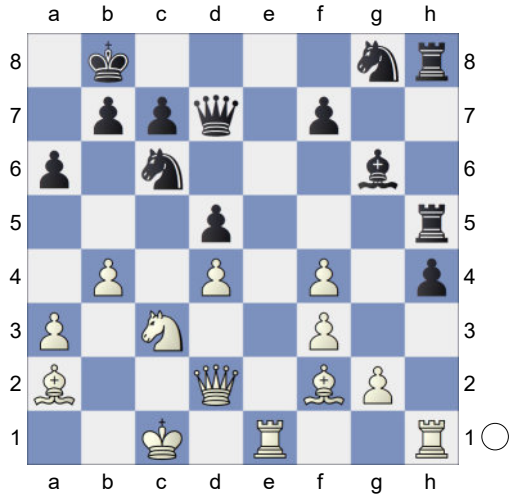
[26...Nc4?! 27.Bxc4 dxc4 28.e4±]

27.Nf4

[27.Kb2 a5→]

27...Bxf4 28.exf4 Ng8? Diagram

[28...Bf5↑]



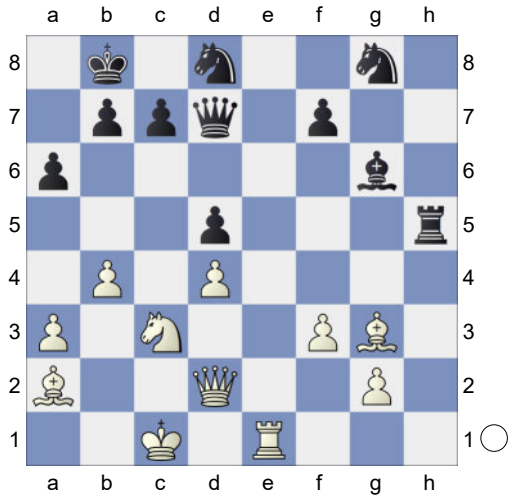
29.f5! Rxf5

[29...Qxf5? 30.Re8+ Ka7 31.Bxd5+-]

[29...Bxf5 30.Nxd5±]

30.Rxh4 Rxh4

[30...Rfh5!?]
31.Bxh4 Rh5 32.Bg3
[32.Bg5!?]
32...Nd8?! Diagram
[32...Nge7!?]
[32...b5!?]



33.a4!± Ne7 34.b5 Ne6 35.Kb2?!
[35.Be5!]
35...Ka7?
[35...axb5 36.axb5 *(36.Nxb5 Nc6∞)* 36...Nc8∞]
36.Bb3
[36.Be5!?]
36...Rh8
[36...c6!?]
37.Be5! Rc8 Diagram
[37...Rf8]

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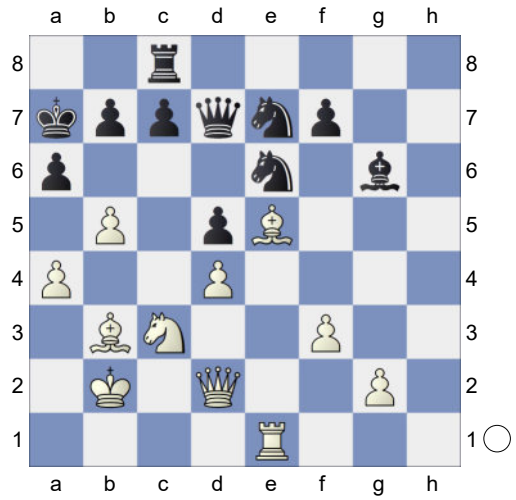

38.g4!+- c6 39.bxa6
[39.f4!?]
39...b6 40.a5 b5 41.Na2
[41.f4!?]
41...c5?! 42.dxc5 Nc6 43.f4
[43.Bd6]
43...Nxc5
[43...Kxa6!?]
44.Bd4! Nxd4 45.Qxd4 Bd3 46.Bxd5 Bc4 47.Nb4 Qd6 48.Rd1
[48.Re5!?]
48...Bxd5 49.Nxd5 Qe6?!
[49...Qd8]
50.Rc1! Qd6 51.Kb1
[51.g5!?]
51...b4
[⌓51...Kb8]
52.Rc4 Qg6+ 53.Kb2 Qd6 54.Nxb4 Qxd4+ 55.Rxd4 f5 56.g5 Ne6 57.Rd7+ Kb8 58.Nd5
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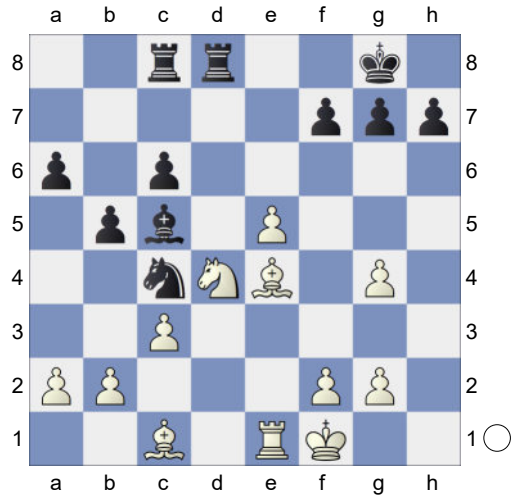
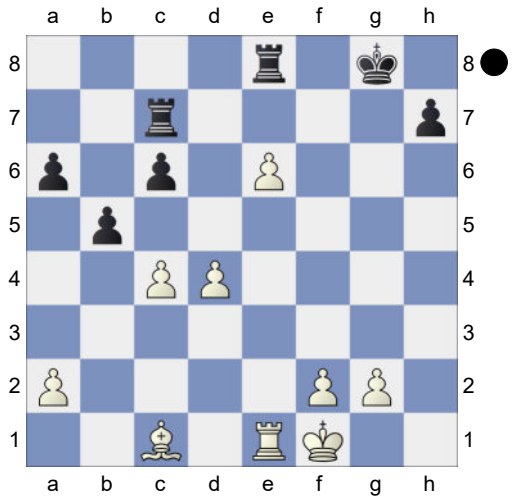
C83: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 Be7 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Be7 10.Be3 0-0 11.Nbd2 Bg4 12.h3 Nxd2 13.hxg4**
[13.Bxd2 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Nxe5∓]
13...Nxf1 14.Kxf1 Na5! Threatens to win with ...Na5xb3. **15.Bxd5 c6 16.Be4** White wants to play Qd1-c2. **16...Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1 Nc4 18.Bc1** This pair of bishops is nice. **18...Rfd8**
[RR 18...Rad8 19.Re1 c5 20.g5 b4 21.b3 Nb6 22.c4 Na8 23.Nh2 Nc7 24.f4 Ne6 25.Nf3 Nd4 26.f5 Rfe8 27.f6 Bf8 28.Bd5 Nxf3 29.gxf3 Rb8 30.f4 g6 31.Kg2 Rb6 32.Kf3 a5 33.Kg4 Hakobyan,E (2414)-Gasparyan,E (2394) Yerevan 2025 1-0 (51)]
19.Re1 White has compensation.
19...Rac8 20.Nd4N
[20.g5 g6 21.g3 Caruana,F (2806)-Dominguez Perez,L (2758) Saint Louis (blitz) 149/(125) 2021]
[RR 20.g3 c5 21.g5 Rc7 22.Kg2 g6 23.Bc2 Rc6 24.Nh2 a5 25.Ng4 a4 26.Re2 a3 27.bxa3 Nb6 28.Be4 Rc7 29.Bf4 Ra7 30.Bc6 Nd5 31.Bxd5 Rxd5 32.Rb2 c4 33.Ne3 Rc5 34.Nc2 Rd5 Kasimdzhanov,R (2662)-Sindarov,J (2578) Tashkent 2023 ½-½ (50)]
[RR 20.g3 g6 21.Kg2 Bf8 22.b3 Nb6 23.Bg5 Re8 24.Rd1 Bg7 25.Bf4 Nd5 26.Rd3 h6 27.c4 bxc4 28.bxc4 Nb6 29.Ra3 Nxc4 30.Rxa6 Nxe5 31.Nxe5 Bxe5 32.Bxc6 Re6 33.Bb7 Rxa6 34.Bxa6 Rc5 Pichot,A (2638)-Sevian,S (2687) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (61)]
20...Bc5 Perunovic,Milos: 'Diagram
[20...Nxe5? perishes. 21.Bf5 c5 22.Rxe5± *(22.Bxc8 cxd4 23.Rxe5 Bf6+-)*]



' **21.Bf5N**
[21.b3 Perunovic,Milos: '- 155/(131)' Nxe5 22.Bf5 Bxd4 23.cxd4 Nd7 24.Bg5 g6 ½-½ Petirova,I-Koroviansky Berlin 1897]
21...Rc7 22.e6 Bxd4 23.cxd4
[23.exf7+ with more complications. Kf8 24.cxd4 Rxd4 25.b3]
23...Re8
[23...Rb7 Perunovic,Milos 24.exf7+ Kxf7 25.Be6+ Kf8 26.b3 Nd6 27.f4∞]
24.b3 g6
[24...Nb6 simplifies 25.exf7+ *(25.g5!? Perunovic,Milos g6 26.Bf4 Rb7 27.exf7+ Kxf7 28.Be4 Rbe7 29.f3 Nd5 30.Be5↑)* 25...Kxf7 26.Rxe8 Kxe8 27.Bxh7 Nd5]
25.bxc4 gxf5 26.gxf5
[Reject 26.Bf4 Rb7 27.gxf5 bxc4∓]
26...fxe6 27.fxe6=
(Diagram)



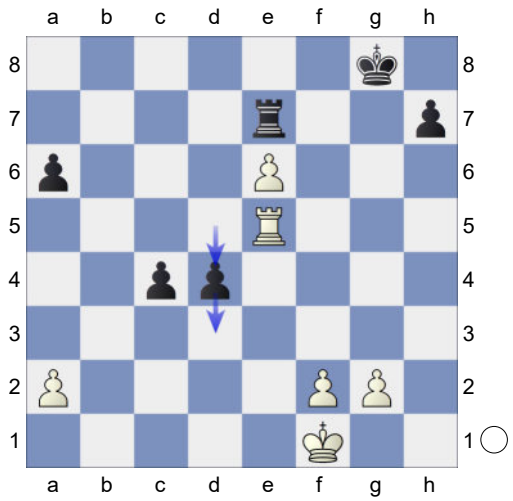
Endgame. And now Bc1-f4 would win. KRR-KRB **27...Rce7!**

[27...bxc4 Perunovic,Milos 28.f4 Kg7 29.g4 Rb7 30.f5 Kf6 31.Re5 Rg7 32.g5+ Rxg5 33.Bxg5+ Kxg5=]

28.d5 bxc4 29.Ba3

[29.f4 Perunovic,Milos cxd5 30.f5 d4 31.Bg5 Kg7! 32.Re5 h6 33.Bxe7 Rxe7 34.Rc5 Kf6=]

29...cxd5! 30.Bxe7 Rxe7± KR-KR **31.Re5 d4**



aiming for ...d4-d3. **32.Re4 d3** White must now prevent ...c4-c3. **33.Rxc4** Hoping for Rc4-g4+. **33...Rxe6** ...d3-d2 would now be deadly. **34.Rd4 Re2 35.a3**

[35.Rxd3 Perunovic,Milos Rxa2=]

35...Rd2 The position is equal. **36.Ke1** Prevents Rd2-d1+. **36...Re2+ 37.Kf1 Rd2 38.Ke1** Against Rd2-d1+. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

½-½

273 **B90**

□ **Nestorovic,Nikola** **2456**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**

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[TA]*

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 Qc7N

[7...Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Bg5 *(13.Rac1 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Bxc4 15.Qd2 b5 16.b3 b4 17.Nb1 Bb5 18.Qxb4 d5 19.Qc3 Qxc3 20.Nxc3 d4 21.a4 Be8 22.Nxd4 exd4 23.Bxd4 Bc6 24.f3 Rac8 25.Bf2 Nd7 26.Ne2 Ne5 27.h3 f6* 0-1 (43) Betak,M (2417)-Lengyel,B (2351) New York Man-Machine m 2003 *28.Kf1 Rc7 29.Nf4 Rfc8 30.Bg3 Rb7 31.Rd2 Kf7 32.Rcd1 g5 33.Nd5 Bxd5 34.exd5 Bd6 35.Re2 Rbc7 36.Bxe5 Bxe5 37.c4 a5 38.h4 h6 39.hxg5 hxg5 40.Re3 Rb7 41.Rdd3 Rcb8 42.c5 Bf4* 0-1 Laub Laube,B (2417)-Laine,P (2351) corr WS/MN/047 2009*)* 13...Rac8 14.Rac1 *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rac1 Nxb3 16.axb3 Qc6 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.c4 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Qe8 21.Rc3 Qg6 22.Kh2 Kh8 23.b4 Be6 24.Re3 Qf7 25.b3 b5 26.Kh1 Qb7 27.Re4 Bf5 28.Re3 Be6* □-□ 9.♘d2 a5/ 14.□ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 1 (2732)-Grankin,F

(2733) 5.Bd2 - Main line 10.Nc3 g5 11. Bc1 2018 (2.6)) 14...Nxb3 15.axb3 Nh5 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qg5 Nf6 19.Nh4 Nd5 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 9.♘c6 ♗c6 10.♗f4 ♘h5-N,NURS-ch Soviet Union 1983]

8.a4 h6 9.a5 Be6 10.Be2

[10.Nd5 - 102/(184)]

10...Nbd7 11.0-0 Rc8

[RR 11...Be7 12.Ra3 0-0 13.Re1 Rfc8 14.h3 Qd8 15.Ra1 Nc5 16.Nd2 d5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Nc4 Bxc4 20.Bxc4 Qe8 21.Qh5 Bf6 22.Rad1 Ne6 23.b3 Rd8 24.Qg4 Kf8 25.Bb6 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Andriasian,Z (2606)-Muradli, M (2449) Lichess.org INT 2020 1-0 (34)]

[RR 11...Be7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Bf5 14.c4 0-0 15.b4 Rfe8 16.Qd2 Rac8 17.Rfd1 Qb8 18.Rac1 Nf6 19.Qa2 Ne4 20.Qa1 Bf8 21.Bd3 Bh7 22.Qb1 Nf6 23.Bxh7+ Nxh7 24.c5 Nf6 25.c6 g6 26.b5 Rose,F (2093)-Davidson,K (2154) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (45)]

12.Ne1 White is slightly better.

[12.Nd5!? Nxd5 *(12...Qxc2??* 4.68/21 12...Qd8 0.47 *13.Rc1+-; 12...Bxd5 13.exd5 g6 14.c4 Bg7 15.b4±)* 13.exd5 Bg4 14.c4 Be7 15.b4 0-0! 16.Nd2 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 f5 18.f3±]

12...Be7 13.Bf3 Diagram

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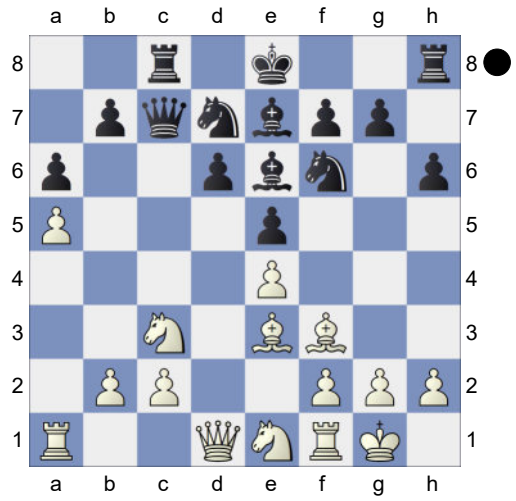

13...Qb8N

[13...0-0]

[RR 13...0-0 14.Nd3 Rfe8 15.Qd2 Nh7 16.g3 Bg5 17.Rfd1 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nhf6 19.Nb4 Nb8 20.Qd2 Red8 21.Nbd5 Nxd5 22.Nxd5 Qxc2 23.Ne7+ Kf8 24.Nxc8 Qxc8 25.Rac1 Nc6 26.Rc3 Qb8 27.Rd3 Kg8 28.Rxd6 Magem Badals,J (2505)-Trichkov,V (2395) Barcelona 1993 ½-½ (59)]

14.Nd3

[14.Nd5 Bd8 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6 16.b3 0-0 17.c4 b6 18.axb6 Bxb6 19.Rxa6 Bxe3 20.fxe3 Rfd8⩱]

14...Rc4 15.Bd2 Qc8 16.Qe1 Bd8 17.b3 Rc6 18.Nb4 Rc5 19.Na4

[19.Na4!?]

19...Rxa5

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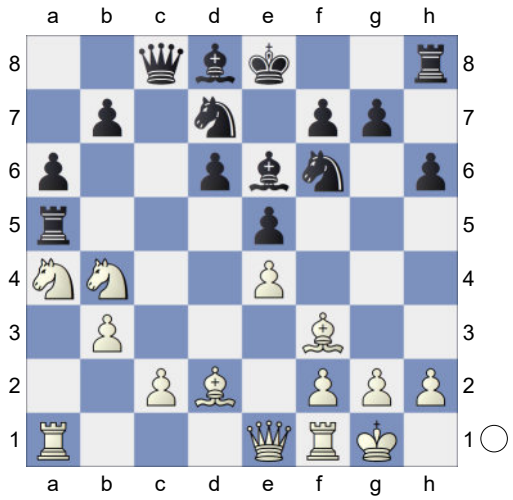
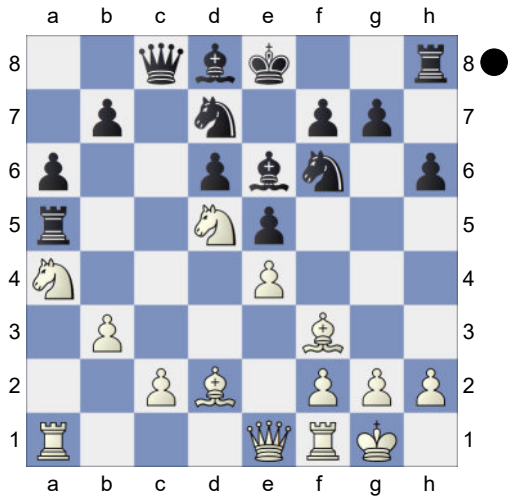
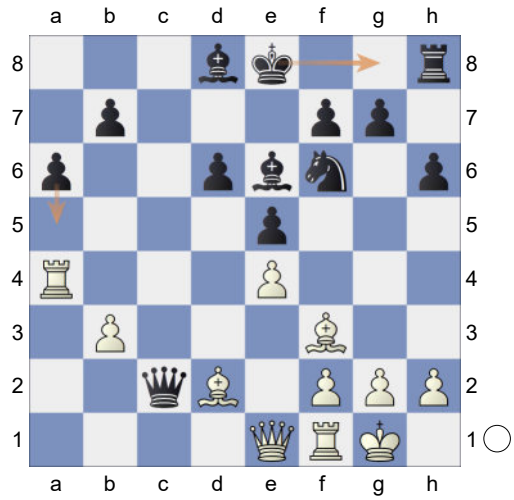


20.Nd5! Diagram

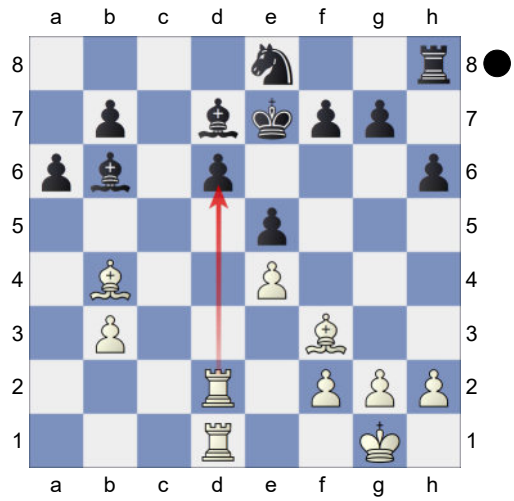


20...Rxa4!
[20...Rxd5 21.exd5]
21.Nxf6+
[21.bxa4 Bxd5 22.exd5 Bb6⩱]
[21.Rxa4 Bxd5 22.exd5 Qxc2 23.Be3 0-0 24.Qb4 Against Bb6 Qc7 25.Rc1 Qb8 26.Ra2 Be7⩱]
21...Nxf6 22.Rxa4 Qxc2 Diagram

(Diagram)



23.Qc1?! -0.21/21
[23.Qe3 Hoping for Rc1. Qc7 24.Rc1 Qb8 25.Ra2 0-0 26.Rac2 Re8 27.h3 Bd7⩱]
[23.Qe3 0.30/20]
23...Qxc1=
[23...Qxb3 24.Rb4 Qa2 25.Rxb7+-]
24.Rxc1 Bd7 25.Ra2 Ke7∓ 26.Bb4 -0.37/19
[26.Be3= 0.01/22 is superior.]
26...Bb6 27.Rd2 Ne8 28.Rcd1



Bc6 29.Kf1 h5
[29...Bd4 0.01/21 29...Bc7 -0.35 30.Rxd4! exd4 31.Rxd4 f5!∓]
30.h4 -0.71/20
[⩲30.Bxd6+ Nxd6 31.Rxd6 Bd4 32.R1xd4 exd4 33.Rxd4 a5 34.Ke2

b5∓]
[30.Be2!= -0.30/22]
30...Rh6 31.Rc2 Nc7 32.Bd2 Rh8 33.Bb4 -1.51/21
[White should try 33.Rdc1 -0.88/19]
33...Nb5∓ 34.Bc3 g6 35.Bb2 a5 -1.08/20
[35...Nd4 36.Bxd4 Bxd4 37.Rdc1 Bc5-+]
[Black should try 35...Rb8 -1.48/20 36.Rdc1 Bd4]
36.Rcc1 -1.74/21
[36.Rdc1∓ -1.08/20 was called for.]
36...Bd4 37.Rc2 Ra8 38.Bc1 -2.32/20
[⌓38.Re1 -1.62/19]
38...Nc3-+ 39.Re1 b5 40.Be3 b4
[40...Bxe4? is the wrong capture. 41.Bxe4 Nxe4 42.Bxd4+-]
41.Bxd4 Bb5+
[But not 41...exd4 42.Be2]
42.Kg1 exd4 43.Rd2 d3 44.Bd1 Nb1 45.Rb2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
45...d2
[45...Nc3? 46.f4-+]
0-1

274 **D45**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2651**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
152/25 Belgrad 2022
[TA]*

D45: Semi-Slav: 5 e3
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Be2 Bd6 7.b3 b6 8.Bb2 Bb7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qc2 Re8 11.Rad1 Qe7 12.Rfe1 Rad8
[RR 12...Rac8 13.Bd3 e5 *(RR 13...c5 14.cxd5 exd5 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Bf5)* 14.e4 *(RR 14.cxd5 e4)*
A) RR 14...dxe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Bxe4;
B) RR 14...exd4 15.exd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 *(RR 16.Kxh2 Qd6+ 17.Kg1 dxc3; RR 16.Kf1)* 16...Be5 17.Nxd4;
C) 14...dxc4 15.Bxc4 b5 16.Bf1 g6 *(RR 16...Rcd8 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nd4 Bc8)* 17.Qd2 Rcd8 18.Qg5 a6 19.h3 exd4 *(RR 19...Bc7 20.a4)* 20.Nxd4 Qe5 21.Qxe5 Nxe5 22.Nc2 *(RR 22.f4 Bc5)* 22...g5 23.Bc1 h6 24.Be3 c5 *(RR 24...b4 25.Na4 Nxe4 26.Bb6)* 25.f3 Bf8 26.Bf2 Bc8 27.Ne3 Kramnik,V (2743)-Topalov,V (2813) Elista 2006 CBM 115 [Marin,Mihail] 1-0 (45)]
13.h3
[13.Bf1 Bb4 14.a3 Bxa3 15.Bxa3 Qxa3 16.Ra1 Qd6 17.Rxa7 Qb8 18.Rea1 dxc4 19.Bxc4 c5 20.Qe2 cxd4 21.Nxd4 Rc8 22.f4 Nc5 23.Ncb5 Nce4 24.Qe1 Bd5 25.Nf3 Bxc4 26.bxc4 Rxc4 27.Rxf7 Rc5 ½-½ (51) Mehnert (2715)-Papadiamandis,E (2653) 30: Match St Petersburg 1893]
[RR 13.Bd3 e5 *(RR 13...h6 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Rxe4 Nf6 17.Re2 Qf8 18.Ne5 c5 19.Red2;* RR *13...c5 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Bf5 Nf8 16.Ne2 Ne4 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.Ng3 Ng5 19.Bg4 Bxg3 20.hxg3 Ne4 21.Nd2 Nxd2 22.Qxd2 Qg5 23.Bf3 Ne6 24.Qa5 Rd7 25.Ba3 Qd8 26.Qxd8 Rexd8 27.Bg4 Rc7 28.Rc1)* 14.cxd5 cxd5 *(RR 14...e4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.dxc6 Rc8 17.Bxe4)* 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nd4]
[RR 13.e4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Qxe4 Bb4 16.Rf1 Nf6 *(RR 16...f5 17.Qc2 Bd6 18.c5 bxc5*

19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.Bc4 Kh8 21.Rde1 Nf8 22.Re2) 17.Qh4 Ba3 18.Ba1 c5]

[RR 13.e4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Qxe4 Bb4 16.Rf1 Ba3 17.Bxa3 Qxa3 18.Bd3 Nf6 19.Qe3 c5 20.dxc5 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 bxc5 22.Bb1 Qa5 23.h3 h5 24.Qe3 Qc7 25.Be4 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 Svane,R (2629)-Svane,F (2671) Munich 2025 ½-½ (52)]

13...h6 0.43/19

[13...c5= 0.07/17]

14.Bf1 Ba3N

[14...c5 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Ba1 Rc8 17.Qb2 cxd4 18.Nxd4 Ba3 19.Qb1 Bb4 20.Rc1 Ne5 21.Rc2 Ne4 22.Rec1 Bxc3 23.Bxc3 Rxc3 24.Rxc3 Nxc3 25.Rxc3 Yilmaz,M (2609)-Warmerdam,M (2616) Wijk aan Zee II 155/(153) 2023]

[RR 14...Bb4 15.a3 Bd6 16.Be2 a6 17.a4 e5 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Na2 Rc8 21.Qb1 Ne4 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Nxe5 Qxe5 24.Bf3 a5 25.Rd4 Rc5 26.Nc1 Qc7 27.Ne2 Ng5 28.Bg4 b5 29.b4 Salinas Herrera,P (2485)-Campos Gomez,M (2319) Medellin 2024 ½-½ (47)]

[RR 14...Bb4 15.a3 Bxa3 16.Bxa3 Qxa3 17.Ra1 Qd6 18.Rxa7 Qb8 19.Raa1 c5 20.cxd5 Nxd5 21.Nxd5 Bxd5 22.e4 Bb7 23.dxc5 bxc5 24.Qc3 Bc6 25.Nd2 Qe5 26.Qxe5 Nxe5 27.Nc4 Nxc4 28.Bxc4 Ra8 29.f3 Srihari,L (2431)-Arjun,K (2499) Belgrade 2022 ½-½]

15.cxd5 White is slightly better.

15...exd5 16.Bxa3 Qxa3 17.Rb1 a5 18.Bd3 Qe7 19.Qb2 Ne4 20.Rbc1 Ng5 21.Nxg5 Qxg5 22.Na4 Re6 23.Qe2 c5 24.dxc5 d4 25.Qg4

[25.f4 Qf6 26.Qf2 Nxc5 27.Nxc5 bxc5 28.e4]

25...Qe7

[25...Qxg4 26.hxg4 Nxc5 27.Nxc5 bxc5 28.e4 Rc8]

26.Bf5⇄ White has counterplay

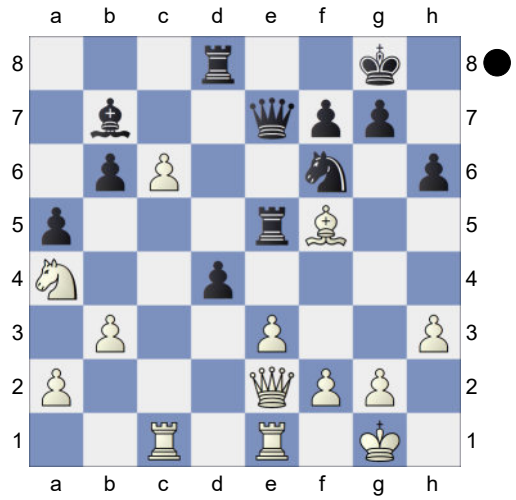
[26.Qxd4? Ne5 *(26...Nxc5? 27.Qxd8+ Qxd8 28.Nxc5-+)* 27.c6 Bxc6 *(27...Nxd3? 28.cxb7 Nxc1 29.Rxc1-+)* 28.Qxb6 Bxg2-+ *(28...Rxd3? 29.Rxc6 Rxc6 30.Qxa5-+; 28...Bxa4? 29.Qxa5 Nxd3 30.Qxa4-+)*]

26...Nf6! 27.Qe2 -0.52/19

[27.Qf4= -0.01/21 Nh5 28.Qg4]

27...Re5!∓ 28.c6 -1.12/21

[Better is 28.Bd3∓ -0.60/19 dxe3 *(28...bxc5 29.e4=)* 29.f4 *(29.c6? Bxc6 30.fxe3 Nd5∓)*]



28...Bxc6!∓

[28...Rxf5?! 29.cxb7 Qxb7 30.exd4=]

29.Rxc6 And now Qf3 would win.

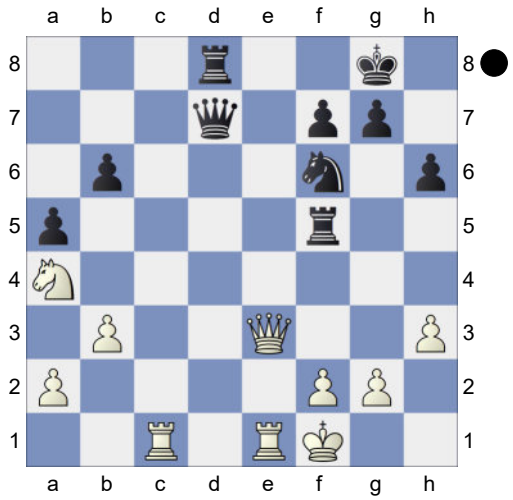
29...dxe3 30.Kf1 Rxf5 -0.01/20

[30...Re8∓ -0.76/20 ...exf2 is the strong threat. 31.Rc8 Rxf5 32.Rxe8+ Qxe8 33.Qxe3 Qxe3 34.Rxe3 b5]

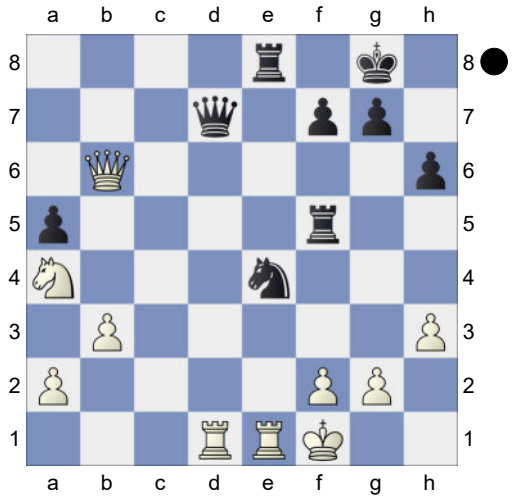
31.Qxe3= Qd7

[31...Qxe3 simplifies 32.Rxe3 b5

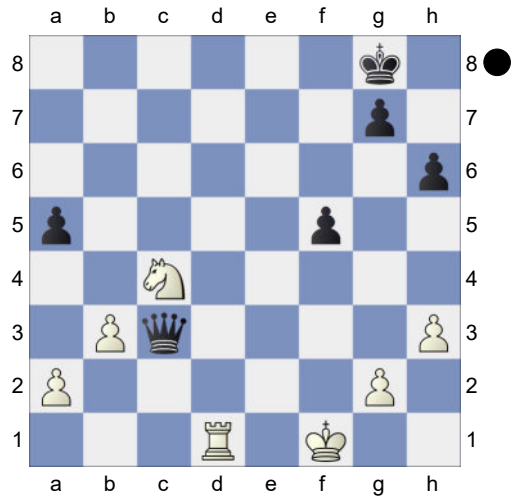
33.Nb6 Kh7]
32.Rcc1 -1.23/23
[32.Qc3!= -0.04/19]



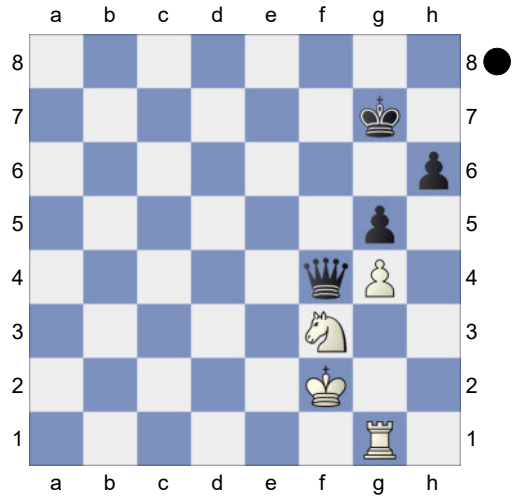
32...Re8!∓ 33.Qxb6 Ne4 Loses the game. **34.Rcd1** -3.78/25
[34.Kg1∓ -1.37/24 Nxf2 *(34...Rxf2 35.Rxe4±)* 35.Re3]



Prevents Qd2 **34...Nxf2!-+ 35.Rxe8+ Qxe8 36.Qxf2 Qb5+**
[Much less strong is 36...Rxf2+ 37.Kxf2 Kh7 38.Nc3-+]
37.Kg1 Rxf2 38.Kxf2 Endgame KQ-KRN **38...Qf5+ 39.Ke3 Qg5+ 40.Kf2 Qf4+ 41.Kg1 Qe3+ 42.Kf1 f5 43.Nb2 Qc3 44.Nc4**

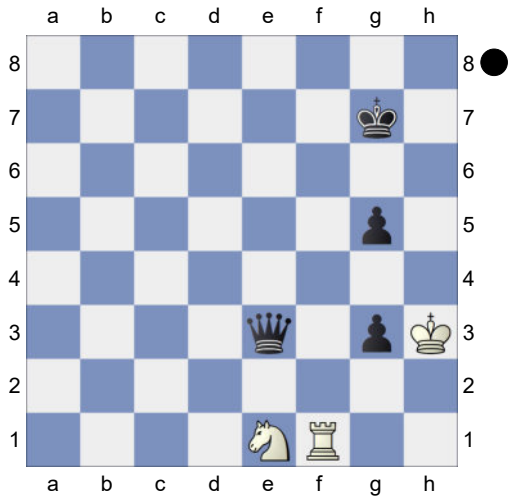


a4! 45.Re1 axb3 46.axb3 Qxb3 47.Ne5 g5 48.Nf3 Kg7 49.Kf2 -2.71/23
[⌓49.Kg1 -1.96/22]
49...Kf6 50.g4? -4.75/26
[50.g3 -1.73/20]
50...Qb6+ 51.Kg3 Qd6+ 52.Kf2 fxg4 53.hxg4 Qf4 54.Rh1 Kg7
[54...Qxg4 55.Rxh6+ Kf5 56.Rd6∓]
55.Rg1



h5! 56.Kg2
[56.Ke2 hxg4]
56...hxg4
[Not 56...Qxg4+ 57.Kf2∓]
57.Ne1 g3 58.Rf1 Inhibits Qf2+.
58...Qe3 (-> ...Qe2+) **59.Kh3**

(Diagram)



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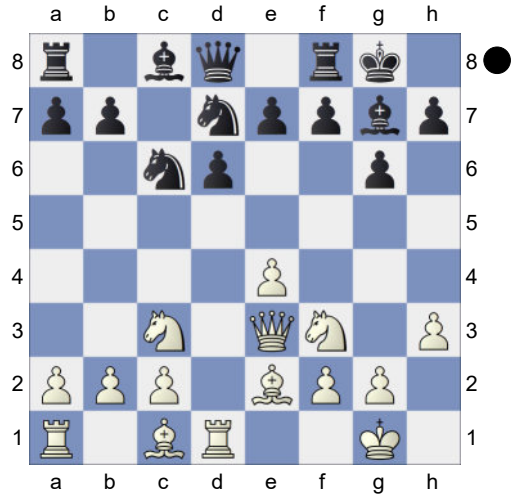
59...Qf2!! Promotion
0-1

275 **B53**
□ **Harikrishna,Penteala** **2716**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
Deutschland 152/60 2022
[TA]*

B53: Sicilian: 2...d6: Lines with Qxd4
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6N
[4...Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Qd3 g6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nd5 Nd7 10.c3 b6 *(10...Nc5 11.Qc2 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Qd1 e6 14.Ne3 d5 15.Nd4 Qh4 16.g3 Qh3 17.Bf3 Ne5 18.Bg2 Qh5 19.Qxh5 gxh5 20.Ndxf5 exf5 21.Nxd5 Ned3 22.Be3 Na4 23.Nc7 Rac8 24.Ne6 Rf7 25.Bd5* 1-0 (43) Kobo,O (2549)-Dias,R (2195) La Roda op 49th 2023 (3)*)* 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Bb7 13.Rad1 g5 14.Bg3 Nde5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Qc2 e6 17.Ne3 Qe7 18.Rd2 Rac8 19.Rfd1 0-1 (59) Tirb,A (2549)-Sivenkov,O (2685) [blindfold rapid] (Game 71) 2005 (7) Rfd8 20.f3 h5 21.h3 h4 22.Bh2 d5 23.exd5 Qc5 24.Rd4 Ng6 25.Qd2 Bxd5 26.Kh1 Bxd4 27.cxd4 Qe7 28.b3 Bb7 29.Bc4 Rd7 30.Bb5 Rdd8 31.Bc4 a6 32.a4 Rd7 33.Qb2 Nf4 34.Bxf4 0-1 (59) Kobo,O (2549)-Sarana,A (2685) Bucharest Grand Prix rapid 2023 (7)]
5.Qe3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.h3 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.Rd1 Nd7**
[9...Be6 - 140/(64)]
10.Nc3 Diagram



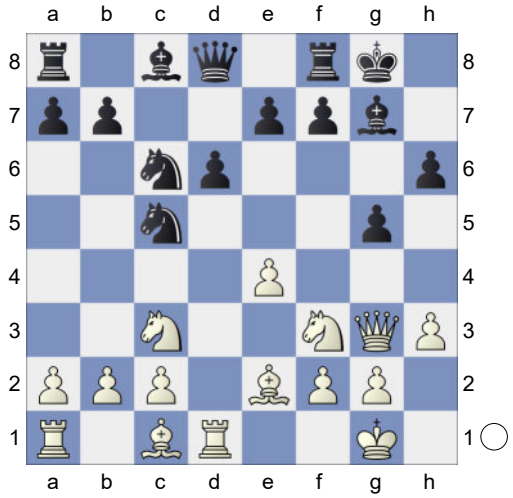
10...h6!?N
[10...b6]
[RR 10...b6 11.Nd5 Bb7 12.c4 a6 13.Rb1 e6 14.Nc3 Qc7 15.b3 Rfd8 16.Ba3 Bf8 17.Rd2 Nde5 18.Rbd1 Rab8 19.Bb2 Ba8 20.Nh2 Na7 21.f4 Nd7 22.Ba3 Nf6 23.Bb2 Be7 24.f5 d5 25.Kh1 Abdusattorov,N (2725)-Aronian,L (2742) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (33)]
[RR 10...Nc5 11.Rb1 b6 12.b4 Nd7 13.Nd5 Bb7 14.c4 Rc8 15.Qb3 Nf6 16.Nc3 Qc7 17.Be3 Rfd8 18.a4 e6 19.Rbc1 Qe7 20.Bd3 d5 21.cxd5 Qxb4 22.dxc6 Qxb3 23.cxb7 Rb8 24.Ba6 Nd7 25.Nd4 Alexakis,D (2543)-Akbas,U (2425) Ankara 2025

½-½ (60)]

11.Qf4N

[RR 11.Nd5 Nde5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Qb3 b6 14.Be3 Bb7 15.c4 e6 16.Nc3 Qe7 17.Rac1 g5 18.f3 Ng6 19.Bf1 Be5 20.Nb5 Rfd8 21.Rd2 h5 22.Be2 Nf4 23.Nc3 Kh7 24.Bd4 g4 25.fxg4 Qg5 Hernandez Gil,I (2328)-Lopez Gonzalez,A (2357) Santa Clara 2022 0-1 (57)]

11...g5!? 12.Qg3 Nc5



13.e5! Bf5?!

[13...Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.f4 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Qb6 17.Kh2→]

[13...Bd7 14.exd6 Bxc3! 15.bxc3 Ne4 16.Qh2 Nxc3 17.Re1 exd6 18.Bb2→]

14.Be3

[14.exd6 Bxc3 15.Bxg5 *(15.bxc3 Ne4∓)* 15...hxg5∓ *(15...Bxb2? 16.dxe7 Ne4 17.exd8Q+-)*]

14...Qa5 1.06/19

[14...Qb6!± 0.39/18]

15.exd6?! 0.39/20

[15.h4! g4 16.exd6! Bxc3 *(16...gxf3* 1.79/19 16...Bxc3 0.61 *17.Bxf3 Ne6 18.Rd5 Qb4 19.Rb5 Qxd6 20.Qxd6 exd6 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Rxf5±)* 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.bxc3 exd6 1.21/21 *(18...Qxc3 19.Bd3±; 18...Qxc3±* 0.70/21 *19.Rab1 exd6)* 19.c4±]

[15.h4± 1.06/19]

15...Bxc3± 16.dxe7 Rfe8 17.Bxc5

[17.bxc3 0.01/20 17.Bxc5 0.44 Ne4 18.Qh2 Nxc3 19.Rd2 Rxe7∞]

[17.bxc3 Ne4 18.Qh2 Nxc3±]

17...Bxb2

[17...Qxc5 18.bxc3 Qxc3 19.h4 Rxe7 20.Bd3 Bxd3 21.cxd3 Black must now prevent d4!. Ne5=]

18.Rab1

[18.Nxg5 Be5 19.Qf3 Qxc5 20.Nxf7 *(20.Qxf5? Bh2+* Discovered Attack *21.Kxh2 Qxf5-+)* 20...Bg6 *(20...Bxa1? 21.Nxh6+ Kh8 22.Nxf5+-)* 21.Nxe5 Qxe5=]

18...Qxc5 19.Rxb2 Qxe7

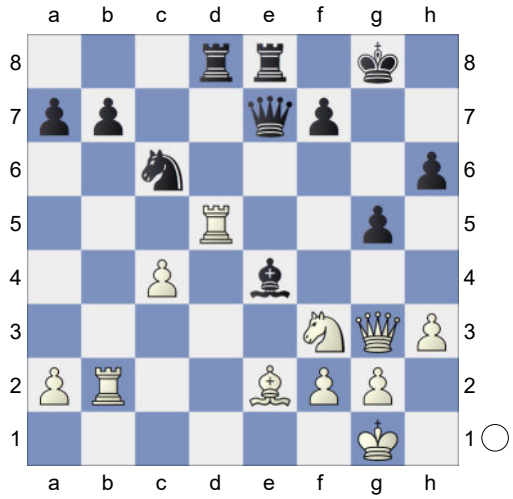
[19...Rxe7∞]

20.c4 0.01/21

[20.Bd3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 f6!∞]

[20.Bd3± 0.49/21 Bxd3 21.Rxd3]

20...Rad8= 21.Rd5⇄ White has counterplay **21...Be4**



22.Nxg5! hxg5

[22...Bxd5? 23.Ne6++-]

23.Rxg5+ Bg6

[23...Kh8? 1.97/22 23...Bg6 -0.07 24.Rh5+! Bh7 25.Bd3+-]

24.Bh5 Qf6

[24...Qd6 25.Bxg6 Re1+ 26.Kh2

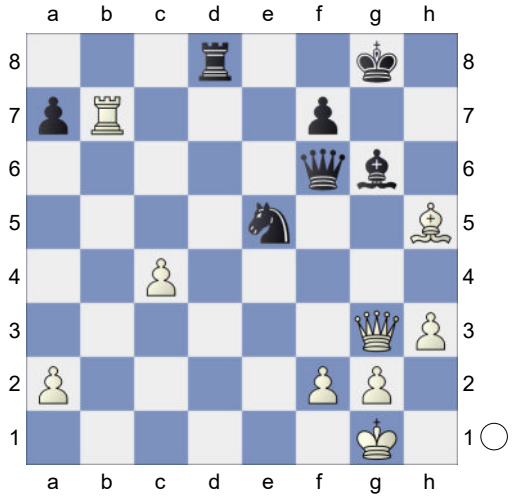
Qxg3+ 27.Kxg3 fxg6 28.Rxb7 Rd6=]

25.Rxb7 -0.49/21

[25.Bxg6! Threatening mate with Bf5+. Qxb2 26.Qf4 Re1+ -0.47/5 *(26...Qa1+= -0.01/23* was preferable. *27.Kh2 fxg6 28.Rxg6+ Qg7 29.Rxg7+ Kxg7)* 27.Kh2∓ fxg6 28.Rxg6+ Qg7 29.Rxg7+ Kxg7∞]

[25.Bxg6= 0.01/24 Qxb2 26.Qf4 Re1+ *(26...fxg6 27.Rxg6+=)* 27.Kh2]

25...Re5! 26.Rxe5 Nxe5 Diagram



27.Be2? -1.84/21 Inhibits Rd3.

[27.Rb5!

A) 27...Nxc4 -0.01/25 27...Re8 -0.39 28.Bxg6

A1) 28...Rd1+ 29.Kh2 fxg6 30.Rc5= -0.44/20 *(30.Rb8+= -0.01/23 Kg7 31.Qc7+ Kh6 32.Qxc4 Qe5+ 33.g3 Qxb8 34.Qh4+ Kg7 35.Qe7+ Kh6 36.Qh4+)*;

A2) 28...fxg6 29.Rb8=;

B) 27...Re8 28.Bxg6! fxg6 29.Rb7∞]

[27.Rb5!∓ -0.34/21 Nc6 *(27...Nxc4 28.Bxg6 Rd1+ 29.Kh2∓)* 28.Bxg6 Rd1+ *(28...Qxg6? 29.Rg5+-* Pin*; 28...fxg6 29.Rd5∓)* 29.Kh2 fxg6 30.a4]

27...Nc6?! -0.69/22

[27...Rd2! 28.Qe3 Rxa2-+ 29.Rxa7? -3.40/23 *(⌓29.Rb5 -1.97/20 Nc6 30.Bh5)* 29...Nf3+ 30.Bxf3 Qa1+-+]

[27...Rd2!-+ -1.84/21 28.Bh5 Rxa2]

28.Kh2? -1.57/21

[28.Bf3! Rd3 29.Rb3 Rd7 30.Be4∓ -0.85/20 *(30.h4∓ -0.42/21 Kh7 31.h5)*]

[28.Bf3∓ -0.69/22]

28...Rd2∓ 29.Bf3 Ne5

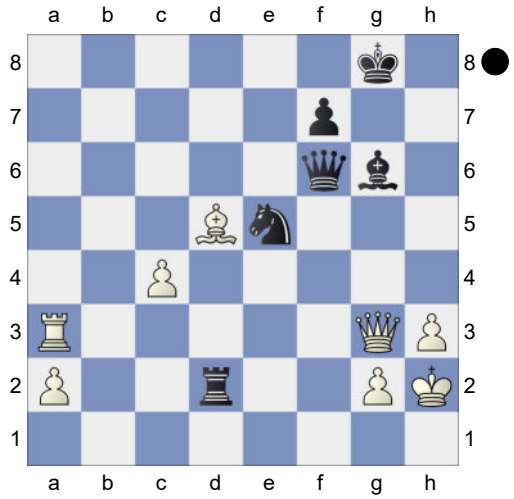
[29...Rxa2 30.Bxc6 Qxc6 31.Rb8+ Kg7 32.Qe5+ f6 *(32...Qf6? 33.Rg8+* Deflection *Kxg8 34.Qxf6+-)* 33.Qe7+ Bf7 34.Rb3=]

30.Bd5 Rxf2 31.Rxa7 Rd2 -1.19/22

[31...Rc2!-+]

[31...Rc2-+ -1.68/24 32.Ra3 Kh7 *(32...Nxc4 33.Rf3=)*]

32.Ra3



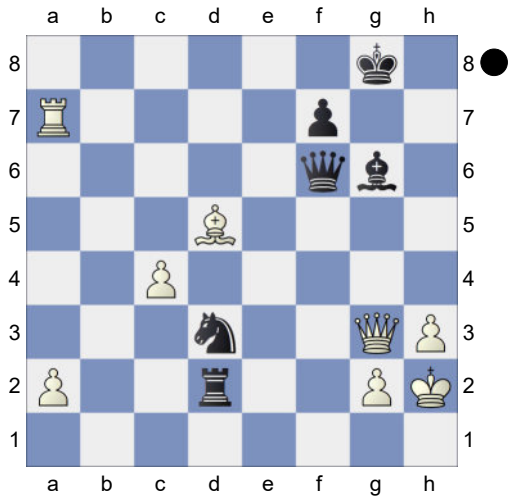
Nd3 0.01/21 Black is more active.

[Better is 32...Rd4!∓ -1.18/21 33.Rc3 Qf4]

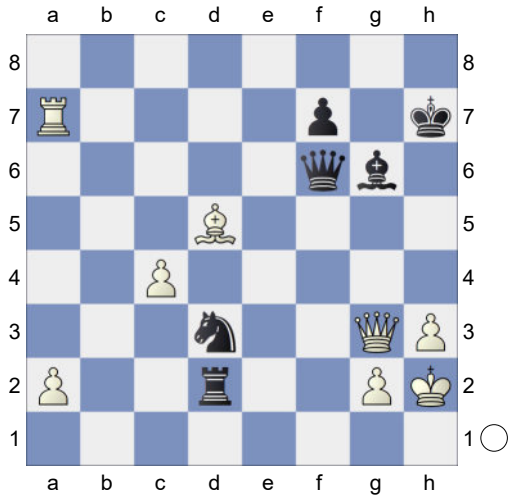
33.Ra7 -1.36/25

[33.Be4!= 0.01/21 was the only way to keep the balance. Ne5 34.c5]

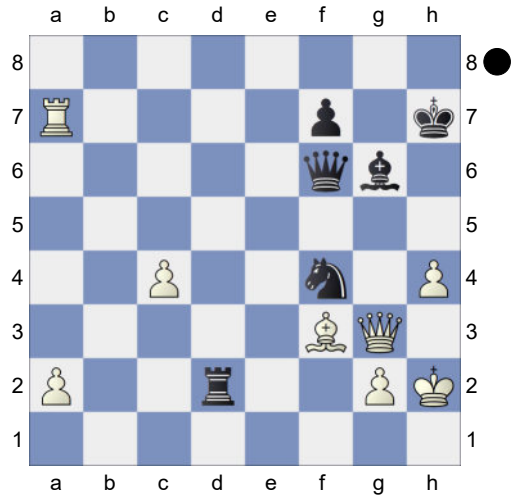
(Diagram)



33...Kh7? 0.01/24 Diagram
[33...Kf8! 34.Ra8+ Kg7 35.Ra7 Ne5 Strongly threatening ...Rd3. 36.Ra3 Rf2∓ -1.08/20 *(⌓36...Rd4 -1.56/22 37.Re3 Rf4)*]
[33...Kf8∓ -1.36/25 34.a4 Nf4 Discovered Attack]



34.h4? -4.16/24
[34.Bxf7! Bxf7 35.Rxf7+ Qxf7 36.Qh4+ Kg6 37.Qg4+ Kh6 (-> ...Qf6!) 38.Qh4+ Qh5 39.Qf6+ Kh7 40.Qe7+ Kg8 (-> ...Nf4!) *(40...Kg6 41.Qe8+ Kh6 42.Qf8+ Kg5 43.Qd8+ Kf4 44.Qd4+ Kf5* (-> ...Rxg2+!) *45.Qd5+=)* 41.Qd8+ Kf7 42.Qd7+ Kf6 (-> ...Qe5+) 43.Qd6+=]
[34.Bxf7!= 0.01/24 and White has nothing to worry. Bxf7 35.Rd7]
34...Nf4 35.Bf3 -5.81/25
[35.Qg5 -3.66/23 was worth a try. Qxg5 36.hxg5 Nxd5 37.cxd5]



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35...Nxg2!
0-1

276 **B48**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2783**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
(ol) 153/92 Chennai 2022
[TA]*

B48: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be3 a6 without Be2
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3
[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 B 44/01 2001]
5...Qc7 6.Be3N
[6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6

12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 ½-½ (37) Sarbay-Leuthold_H/Schlumpf_H 107/(248) Bischwiller 2009 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 ½-½ (37) Damjanovic,M-Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969]

6...a6 7.Qf3 Nf6 8.0-0-0 Ne5 9.Qg3 White is slightly better. **9...b5 10.f4 Neg4 11.Bd2** -0.01/19

[11.Bg1 h5 12.e5 b4! 13.Na4 Nd5

A) 14.h3 Nh6! 15.f5 *(15.Bd3)*;

B) 14.h3± 0.61/19 Nh6 15.Bd3;

C) 14.Nb3 0.20/17]

[11.Bg1± 0.50/20]

11...b4= 12.Na4 h5

[12...Qa7 0.41/18 12...h5 0.01]

13.Bd3 next h3 is good for White.

13...d5! 14.e5

[14.exd5 -0.25/20 14.e5 0.50 Nxd5 15.Kb1 Bd6 16.Rhf1 Bb7]

14...Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.h3 Nh6 17.b3N -0.22/20

[17.Bxb4 0.30/21 17.Qb3 0.73 Bxb4 18.Qxg7 Rf8! 19.Qxh6 Bd7 20.f5 0.01/18 *(20.a3 Bxa3 21.bxa3 Bxa4 22.Qh7! Qc3; 20.a3!± 0.42/22 Bxa3 21.Qh7)* 20...Bxa4= 21.fxe6 Rd8 22.exf7+ Rxf7 23.Qxa6 Bd2+! 24.Rxd2 Rxd4! 25.Qe6+ Kf8 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Qg6+ Kf8]

[17.Bxb4!± 0.36/20 Bxb4 18.Qxg7]

[RR 17.Bxb4 Bxb4 18.Qxg7 Rf8 19.Qxh6 Bd7 20.f5 Bxa4 21.fxe6 Rd8 22.Rhf1 Rxd4 23.exf7+ Rxf7 24.Qe6+ Qe7 25.Qc8+ Rd8 26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.Qe6+ Qe7 28.Qc8+ Qd8 29.Qe6+ ½-½ (29) Csonka,B (2472)-Horvath,A (2517) Budapest 2019]

[RR 17.Qb3 Bd7 18.Bxb4 Rb8 19.Bxf8 Rxb3 20.Bd6 Qa5 21.axb3 Bxa4 22.bxa4 Qxa4 23.Ba3 e3 24.Rhe1 Nf5 25.Nxf5 exf5 26.g3 Rh6 27.Rxe3 Rc6 28.Rd2 h4 29.Red3 f6 30.Rd4 Rxc2+ 31.Kb1 Rc4 Chinguun,S (2427)-Tleukhanov,Y (2321) Almaty 2025 ½-½ (39)]

[RR 17.Bxb4 Bxb4 18.Qxg7 Rf8 19.Qxh6 Bd7 20.f5 Bxa4 21.fxe6 Rd8 22.Rhf1 Rxd4 23.exf7+ Rxf7 24.Qe6+ Qe7 25.Qc8+ Rd8 26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.Qe6+ Qe7 28.Qc8+ Qd8 29.Qe6+ Qe7 30.Qc8+ ½-½ (30) Garner,I (2095)-Ermitsch,M (2115) Willingen 2021]

17...Bd7 18.Nb2 Bc5

[18...Nf5 19.Nxf5 exf5 20.Nc4 Rc8 Threatening ...h4. 21.Be3 Rh6 Against Rd6]

19.Be3 0-0 0.19/20

[19...Bb5 -0.22/20]

20.Qf2 -0.44/18

[20.Nc4 Bb5 0.04/21 *(20...Rfd8!∓ -0.40/19)* 21.Nd6!= Bxd6 22.exd6 Qc3 23.Kb1 Rfd8 24.Qf2 Rxd6 25.Nxb5! Rxd1+ 26.Rxd1 axb5 27.Bd2 Qc6 28.Bxb4 Rc8!]

[20.Nc4!= 0.19/20]

20...a5∓ 21.Kb1 -0.65/21

[21.Nc4= -0.26/18]

21...a4

[21...Bxd4

A) 22.Bxd4 -0.99/20 22.Rxd4 -0.46 Bb5 23.g4 -1.58/18 *(⌓23.Bb6 -1.10/18 Qb7 24.Bc5)* 23...a4;

B) 22.Rxd4

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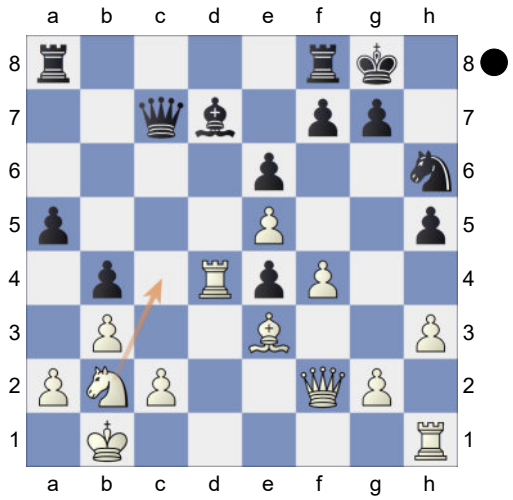


h4 -0.13/17 *(22...Nf5!∓ -0.58/20 23.Rc4 Qb7)* 23.Nc4!= Nf5 Dodges Nd6 24.Rd2! a4]

22.g4 Ra6

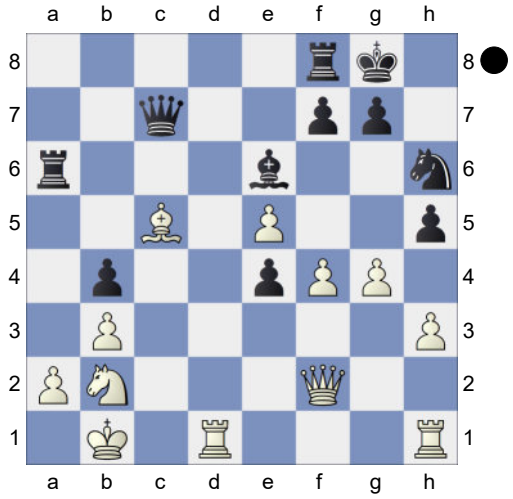
[22...axb3 - 133/91 23.cxb3 Ra6 24.Nc4 Rfa8 25.Rd2 Bxd4! 26.Bxd4 Bb5 27.Rc1!]

23.Nxe6! Discovered Attack **23...Bxe6**

24.Bxc5 axb3

[24...Rc8 25.Nxa4 Rxa4 26.bxa4 Qa5± 27.f5! Bc4! 28.Qd4 Rxc5 29.Qd8+±]

25.cxb3 Diagram



25...Rfa8N -0.22/18

[25...Rc8 26.Rc1! *(26.Bxb4± -3.12/20 26.Rc1 -0.45 e3 27.Qe2 Qa7)* 26...Rc6 27.Na4± Hoping for f5. hxg4± 28.hxg4 Bxg4 29.Be3]

[Better is 25...Rc8∓ -0.72/19 26.Bd6 e3]

26.Na4!=

[26.Bxb4? Rxa2 27.Qc5 Bxb3-+ *(27...Ra1+ 28.Kc2∓)*]

[26.f5 Bxf5 27.Bd6 *(27.gxf5? Rxa2 28.f6 R8a5∓)* 27...Qc3-+ *(27...Qa5 28.Nc4∓)*]

26...hxg4

[26...Qb7 27.f5 Bd7 28.f6 Bxa4 29.Qe3 Bxb3 30.Qg5 Bxa2+ 31.Kb2]

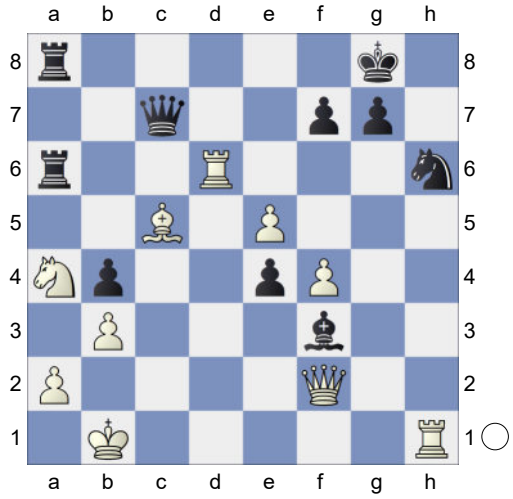
27.hxg4± Bxg4 28.Rd6⇄ White puts up resistance

[28.Rdg1 -0.33/18 28.Rd6 0.11 Bf5 29.Ka1 Ng4± 30.Qh4?! Rh6 31.Qg5 Rxh1 32.Rxh1 Be6 33.Qh5 Dodges Bxb3 *(33.Qh4!? Nh6□ 34.Qf2∓)* 33...Nh6]

28...Bf3 0.42/21

[28...Qb7 ...e3! would now be deadly. 29.Rg1! Bd7]

[28...Qb7= -0.01/19 29.Rg1 e3 30.Bxe3 *(30.Qxe3 Nf5∓)* 30...Bd7]



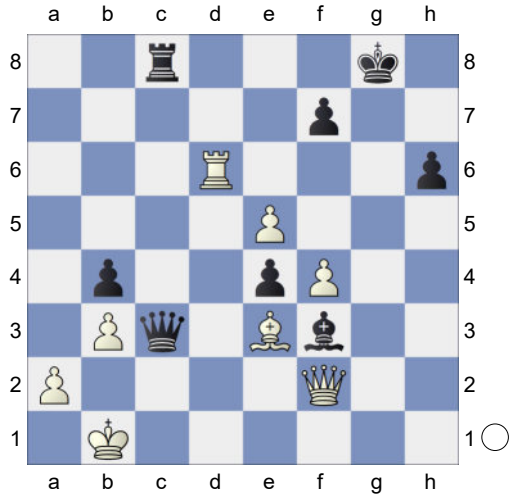
Black is weak on the dark squares

29.Rhxh6! gxh6 30.Nb6 Really sharp!

30...Rxb6 31.Bxb6

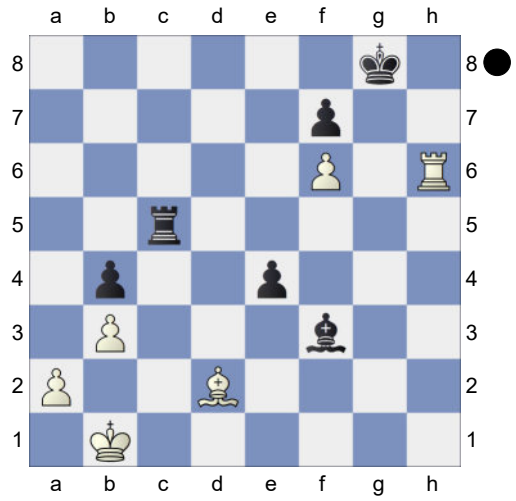
[31.Rxb6 h5± 32.Rxb4 Rc8

33.Rc4]
31...Qc3 32.Be3
[32.Rxh6 Qd3+ 33.Ka1 Threatening mate with Qg3+. Qc3+!±]
32...Rc8 Diagram



33.f5! Qxe5 0.36/23
[33...h5 34.e6?! f6 35.Rd7 Bg4]
[33...h5= -0.01/24]
34.Qg1+
[34.Rxh6 Rd8 Wards off Bd4. (-> ... Rd1+) 35.Qg1+ Qg7+- ⌓36.Qxg7+ Kxg7 37.f6+ Kg8 38.Bc5 e3 39.Bxe3 Be4+ 40.Kb2 Rd3 41.Bc1 Rd1± 42.Rh4 Re1]
34...Qg7 35.Qxg7+
[35.Qe1 feels hotter. h5 36.Qxb4 Qg2 37.Qd4]
35...Kxg7 36.Bxh6+= Endgame KRB-KRB **36...Kh7 37.Bd2** Prevents Rc3.
37...Rc5 38.Rh6++-
[38.Bxb4 Rxf5+-]
38...Kg8 39.f6

(Diagram)

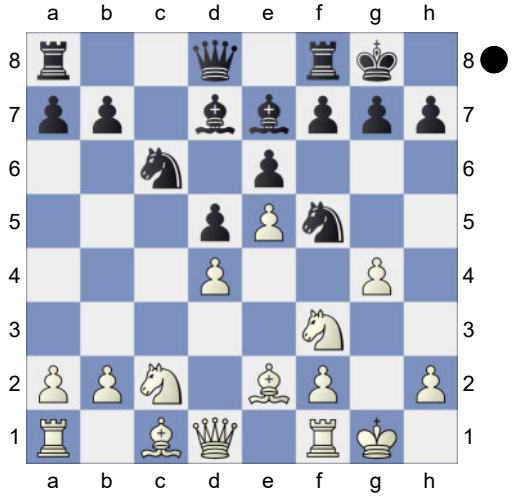


e3! 40.Bxb4
[40.Bxe3 Be4+ 41.Ka1 Rf5]
40...Be4+ 41.Kb2 Rc2+ 42.Ka3 e2 43.Rh3 Bd5 44.Rh5 Be6 45.Ba5 Rc1 46.Re5 Rc2 47.Rh5 -0.01/23
[47.Re3± 0.42/30 deserves consideration.]
47...Rc1= 48.Re5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
48...Rc2
1-0

277 **C02**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2716**
■ **Vallejo Pons,Francisco** **2703**
153/110 Praha 2022
[TA]*

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2 Nge7 7.Na3 Nf5 8.Nc2 Be7 9.0-0 cxd4 The position is equal. **10.cxd4 0-0**
[10...g5 0.58/18 10...0-0 0.12 - 84/(219)]
11.g4 Diagram
[RR 11.Ne3 Nh4 12.Nxh4 Bxh4 13.Ng4 Qb6 14.Be3 h5 15.Nh6+

gxh6 16.Bd3 f5 17.Qxh5 Qd8 18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.Qxh6+ Kg8 20.Qg6+ Kh8 21.f4 Qe7 22.Qh5+ Qh7 23.Qd1 Be8 24.Be2 Rg8 25.Rc1 Rg6 Gukesh,D (2614)-Sethuraman,S (2619) chess24.com INT 2022 ½-½ (71)]



11...Nh6N

[11...Nh4 12.Nxh4 Bxh4 13.f4 f6 *(13...Be7 14.Be3 Rc8 15.Qd2 f6 16.b4 Be8 17.Rac1 Bg6 18.f5 Bf7 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.g5 Be7 21.Bg4 exf5 22.Bxf5 Ra8 23.Bf4 Qb6 24.Rb1 Bg6 25.Bxg6 hxg6 26.Qd3 Rf5 27.Ne3 Rf7 28.Nxd5* 0-1 (50) Marosi,G (2739)-Move Sidelines (2537) 2000 (7)*)* 14.Be3 fxe5 15.dxe5 Be7!∞]

[RR 11...Nh4 12.Nxh4 Bxh4 13.f4 Be7 14.Be3 Rc8 15.Qd2 Qb6 16.Bd3 Nb4 17.Nxb4 Qxb4 18.Qe2 f6 19.Rac1 fxe5 20.fxe5 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Bd8 22.Qc2 h6 23.Qe2 Bb6 24.a3 Qa4 25.Bc2 Qb5 26.Qd2 Kalyani,S (2162)-Reshetnikov,A (2492) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (45)]

12.h3 f6! 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Nce1!?

[14.g5 Rxf3! 15.Bxf3 Bxg5 16.Bg4! Nxg4 17.Bxg5 *(17.hxg4 Bf6≅)* 17...Qxg5 18.Qxg4 Qf6≅]

14...Rf8

[14...Nf7!? 15.Nd3 Bd6 16.b4 Qe7 17.Rb1! a6∞]

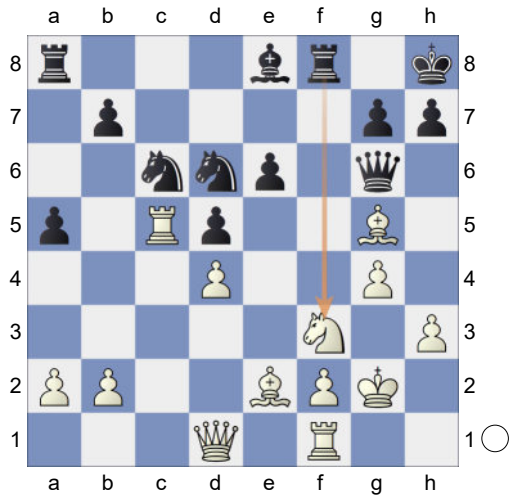
15.Nd3 Nf7 16.Be3 Bd6 17.Qd2 Kh8 18.Rac1 a5 19.Kg2

[19.Ng5!? Nxg5 20.Bxg5 Qe8 21.Nc5 e5 22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.dxe5 Bxe5 *(23...Bb4!? 24.Qe3 d4=)* 24.f4 Bc7∞]

19...Qf6 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Rxc5 Nd6 22.Qd1 Be8

[22...Ne4 is interesting. 23.Rb5 Nb4 24.Rxb7 Bc6]

23.Bg5 Qg6 Diagram



24.Bd3

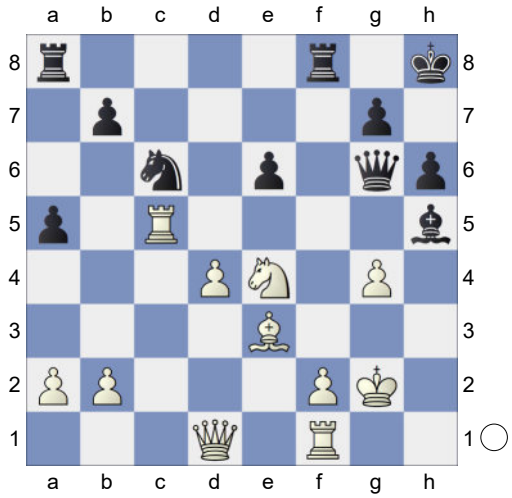
[24.Rxc6! 0.01/20 24.Bd3 0.37 Bxc6 25.Be7 Rxf3! *(25...Ne4* 1.20/21 25...Rxf3 0.21 *26.Ne5 Qe8 27.Bxf8 Qxf8 28.f3 Nd6 29.Qd2±)* 26.Bxd6! *(26.Bxf3* -0.01/20 26.Bxd6 0.38 *Nf5 27.Ba3 Bb5 28.Re1 Bd3!∞)* 26...Rf7 27.Be5 Ba4!? 0.51/22 *(27...Rff8=* 0.01/18 *)* 28.b3!± Be8! 29.f4±]

24...Ne4 25.Be3 Qf6 Prevents Ne5

26.Bxe4 dxe4 27.Ng5 Bg6? 0.81/20

[27...b6! 28.Rc1 *(28.Rb5 h6 29.Nxe4 Qe7 30.Rxb6 Nb4!≅)* 28...Nb4 29.a3 Nd5 aiming for ...Bb5. 30.Nxe4 Qg6 31.Nc3 *(31.Nd6 Rd8*

32.Nxe8 Qe4+ 33.Kh2 Rdxe8⩱) 31...Bc6⩱]
[27...b6= 0.20/19 28.Rc3 *(28.Nxe4 Qg6-+)* 28...Nb4 29.Nxe4 Qg6]
28.h4 0.30/20
[28.Nxe6! Qxe6 29.d5 Qf6 30.dxc6 bxc6 31.Qc2 h5 32.Rg1! hxg4 33.hxg4±]
[28.Nxe6± 0.81/20 Qxe6 29.d5 Deflection, Double Attack]
28...h6= 29.h5 Deflection **29...Bxh5**
[29...Bh7! 30.Nxh7 Kxh7 31.f3 *(31.g5* -0.01/21 31.f3 0.52 *hxg5 32.Rxg5 Rad8∞)* 31...exf3+ 32.Rxf3 Qh4]
30.Nxe4 Qg6 Diagram



31.Ng5!⇄ White is fighting back
[31.f3 Bxg4 32.Ng3 Bf5∓]
31...hxg5 32.Rh1 Pin **32...Qe4+ 33.Kg3! Kg8** 0.66/21 **34.Rxh5± Rad8 35.Qh1** Some like it hot
[35.Rhxg5 Nxd4 36.Rc7 Rf3+ *(36...Nf5+ 37.gxf5 Qe5+ 38.Bf4∓)* 37.Kh2 g6-+ *(37...Rxf2+ 38.Bxf2 Qf4+ 39.Kh3±)*]
35...Qxh1 36.Rxh1 Nxd4 37.Rxa5
[37.Rxg5 0.39/21 37.Rxa5 0.78 a4! 38.Ra5 b5! 39.Rh5±]
37...Ne2+ 38.Kh2 Rd5?!
[38...Nf4! 39.Rxg5 *(39.Re1* 0.42/20 39.Rxg5 0.83 *Nd5±)* 39...Nd3 1.07/23 Wards off Re1 *(39...Rd3* 0.71/22 *)* 40.Kg3± Nxb2 41.Rb1 Nc4 42.Rxb7 Rf7 43.Rxf7 Kxf7 44.Bf4! Rd3+ 45.Kg2±]
39.Rxd5 exd5± Endgame KRB-KRN
40.Re1!
[40.Bxg5 Rxf2+ 41.Kh3 Nd4=]
40...Nf4 41.Kg3 Rc8 42.Rd1
[42.Bxf4! gxf4+ 43.Kf3! Kf7 44.Re5 Rc2 45.Re2! Rc4 46.g5 b5 47.b3 Rd4 48.Kg4±]
42...Kf7 43.Kf3!
[43.Bxf4 gxf4+ 44.Kf3 *(44.Kxf4?! Rc2∓)* 44...Rc2=]
43...Ke6
[⌓43...Rc2 44.Rd2! Rxd2 45.Bxd2 Ne6 46.a4 0.31/27 *(* Better is *46.Ke3±* 0.89/26 *)* 46...Ke7 1.10/26 *(46...Kf6±* 0.31/27 *)* 47.b4±]
44.Rd4 Ke5 45.Rb4
[45.Bxf4+? Kxd4 46.Bxg5 Kd3-+]
45...Rh8? 1.65/23
[45...Rf8! 46.Bd4+ Kd6 47.Ke3 Wards off Nd3 *(47.Rxb7* 0.08/22 47.Ke3 0.78 *Ne6+ 48.Ke3 Nxd4 49.Kxd4 Rxf2 50.Rb6+ Kc7 51.Rb5 Rf4+ 52.Kxd5 Rxg4±)* 47...Kc6 1.07/22 *(47...Re8+±* 0.60/22 *48.Kd2 Re2+ 49.Kd1 Re7)* 48.Bxg7 0.14/22 *(48.a4!±* 1.07/22 *)* 48...Rf7 0.63/23 *(48...Re8+=* 0.14/22 is more appropriate. *49.Kf3 b5)* 49.Bd4± b5±]
[45...Rf8± 0.71/22 46.Rxb7 Ne6+ 47.Ke2 d4]
46.Bxf4++-
[46.Bd4+?! Kd6 47.Ke3 *(47.Bxg7? Rh3#)* 47...Re8+ 48.Kd2 Kc7±]
46...gxf4 47.Rxb7 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. White is more active.
[47.Rxf4? Rh3+ 48.Ke2 Kxf4-+]
47...g5 48.a4! Rh1

[48...Rh3+ 49.Kg2 Rh8 50.Rb3±]

49.a5 Ra1 50.Rb5 1.32/25

[50.Rg7+- 1.78/23]

50...Kd4 51.b3 0.01/25

[51.Rb4+! Ke5 *(51...Kd3* 1.83/29 51...Ke5 1.39 *52.Rb3+ Kc2 53.Rc3+! Kxb2 54.Rc5+-)* 52.Rb6 Rxa5 53.Rg6 Rb5 54.Rxg5+

A) 54...Kf6 2.15/27 54...Kd4 1.13 55.Rf5+ Kg6? 3.80/27 *(55...Ke6* 2.00/24 *56.Rxf4 Rxb2)* 56.Kxf4+- Rxb2 57.f3+-;

B) Black should play 54...Kd4 1.12/25;

C) 54...Kd6 1.56/24 55.Kxf4 1.18/23 *(⌓55.Rf5* 1.56/24 *)* 55...Rxb2± 56.f3+-]

[51.Rb4+!± 1.44/26 Kd3 52.Rb6 Rxa5 53.Rf6]

51...Ra2= 52.Kg2 Ra3

[52...Ke4 53.Rb4+ Ke5 *(53...d4? 54.Ra4+-)* 54.Ra4 Rxa4 55.bxa4+-]

53.b4 Ra4 54.Rb6 Kc4? 1.38/23

[54...Kc3! 55.a6 *(55.Kf3 d4 56.Rc6+ Kd2! 57.Rc5 Rxb4 58.Rxg5 d3=; 55.b5 Rxa5 56.Rc6+ Kd4 57.Rg6 Rxb5 58.Rxg5=)* 55...d4 56.b5 d3 57.Rc6+ *(57.Re6!? d2□ 58.Rc6+ Kd3 59.Rd6+ Kc2 60.Rc6+ Kd3=)* 57...Kb3 58.b6 Threatening b6. Rxa6 59.b7 Rxc6 60.b8Q+ Kc2=]

[54...Kc3= 0.01/25 remains equal.]

55.a6!± d4 1.05/27

[⌓55...Ra3 1.50/28 56.b5 d4]

56.b5 d3 2.11/29

[56...Ra3± 1.49/25 57.Rb8 Kb4 *(57...d3 58.Kf3+-)*]

57.Kf3? 0.00/29

[57.Rd6! Kxb5? 3.94/28 *(57...Kc3 58.b6! Rxa6 59.b7 Rxd6 60.b8Q+-* Prevents Rb6.*; 57...Kc3* 2.11/30 might work better. *58.b6 Rxa6)* 58.Rxd3+- Kc6 *(58...Kxa6 59.Rd5+-)* 59.Rh3! Kd5 60.Rh6+-]

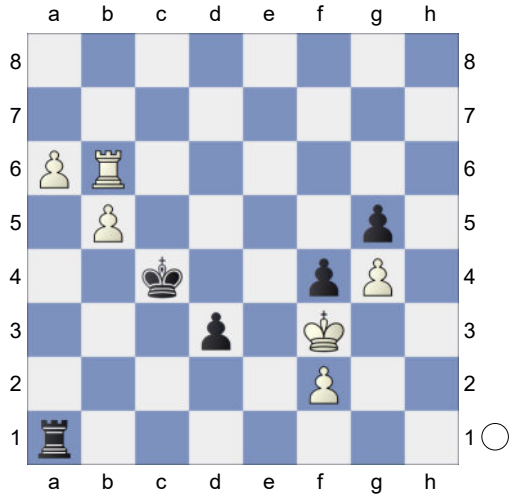
[57.Rd6!+- 2.11/29]

57...Ra1? 1.61/27 Diagram

[57...Kb3 58.Rd6 Kc2! 59.b6 Rxa6 60.b7 Rxd6 61.b8Q Rc6!=]

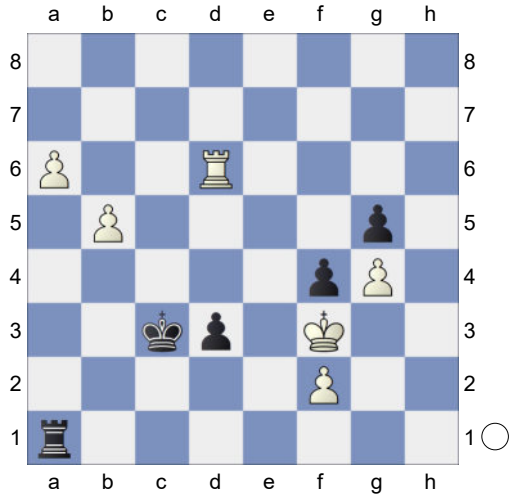
[57...Kc5 58.Rg6 Kxb5 59.Rxg5+ Kc4=]

[57...Kc5= 0.00/29 58.Rb8 Rd4 59.Rc8+ Kxb5]



58.Rd6!+- Kxb5

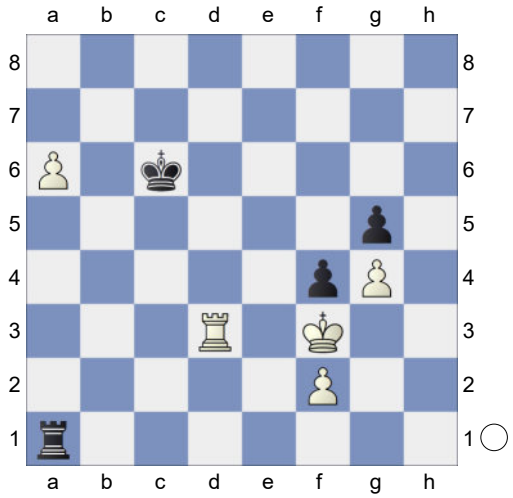
[58...Kc3? 3.78/25 58...Kxb5 1.39



59.b6! White threatens b7 and mate. Rxa6 60.b7 Rxd6 61.b8Q Rc6 62.Qb5 Rc4 63.Qxg5 d2 64.Qa5+ Kc2 65.Qa2+ Kc3 66.Qb1

and Ke2 would now be decisive Rd4 67.Qd1+-]

59.Rxd3 Kc6



(-> ...cxb6). Dodges Rd5 **60.Ke4! Rxa6 61.Kf5 Ra5+ 62.Kf6 Kc7?** 5.45/33 Prevents Rd8.

[62...Kc5 1.98/28 is tougher. 63.Kg6 *(63.Kxg5 Kc4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *64.Kxf4 Kxd3=)* 63...Kc4]

63.Rd4 Rb5? 7.41/25

[63...Rc5 3.97/27 64.Rd2 Kc6]

64.f3 Ra5

[64...Rb3 65.Kxg5 Rxf3 66.Rxf4+-]

65.Rd3 Rb5 66.Kg6 Re5 67.Rd4 Rc5 68.Kf6? 0.01/32

[68.Rd2+- 6.96/35 Re5 69.Kf6]

Black cannot hold the game after this.

68...Rb5? 6.88/32

[68...Ra5= 0.01/32]

69.Re4 Kd6 70.Re6+ Kd7 71.Re5 Rb3 72.Kxg5 Rxf3 73.Re4 Re3 74.Rxf4 Ke8 75.Kg6 Re7 76.g5 Ra7 77.Kh6 Rf7 78.Rxf7 Kxf7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)

79.Kh7

1-0

278 **B32**

□ **Sjugirov,S** **2680**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**

World Blitz 2021 (20.19) 30.12.2021

[Kitty Kat]*

B32: Sicilian: Löwenthal and Kalashnikov Variations

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb3 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.Nc3 d6N

[8...0-0 9.Bc4 d6 10.Nd5 Bg5 11.0-0 Be6 12.Qe2 Rc8 13.c3 a6 *(13...Ne7 14.Rad1 Kh8 15.Ne3 Qc7 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.h4 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 b5 19.Qd3 d5 20.Qxb5 Rf4 21.exd5 exd5 22.g3 Rg4 23.Qe2 h5 24.Kh1 Rf8 25.Rg1 e4 26.Nd4 Qe5 27.Rg2 Ng6 28.Rh2* ½-½ (31) Skrzypczak,J (1890)-Bochenek,P (1919) POL-chT U20 2nd League 2025 (7.61)*)* 14.a4 Ne7 15.Rad1 Kh8 Quickstarter Guide-Kalashnikov 5.Nb3]

9.Nd5 The position is equal. **9...Bg5 10.g3 0-0 11.h4 Bh6 12.Bg2N** -0.48/19

[12.c3= -0.10/18 might be stronger.]

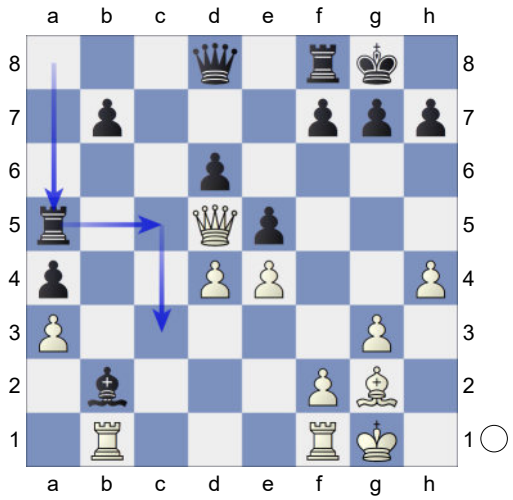
[RR 12.g4 Bf4 13.Qf3 Re8 14.g5 Be6 15.Nxf4 exf4 16.Qxf4 Bxb3 17.axb3 Nb4 18.Bd3 Nxd3+ 19.cxd3 Qb6 20.0-0 Qxb3 21.Qxd6 Rad8 22.Qc7 Rxd3 23.Ra3 Qb5 24.Rxa7 Rd7 25.Qc3 Qe2 26.Re1 Rd1 Heidenfeld,M (2368)-Rahman,M (2210) Scarborough 1999 1-0 (32)]

12...Be6 13.0-0 a5 14.a3 a4 15.Nc1 Bxd5 16.Qxd5 Nd4 17.c3 -1.52/21

[17.Na2∓ -0.64/19]

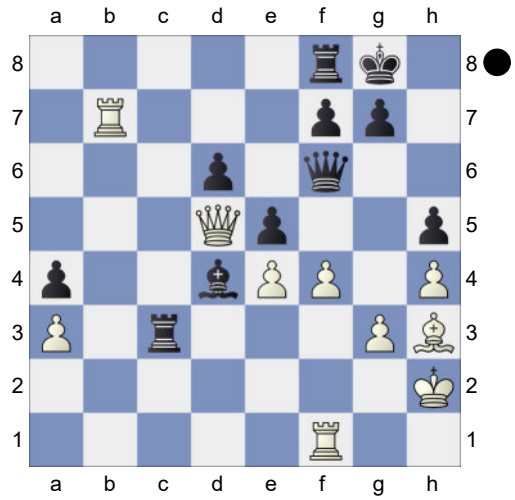
17...Bxc1∓ 18.cxd4 Bxb2 19.Rab1 Ra5

[19...Bxa3? 20.Qa2+- *(20.Rxb7 exd4 21.Rb5 Bc5∓)*]



Deflection **20.Qa2** -1.39/20
[Better is 20.Qxb7 -1.00/20 Bxd4 *(20...Bxa3? 21.Ra1+-)* 21.Bf3]
20...Bxd4 21.Rxb7 -1.90/20
[21.Rfc1∓ -1.50/18 was necessary.]
21...Qf6 -1.04/20
[21...Qc8-+ -1.90/20 22.Rb4 Qc6]
22.Kh2 -1.49/20
[⩲22.Qc2 -1.04/20]
22...h5 -0.59/20
[22...Rc5∓ -1.49/20 aiming for ...h5. 23.Ra7 g6]
23.Bh3 -1.51/20
[23.f4∓ -0.59/20]
23...Rc5 24.f4 -2.61/21
[24.Bd7∓ -1.32/21]
24...Rc3-+ 25.Qd5? -18.45/19
[25.f5 -1.74/19]

(Diagram)

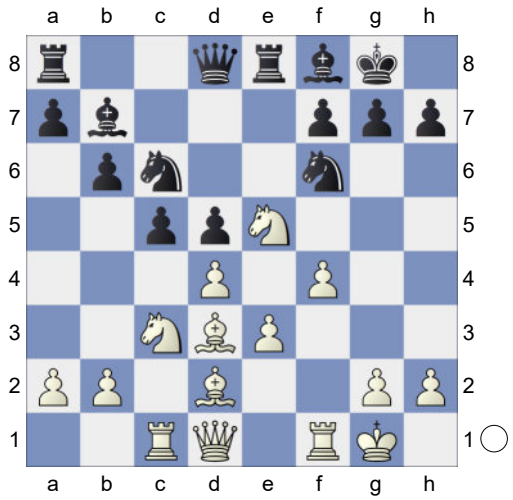


25...Qg6 Black is clearly winning. **26.g4 hxg4 27.Bg2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.91/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
27...Qh5
0-1

279 **E46**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2804**
World Blitz 2021 (16.7) 30.12.2021
[Foisor,Sabina, TA]*

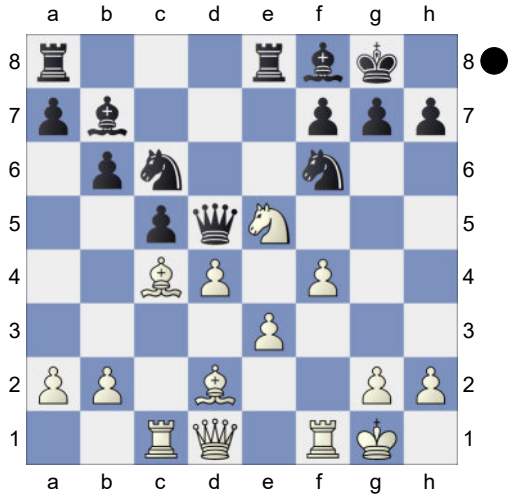
1.d4 Once again following the line from the previous game. **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd2 d5 6.Nf3 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Rc1 Bb7 9.Bd3 Re8 10.0-0 Bf8 11.Ne5 c5 12.f4 Nc6** Diagram

(Diagram)



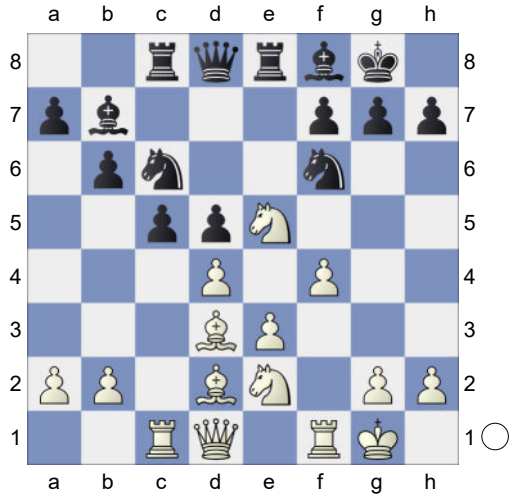
13.Ne2!?

[13.Nxd5!? At the first sight it looks winning for White, but Black has a strong counter with: Qxd5 14.Bc4 Diagram



Qxg2+!! 15.Kxg2 Nxe5+ 16.Kg1 Nxc4 17.Rxc4 Rad8! The attack is gone and White's king shelter is weakend. Engines confirm that Black's compensation is tangible. In fact, in my opinion it is Black who has an easier game. 18.Qa4 a6 19.Rcc1 Re6 *(19...h6 20.a3 Ne4 21.Be1 Re6* is also good for Black as White cannot play *22.f5??* due to *Ng5!-+)* 20.f5 Re4 21.Rf4 Rxf4 22.exf4 Rxd4 23.Qc2 Be4 24.Qd1 Bxf5 Black is not really down that much in material and the game is much easier for him. 25.Qe2 Bd3 26.Qe3 Ng4 27.Qg3 Be4 28.Qxg4 Rxd2 29.f5 Rd4 30.Ra1 Bc6 31.Qg5 *(31.Qh5)* 31...h6 32.Qe3 Rg4+ 33.Kf1 Bd6 34.Rd1 Bxh2 35.Rd8+ Kh7 36.Qh3 Rf4+ 37.Ke2 Re4+ 38.Kd1 Be5 39.f6 Rf4 40.fxg7 Kxg7 41.Qg3+ Kf6 42.Qd3 Ke7 43.Rc8?? *(43.Qe3)* 43...Rd4 44.Qxd4 Bf3+ 0 : 1 Budisavljevic,Luka 2454 - Predke,Alexandr 2684, Srbija 2020]

13...Rc8 Diagram



14.Be1! Rerouting the bishop to h4 before the rook lift. Maghsoodloo lashes out the right move with high accuracy. It is possible that he might had this position analysed prior to this game.

14...Ne4

[RR 14...cxd4 15.exd4 Ne4 16.Bb5 Re6 17.h3 f6 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.Ba6 Rc7 20.f5 Re8 21.Nf4 Ba4 22.b3 Rxc1 23.Qxc1 Bd7 24.Nxd5 Bd6 25.Bd3 Qb8 26.Nc3 Nxc3 27.Bxc3 Bh2+ 28.Kh1 Bg3 29.Bd2 Vidit,S (2726)-Dominguez Perez,L (2758) chess24.com INT 2021 1-0 (47)]

15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nxf7!? Qd5N

But, this is inaccurate. In the previous game we have seen how Black should play.

[16...Kxf7 17.Qb3+ c4! This was the only way to go. Maybe during the blitz game Firouzja couldn't recall all the details of this complicated line.]

[RR 16...Kxf7 17.Qb3+ c4 18.Qxc4+ Kg6 19.f5+ Kh6 20.Bg3 Ne5 21.Qg8 Be7 22.Rxc8 Bxc8 23.Bf4+ Bg5 24.Bxg5+ Qxg5 25.Qxe8 Qxe3+ 26.Kh1 Qxe2 27.Ra1 Qxb2 28.Rf1 Qe2 29.Ra1 Ng4 30.Qxc8 Nf2+ 31.Kg1 Samunenkov,I (2433)-Xu,Y (2507) Chess.com INT 2022 ½-½ (36)]

[RR 16...Kxf7 17.Qb3+ c4 18.Qxc4+ Kg6 19.f5+ Kh6 20.Bg3 Ne5 21.Bf4+ g5 22.fxg6+ Kxg6 23.Qa4 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Nd3 25.Rc7 Re7 26.Rxb7 Qc8 27.Rxe7 Bxe7 28.h3 a6 29.Kh2 b5 30.Qb3 Qc4 31.Qd1 Reshetnikov,A (2492)-Bok,B (2592) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (41)]

[RR 16...Kxf7 17.Qb3+ c4 18.Qxc4+ Kg6 19.Bg3 Ne5 20.f5+ Kh6 21.Qg8 Be7 22.Qe6+ Bf6 23.Bf4+ g5 24.fxg6+ Kg7 25.Bh6+ Kxh6 26.Qh3+ Bh4 27.Ng3 hxg6 28.dxe5 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Rxe5 30.Ne2 Ba6 31.Nd4 Mladek,R (2436)-Hagner,B (2354) Mali Losinj 2023 0-1 (31)]

17.Ne5! Though there were still some mistakes on both sides, I really enjoyed the way White converted this game and hope the readers would as well.

17...Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qxa2

[18...Qxd1 leads to a much better endgame for White. 19.Rxd1 Ba6 20.Kf2±]

19.Bc3 Qd5? The last mistake after which the game seems one sided.

[19...Red8! 20.Qe1 b5∞]

20.Qe1 b5 21.Rd1 Qc4 22.b4 cxb4 23.Bd4 Rc7 24.f5 Bc8 25.e6 Qa2 26.Qg3 Rb7 27.Nf4 Bd6 28.Qg4 Bxf4 29.Qxf4 Rf8 30.Qe5 Re8 31.Rc1 Qe2 32.Rxc8 Rxc8 33.f6 Qg4 34.f7+ Kf8 35.Bc5+ Re7 36.Bxe7+ Kxe7 37.f8R Rxf8 38.Qc5+ Kxe6 39.Qxf8 Kd5 40.Qxb4 a6 41.Qd4+ Ke6 42.Qb6+ Kd5 43.Qxa6 Qe2 44.Qb6 Kc4 45.Qd4+

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280 **A03**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**

■ **Harutyunyan,Tigran K** **2552**

27th Abu Dhabi Mast Blitz (8.10)

[Kitty Kat]*

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 Inf 109/(1) **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.c3 0-0 8.Qe1 Re8N**

[8...d4 9.Na3 Nd5 *(9...Rb8 10.Nc4 dxc3 11.bxc3 b5 12.Nce5 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Nd5* 7) 1.f4-1.f4 #11 Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024*)* 10.Bd2 h6 *(10...Re8 11.Nc4 b6 12.e4 dxe3 13.Nxe3 Bb7 14.f5 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 gxf5 16.Rae1 e6 17.Ng5 Qd7 18.Nh3 Ne5 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Nf4 Rad8 21.Bc1 Ng4 22.Qe2 Nf6 23.Rf3 e5 24.Ng2 e4 25.dxe4* 0-1 Xiong,J (2692)-Araujo Sanchez,J (2303) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Late blitz 2022 (1)*; 10...Bg4 11.Nc2 Qd7 12.c4 Nb6 13.Ng5 Bf5 14.Rc1 Rfe8 15.b4 Na4 16.Qf2 Rad8 17.a3 h6 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 f5 20.Bf3 e5 21.Qg2 e4 22.dxe4 d3 23.exd3 Qxd3 24.e5* 10.g4 h6 11.Bd3-5...Be7 6.Nf3 O-O #5 Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1985*)*

11.e4 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 Be6 14.Qxc5 Qxd3 15.Rfd1 Qf5 16.Qxf5 Bxf5 17.Nb5 Rad8 18.Nbd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Bg4 20.Rd2 b6 21.h3 Be6 22.Rad1 Bxa2 23.Nc6 ½-½ Haub,T (2478)-Meijers,V (2471) Rohde op 09th 2009 (6)]

9.e4 -1.01/20

[9.Na3∓ -0.33/17]

[RR 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Nd2 e5 12.fxe5 Qxe5 13.Nb3 Qh5 14.Bf3 Ng4 15.h4 Qe5 16.Nxc5 Qd6 17.d4 Ne3 18.Bxe3 Rxe3 19.Qf2 Bf5 20.Qxe3 Qxg3+ 21.Kh1 Qxh4+ 22.Kg1 Qg3+ ½-½ (22) Gabuzyan,H (2590)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2644) Jermuk 2021]

9...e5∓

[RR 9...dxe4 10.dxe4 e5 11.fxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Rxe5 13.Na3 Qe8 14.Nc4 Re6 15.e5 Ng4 16.Nd6 Qe7 17.Nxf7 Nxe5 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.Nd8 Nf3+ 20.Bxf3 Rxe1 21.Raxe1 Be5 22.Bd5+ Kg7 23.Rf7+ 1-0 (23) Nikac, P (2231)-Pekic,M (1825) Niksic 2024]

10.f5 gxf5 Black is slightly better.

11.Bg5N

[RR 11.Nh4 fxe4 12.dxe4 Ne7 13.Bg5 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Nd2 h6 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Nxe4 Bg4 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Rxf5 b6 20.Qe3 f6 21.Raf1 Rf8 22.Nf2 Qf7 23.Ng4 Qg6 24.Qe4 Kh7 25.h4 Kg8 Beukema,S (2363)-Beukema,J (1942) Dieren 2015 1-0]

11...dxe4 -0.27/18

[11...c4∓ -0.92/19 12.exd5 Qxd5]

12.dxe4= f4 0.08/19

[12...fxe4 13.Nfd2 h6 *(13...e3 14.Ne4+-)* 14.Bh4± *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nxe4 Bg7∓)*]

[Black should try 12...h6!∓ -0.50/18 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 *(13...Qxf6 14.exf5 Qxf5 15.Nh4∓)*]

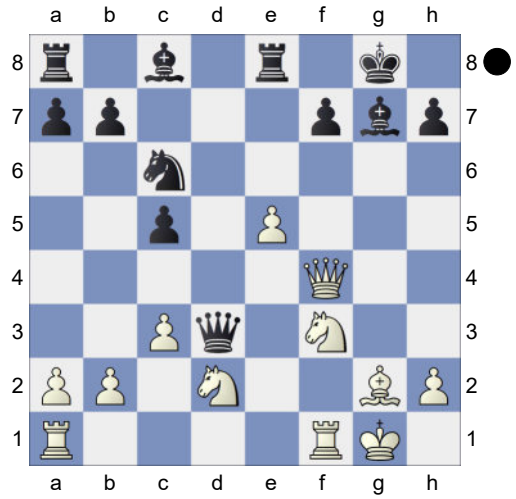
13.gxf4 exf4 14.Qh4 Qd6 0.48/20

[14...h6= -0.01/20 15.Bxh6 Nxe4 16.Qxd8 Nxd8 *(16...Rxd8 17.Bxf4 Bf5 18.Na3±)* 17.Bxf4 Ne6]

15.Bxf4± Qd3 16.e5 -0.17/20

[16.Na3± 0.71/18]

16...Nd5!= 17.Nbd2 Nxf4! 18.Qxf4



Be6 1.24/19

[18...Bxe5? 19.Qxf7+ Kxf7 20.Nxe5+ Kg8 21.Nxd3+-]

[18...Nxe5 19.Rae1 Qf5 *(19...Nxf3+? 20.Qxf3 Qd7 21.Bh3+-)* 20.Qxf5 Bxf5 21.Nxe5+-]

[18...Qf5= -0.11/21 keeps the balance. 19.Qh4 Qg4 *(19...Nxe5? 20.Nxe5 Qe6 21.Nxf7+-)* 20.Qxg4 Bxg4]

19.Ne4± Kh8 2.06/17

[19...Ne7± 1.35/19 keeps fighting.]

20.Nd6 0.93/19

[20.Nxc5 Qb5 21.Nxe6 fxe6±]

[20.Rae1+- 2.06/17]

20...Rg8 1.51/20

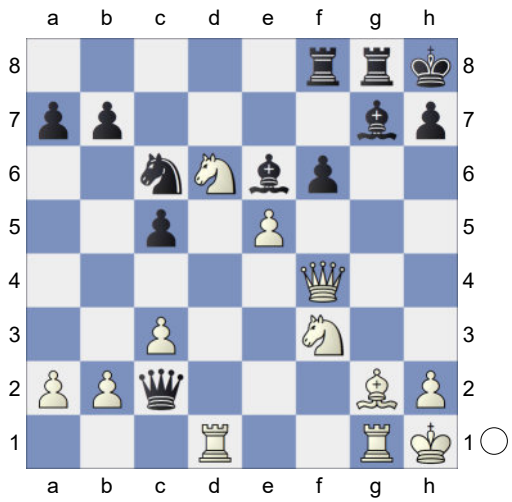
[⌓20...Rf8 0.93/19]

21.Kh1 0.67/21

[21.Nxf7+ Bxf7 22.Qxf7 Nxe5 23.Nxe5 Bxe5=]

[21.Nxb7 Qg6 22.Qg5 *(22.Nxc5? Bxe5-+)* 22...Bxe5 23.Qxg6 Rxg6

24.Nxc5 Rag8=]
[Better is 21.Rae1± 1.51/20 Nf3-g5 would now be deadly. c4 22.Re3 Decoy *(22.Nxb7 Bf8±; 22.Nxf7+ Bxf7 23.Qxf7 Rae8+-; 22.Ng5 Raf8+- Remove Defender)*]
21...Raf8± 22.Rg1
[22.Nxb7 Qb5 23.Qh4 *(23.Nd6 Qxb2 24.Rg1 Qxc3∓)* 23...f6= *(23...Qxb7? 24.Ng5+-)*]
22...f6? 3.00/22
[22...Qg6± 0.77/19]
23.Rad1? 1.12/19
[23.Bf1+- 3.00/22 is more deadly. fxe5 24.Qxf8 *(24.Bxd3 Rxf4 25.Ng5 Bd5+ 26.Be4 Bxe4+ 27.Ngxe4 Bf8∓)*]
23...Qc2 3.38/21
[23...Qe2± 1.12/19]



24.Qh4!+-
[Not 24.Nxb7 Nxe5 25.Nxc5 Bg4±]
24...fxe5? 5.89/22 Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.62
[24...Nxe5? is the wrong capture. 25.Nxe5 fxe5 26.Be4+- *(26.Bxb7 Rf4=)*]
[24...Qxb2 25.Ne4 Nxe5 26.Nxe5]
[24...h6 3.37/20 25.Qh5 *(25.Nxb7 Nxe5 26.Qg3 Qxb2±)* 25...Ne7 26.exf6 Discovered Attack *(26.Nxb7 Nd5±)* 26...Rxf6]
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281 **D37**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2782**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2706**
Tata Steel India Blitz (4.3) 20.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]*

D24: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 7.Nxb5 Nb6 8.Be2 White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Qc2** -0.15/18
[RR 10.Be3± 0.55/18 0-0 11.Nc3 *(11.Qd2 Rb8 12.Nc3 Nb4 13.Ne4 Bb7 14.Ng3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 N4d5 16.Be4 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Bg5 18.Rad1 Nd5 19.Rf3 g6 20.Bb1 c5 21.Qe2 cxd4 22.exd4 Qb6 23.Ne4 Be7 24.Rf2 Rbc8 25.Qd2 f5* 0-1 (56) Mohannad,F (2107)-Schekachikhin,M (2371) Cesme op-A 9th 2023 (6)*; 11.Rc1 Rb8 12.Nc3 Nb4 13.Qd2 Bb7 14.b3 cxb3 15.axb3 N6d5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Ra1 a6 18.Bc4 Rb6 19.Qe2 Qa8 20.Rfc1 Rd8 21.Bd2 Bxf3 22.Qxf3 Qxf3 23.gxf3 Nc6 24.Be3 Nxd4* Sarana,A (2641)-Alekseenko,K (2650) Yaroslavl 2019 ½-½ (40) *)* 11...Rb8 12.a3 Bb7 13.Qc2 Na5 14.Rad1 h6 *(14...Qd7 15.Nd2 Rfd8 16.f4 Bc6 17.f5 exf5 18.Rxf5 Nd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Rdf1 Qc6 21.Bf3 f6 22.Rh5 g6 23.exf6 gxh5 24.fxe7 Re8* Rasulov,V (2454)-Maghsoodloo,P (2716) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (78)*)* 15.Nd2 Qd7 16.f4 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Qc3 Rb5 19.Nxc4 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 Bxc4

21.Qxc4 Rxb2 22.d5 exd5 23.Rxd5 Qf5 24.a4 Rfb8 25.Rb5 ½-½ (61) Mamedyarov,S (2801)-Caruana,F (2822) 6th Sinquefield Cup 2018 (3.2)]

[RR 10.Qd2 Qd7 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Rd1 Nb4 13.b3 cxb3 14.axb3 0-0 ½-½ (14) Roselli Mailhe,B (2302)-Perez Gormaz,M (2394) Santiago de Chile 2025]

[RR 10.Be3 0-0 11.Rc1 Rb8 12.Nc3 Nb4 13.Qd2 Bb7 14.b3 cxb3 15.axb3 N6d5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Ra1 a6 18.Bc4 Rb6 19.Qe2 Qa8 20.Rfc1 Rd8 21.Bd2 Bxf3 22.Qxf3 Qxf3 23.gxf3 Nc6 24.Be3 Nxd4 Sarana,A (2641)-Alekseenko,K (2650) Yaroslavl 2019 ½-½ (40)]

[RR 10.Qd2 Qd7 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Rd1 Nb4 13.b3 cxb3 14.axb3 0-0 ½-½ (14) Roselli Mailhe,B (2302)-Perez Gormaz,M (2394) Santiago de Chile 2025]

[RR 10.Be3 0-0 11.Qc2 Rb8 12.a3 Na5 13.Rad1 Bb7 14.Nc3 Qd7 15.Nd2 Rfd8 16.f4 Bc6 17.f5 exf5 18.Rxf5 Nd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Rdf1 Qc6 21.Bf3 f6 22.Rh5 g6 23.exf6 gxh5 24.fxe7 Re8 Rasulov,V (2454)-Maghsoodloo,P (2716) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (78)]

10...a6N

[RR 10...Bb7 11.Be3 *(11.Qe4 Qd7 12.Qg4 0-0-0 13.Rd1 Rdg8 14.h4 f5 15.Qg3 Nb4 16.Na3 g5 17.h5 f4* ½-½ (17) Iniyan,P (2529)-Makarian,R (2470) Arandjelovac 2021*)* 11...Nb4 12.Qc1 0-0 13.Nc3 Rb8 6) Vienna - Main Line 5.e4 b5-Vienna − 5.e4 b5 6. e5 Nd5 7]

[RR 10...Ba6 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Qe4 Qd7 13.Rd1 Nd5 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.Bxg5 h6 16.Bh4 Rab8 17.Qg4 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Ne7 19.d5 Nf5 20.Bf3 Nxh4 21.Qxh4 Rfe8 22.Bg4 Qe7 23.Qxe7 Rxe7 24.dxe6 fxe6 25.Rab1 Zhou,J (2597)-Fenil,S (2326) Kuala Lumpur 2017 1-0 (43)]

[RR 10...Ba6 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Qe4 Qd7 13.Rd1 Nd5 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.Bxg5 h6 16.Bh4 Rab8 17.Qg4 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Ne7 19.d5 Nf5 20.Bf3 Nxh4 21.Qxh4 Rfe8 22.Bg4 Qe7 23.Qxe7 Rxe7 24.dxe6 fxe6 25.Rab1 Zhou,J (2597)-Fenil,S (2326) Kuala Lumpur 2017 1-0 (43)]

[RR 10...Bb7 11.Qe4 Qd7 12.Qg4 0-0-0 13.Rd1 Rdg8 14.h4 f5 15.Qg3 Nb4 16.Na3 g5 17.h5 f4 ½-½ (17) Iniyan,P (2529)-Makarian,R (2470) Arandjelovac 2021]

11.Nc3 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Bf3 Against Bb7 **13...Rb8 14.Qe2** -0.84/19

[14.Ne2= -0.12/21 Qd3 *(14...Qxe5 15.Bf4±)* 15.Qxd3 cxd3 16.Nf4]

14...Qd3∓ 15.Qe1 -1.23/21

[⌓15.Rd1 -0.75/21 Qxe2 16.Bxe2]

15...Bb7 16.Bxb7 Rxb7 17.Be3 0-0 18.Rd1 Qf5 19.Bc1 Rbb8 20.Rd4 -1.70/20

[20.Qe2∓ -1.31/22 was worth a try.]

20...Rbd8 -1.33/20

[20...Rfd8-+ -1.70/20 21.Re4 Bb4]

21.Re4 Bb4 22.Qe2 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Rb8 -0.01/21

[Black should play 23...h6∓ -1.18/20 24.h4 Rd5]

24.g4!= Qg6 25.f4? -1.70/21

[25.h4!= 0.01/19 and White stays safe. h6 26.h5]

25...Nd5 -1.02/19

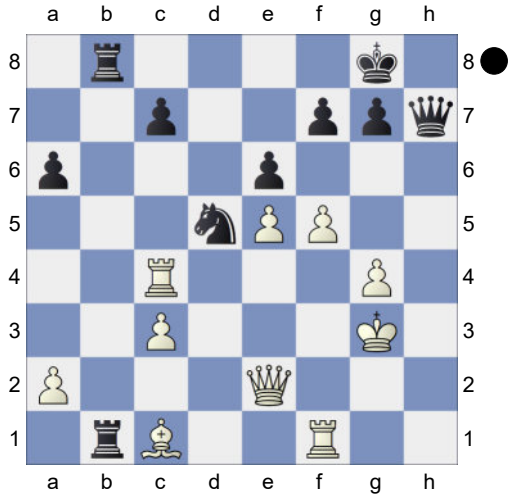
[25...h5-+ -1.70/21 26.f5 exf5 27.Rxf5 Nd5 28.Qxc4 Rb1]

26.Rxc4∓ h5 27.h3 Rb1 28.Kh2 hxg4 29.hxg4 Rfb8! Black is much more active. **30.f5 Qh7+** -0.89/21

[⌓30...exf5 -1.34/23 31.gxf5 Qh7+ 32.Kg3 Ne7]

31.Kg3 -2.24/21

[31.Kg2∓ -0.89/21]

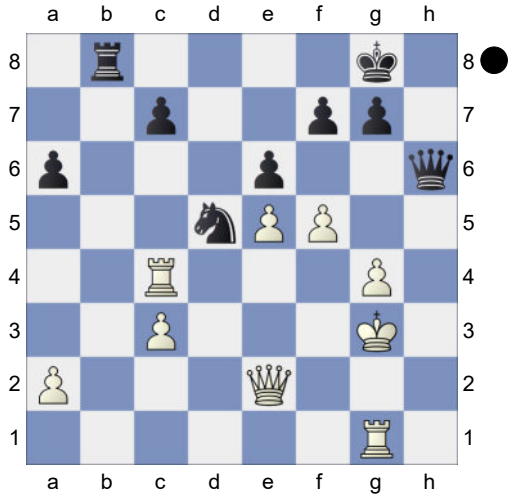


31...Rxc1? 0.55/18 **32.Rxc1±** **Qh6** 1.33/20 Inhibits Qd2.

[32...exf5= -0.01/21 keeps the balance. 33.gxf5 Ne7 *(33...Qxf5 34.Re1±)*]

33.Rg1? -0.90/21

[33.Re1± 1.33/20 stays on course.]



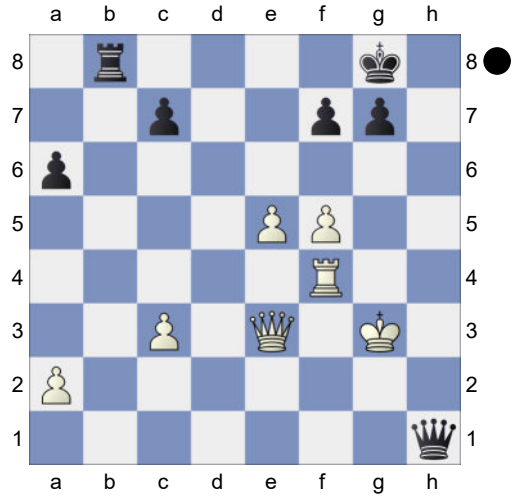
33...exf5∓ **34.gxf5** Black must now prevent Qf3. **34...Ne3** Really sharp!

35.Rf4 -2.02/22

[35.Rg4∓ -0.92/20]

35...Qg5+-+ **36.Kf3** **Qxg1** **37.Qxe3** **Qh1+** **38.Kg3?** -8.43/22

[38.Kg4 -1.80/22]



38...Rb1! **39.Rf2** **Rg1+** **40.Kf4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/Black=0.29 (precise)

40...Qh4+

0-1

282 **A33**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**

■ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2643**

FIDE Grand Swiss 2021 (10.12) 06.11.21

[TA]*

1.c4 **e6** **2.Nc3** **c5** **3.Nf3** **Nf6** **4.d4** **cxd4** **5.Nxd4** **Nc6** **6.a3** **Bc5** **7.Nb3** **Bb6** **8.c5**

[8.Bf4 - 130/18]

[8.e4

A) 8...0-0 9.Be2 *(9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 d6 11.Be2 a5 12.0-0 a4⇄)* 9...d6 10.0-0 e5 11.Qd3 h6 12.Be3 *(12.Rd1 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 Qb6+ 14.Kf1 Qxb3 15.Nd5 Qxd3 16.Nxf6+ gxf6 17.Rxd3 Be6 18.Bxh6 Rfc8⇄)* 12...Be6 13.Rfd1 Rc8 14.Nd5 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Nd7

16.Nc3 Qb6 17.Nb5 Qxe3 18.fxe3 Nc5 19.Nd2 a6 20.Nxd6 Rcd8 21.b4 Rxd6 22.bxc5 Rd7⇄;

B) 8...d5!? 9.exd5 exd5 10.Nxd5 *(10.c5 Bc7 11.Be2 0-0 12.Be3 Be5 13.Nd4 Ne4⇄; 10.cxd5 Ng4 11.Be3 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Ne5 13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.Qh5 0-0 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.0-0-0 Bxe3+ 17.Kb1 Qb6⇄)* 10...Nxd5 11.cxd5 0-0 *(11...Qf6 12.Qf3 Qxf3 13.gxf3 Ne5 14.Be2 Bf5 15.Bf4!?∞)* 12.Be2 Qh4 13.0-0 Rd8 14.Be3 Be6 15.Bxb6 Rxd5=]

8...Bc7 9.Nb5

[9.g3 0-0 10.Bg2 b6 11.0-0 Be5⇄]

[9.e4 b6 10.Be3 0-0 11.Be2 Rb8 12.Qc2 bxc5 13.Nxc5 Be5⇄]

[9.Bg5 b6 *(9...h6 10.Bh4 Be5!? ⩲11.Rc1 b6⇄)* 10.e3 bxc5!? 11.Nxc5 Be5 12.Qd2!? *(12.Rc1 h6 13.Bh4 Ne7!?)* 12...Qa5 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.N5e4 Bxc3 15.Nd6+ Ke7 16.bxc3 Ba6=]

9...0-0 10.Nxc7

[10.g3 Ba5+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 d5 13.cxd6 Qb6⇄]

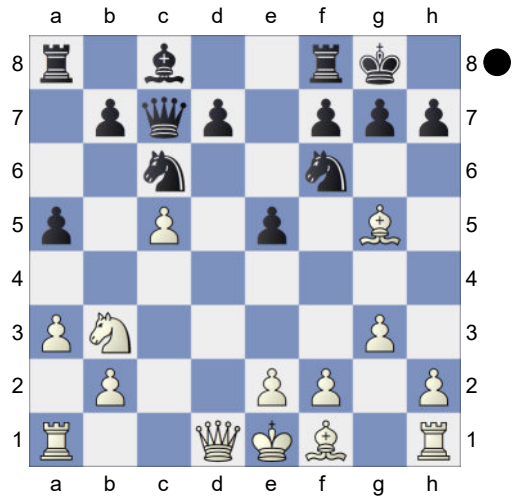
10...Qxc7 11.g3

[11.Bg5 Qe5 12.Qc1 b6 13.Bf4 Qf5⇄]

11...a5!? 12.Bg2N

[12.Bf4 e5 13.Bg5 Diagram

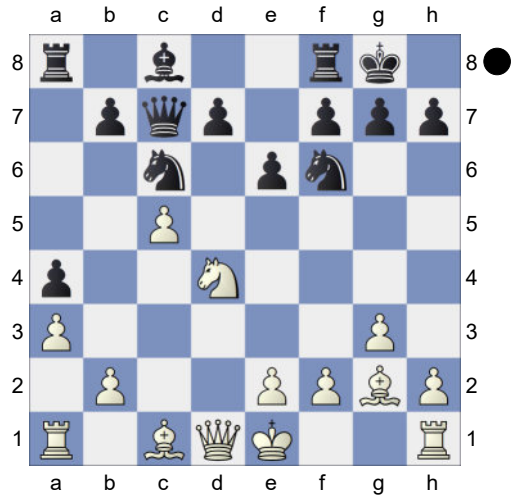
(Diagram)



a4! *(13...Ne4)* 14.Nd2 *(14.Nc1 Ne4)* 14...d5! ⩲15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Bg2 Rd8 17.e3 Qe7 18.Rc1 *(18.Qc2 f5 19.0-0 Be6 20.b4 axb3 21.Nxb3 d4↑)* 18...e4 19.0-0 Ne5∓]

12...a4⇄ 13.Nd4 Diagram

[13.Nd2 Qe5 14.Qc2 Nd4 15.Qd3 Qxc5 16.0-0 d5 17.e3 Nc6 18.b4 axb3 19.Bb2 Rd8 20.Nxb3 Qc4∓]



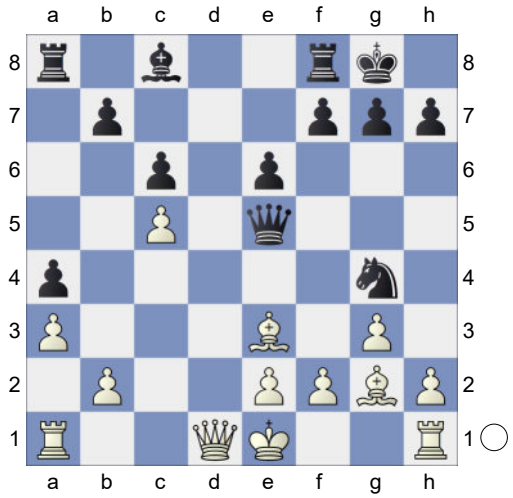
13...Qe5!?

[13...Rd8 14.Nb5 Qa5+ 15.Nc3 d5 *(15...Qxc5 16.0-0 d5 17.Nxa4 Qa7 18.b3 e5 19.Bg5 Be6 20.Rc1∞)* 16.cxd6 Ne8 17.0-0 Nxd6 18.Qd3 Nf5 19.Qb5=]

14.Be3

[14.Nxc6 dxc6 15.Qc2 Qh5 16.0-0 e5⇄]

14...Ng4 15.Nxc6N dxc6 Diagram



16.Qd4!?

[16.Bd4 Qg5 *(16...Qh5 17.h3 Nf6 18.e4±)* 17.h3 e5 18.Bc3 Nh6 19.h4 *(19.Qd6 f6 20.Rd1 Qg6 21.0-0 Qh5 22.Qe7 Bxh3 23.Qxb7 Bf5 24.Qxc6 Ng4 25.Rfe1 Kh8 26.Kf1 Nh2+ 27.Kg1 Ng4=)* 19...Qe7 20.Qd6 Qxd6 21.cxd6 f6 22.Bb4 Rd8 23.Rd1 Be6 Δ Rd7, Nf7⇄]

16...Qf5⇄ 17.Be4

[17.0-0 Qh5 18.h3 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 f6 20.h4 e5 21.Rfd1 Be6 22.Rd6 Bb3 23.Rc1 Rae8 24.Rc3 f5 25.Rd7 Rf7 26.Rcd3 f4⇄]

17...Qh5 18.h3

[18.Bf3 e5 19.Qe4 Re8 20.h3 Nf6 21.Bxh5 Nxe4 22.Bf3 Nf6 23.Rc1 Be6 △24.g4 Ra5 25.g5 Nd5 26.Bd2 Rb5∓]

[18.0-0-0 e5 19.Qc3 Bf5 *(19...Nf6 20.Bc2 Nd5 21.Qd3 Re8 22.h3∞)* 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.h3 Nxe3 22.Qxe3 Ra5 23.Rd3 Rb5 24.Kb1 h5∞]

18...e5 19.Qd3 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 f5↑ 21.Bd3

[21.Bc2 f4 22.Qe4 fxg3 23.fxg3 Be6 Δ Bd5∓]

21...Re8

[21...f4 22.Qe4 fxg3 23.fxg3 Kh8 *(23...Be6 24.0-0-0 Bd5 25.Bc4=)* 24.0-0-0 Be6 25.Qe3 Bd5 26.Be4 Bxe4 27.Qxe4 Qg5+ 28.Kb1 Qxg3 29.Rhg1 Qf4 30.Rg4 Qf6 31.Rh4 h6 32.Rd6 Qf5 33.Qxf5 Rxf5 34.Rb4 Rf7 35.Re6=]

22.0-0-0 Qf7 23.Kb1

[⌓23.Rd2 △Qb3 24.Rc2 Be6 25.Qxe5 Qa2 26.Rd1 Rad8 27.Rcd2 Qa1+ 28.Bb1 Ba2 29.Qxf5 g6 30.Qc2 Rd5 31.Rxd5 cxd5 32.Kd2! Bb3 33.Qc1 Bxd1 34.Kxd1⩲]

23...Qb3↑ 24.Bc2

[24.Qd2 Be6∓]

24...Qxe3 25.fxe3 Ra5 26.Rc1

[26.g4!? Rxc5 27.gxf5 e4 28.Bxa4 *(28.f6 gxf6 29.Bxa4 Be6∓)* 28...Rxf5 29.Bb3+ Kf8 30.h4 g6 31.Rh2 Kg7 32.Bc2 Be6 33.Bxe4 Re5 34.Bd3 Rxe3 35.h5]

26...Be6 27.h4?!

[27.g4 e4 28.gxf5 Bxf5 29.h4 Re5∓]

27...g6

[27...e4! 28.h5 Kf7∓]

28.h5

[⌓28.e4 f4 29.gxf4 exf4 30.Bd3 Kg7 31.Rc3 Kf6 32.Rg1 Rg8∓]

28...Kg7 29.Rh4

[29.e4 Rxc5 30.Rhf1 f4! 31.hxg6 hxg6 32.gxf4 exf4 33.Rxf4 g5 34.Rg1 b5 35.Rf2 Rh8∓]

29...Rxc5 30.Rxa4 Re7 31.hxg6 hxg6 32.Rh1 Diagram

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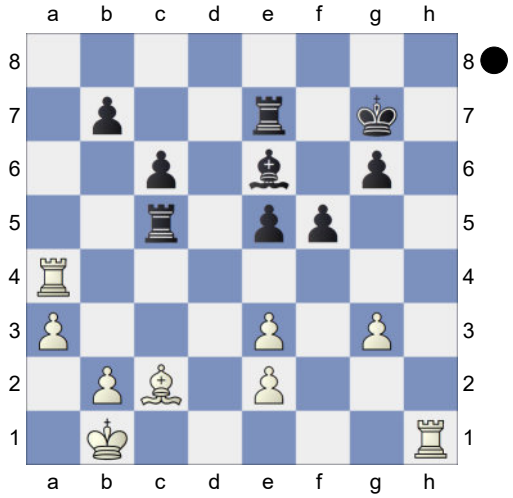
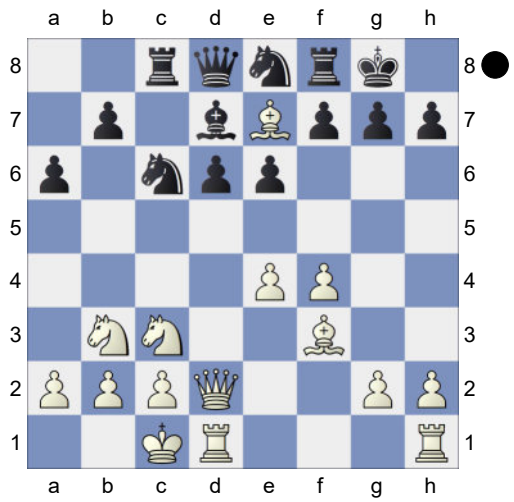


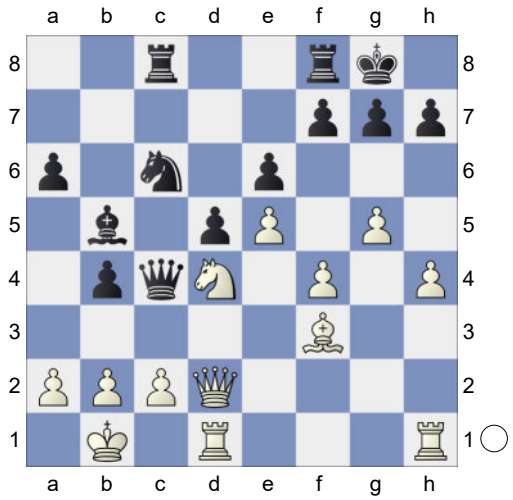
32...Rc4
[32...e4! 33.Rd4 Kf6∓]
33.Kc1 Kf6 34.Rxc4 Bxc4 35.Kd2 Rd7+
[35...e4 36.Rh4 Kg5∓]
36.Ke1 Kg5?!⊕
[36...e4! 37.g4 fxg4 38.Bxe4 Kg5 39.Rg1 Bb3 40.Bd3 c5 △41.Kf2 Rd6 42.Rh1 c4 43.Be4 b5 44.Rh8 Rf6+ 45.Kg3 Re6∓]
37.e4! f4 38.gxf4+ Kxf4 39.Rg1 g5 40.e3+?⊕
[40.Rf1+! Kg4 *(40...Ke3? 41.Rf3+ Kd4 42.Rc3!* Δ e3+- *)* 41.Rf5 Re7 42.Bd3 Bb3 43.Kf2=]
40...Kxe3 41.Rxg5 Be2! 42.Rg1 Bf3-+ 43.Rf1 c5 44.a4 c4 45.a5 Rd6 46.Rf2 Ra6 47.b4 cxb3 48.Bxb3 Rxa5 49.Bd1 Bxd1 50.Re2+ Kf3 51.Rb2 Ba4
0-1

283 **B68**
□ **Kovalev,Vladislav** **2634**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2021 (5.24) 31.10.21
[TA]*

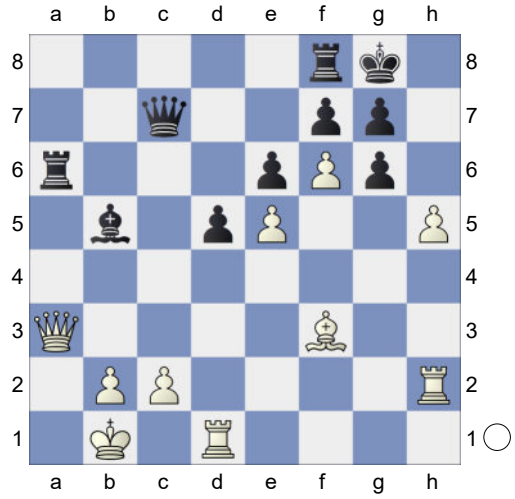
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f4 Be7 10.Be2 Rc8
[⌓10...h6 11.Bh4 b5∞]
[10...0-0 - 34/258]
11.Bf3
[RR 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Bf3 b5 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.f5 0-0 15.Kb1 Kh8 16.h4 Rg8 17.g4 Bb7 18.g5 Rc4 19.Be2 Rc5 20.Qd4 Re5 21.Bh5 Rg7 22.Rhf1 fxg5 23.Qa7 Bc8 24.hxg5 Bxg5 25.Qb8 Be7 Efimenko,Z (2594)-Lutsko,I (2520) St Petersburg 2004 ½-½ (34)]
[RR 11.Nb3 b5 12.Bf3 b4 13.Ne2 a5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Nbd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Qb6 17.Kb1 0-0 18.f5 e5 19.Ne2 a4 20.Qh6 b3 21.cxb3 axb3 22.a3 Rc2 23.Rd3 Kh8 24.Bh5 Qc5 25.Rxb3 Qc4 Munoz Sanchez,M (2187)-Quintiliano Pinto,R (2515) Cusco 2025 1-0 (41)]
11...0-0 12.Nb3!± Ne8 13.Bxe7
Diagram



13...Nxe7N
[13...Qxe7 14.Rhe1±]
[RR 13...Qxe7 14.g4 b5 15.e5 b4 16.Na4 d5 17.Nbc5 Nc7 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Nb6 Qe7 20.Nxc8 Rxc8 21.Qe3 d4 22.Qd3 Nb5 23.Qc4 Nca7 24.Qb3 Qc5 25.Rhe1 d3 26.Qxd3 Nd4 27.Rd2 Nab5 28.Bb7 Eckert,F-Schwerdt,R Germany 1996 1-0 (41)]
14.e5 d5 15.g4 b5 16.Nd4 Qc7 17.g5 b4 18.Nce2 Qc4 19.Kb1 Nc7 20.h4 Nb5 21.Nxb5 Bxb5 22.Nd4 Nc6 Diagram



23.Nxc6
[23.Nb3! a5 24.Rh2 Na7 *(24...a4? 25.Be2 Qe4 26.Nc5 Qd4 27.Qxd4 Nxd4 28.Rxd4 Rxc5 29.Rxb4 Bxe2 30.Rxe2±)* 25.Nxa5 Qc7 26.Nb3±]
23...Rxc6 24.f5 a5 25.Rh2
[25.f6 a4! 26.g6 fxg6 27.h5 b3! 28.cxb3 axb3 29.hxg6 hxg6 30.fxg7 Rf4! 31.axb3 Qxb3↑]
25...a4 26.Qe3 b3
[⌓26...a3 27.Rd4 Qc5 28.b3 Qb6↑]
27.axb3 axb3 28.Qxb3 Qc5= 29.Qa3 Qb6 30.f6?
[30.g6 Rcc8! *(30...hxg6? 31.h5! gxf5 32.h6+-)* 31.Qd6 Qa7 32.gxf7+ Rxf7 33.Bh5 Rff8 34.fxe6 Ra8 35.Qa3 Qb6 36.Qd6 Qa7 37.Qa3=]
30...Qc7?
[30...Rc7! 31.fxg7 *(31.h5 Ra7 32.Qc3 Rfa8 33.b3 Ra1+ 34.Qxa1 Rxa1+ 35.Kxa1 Qe3-+)* 31...Kxg7
A) 32.Qd6 Bc6 33.Bxd5 Rb7 34.b3 *(34.Bb3 Rd7-+)* 34...Rd8-+;
B) 32.h5 Ra7 33.Qc3 Rfa8 34.b3 Ra1+ *(34...Ra2-+)* 35.Qxa1 Rxa1+ 36.Kxa1 Qe3-+]
31.fxg7?
[31.g6!
A) 31...fxg6? 32.Rxd5! exd5 *(32...Bc4 33.Ra5+-)* 33.Bxd5+ Rf7 34.e6+-;
B) 31...hxg6 32.h5 Ra6 Diagram *(32...Qxe5? 33.Rdh1+-)*



33.h6!! gxh6 34.Qe3 *(34.Rxh6? Rxa3 35.Rdh1 Qxc2+! 36.Kxc2 Rc8+ 37.Kd2 Rd3+ 38.Ke1 Rc1+ 39.Kf2 Rxh1 40.Rxh1 Rb3∓)* 34...Qa5 *(34...Rfa8 35.c3 Ra1+ 36.Kc2 Ba4+ 37.Kd2 d4 38.Qxh6 Rxd1+ 39.Bxd1 dxc3+ 40.Ke1 Qxe5+ 41.Be2 Qxf6 42.Qh7+ Kf8 43.Qh8+ Ke7 44.Qxa8 Qd4=)* 35.c3 Qa1+ 36.Kc2 Ba4+ 37.Kd3 Bb5+ *(37...Bxd1? 38.Qxh6 Qb1+ 39.Ke3 Qc1+ 40.Rd2 d4+*

41.Kf2+-) 38.Kc2=]

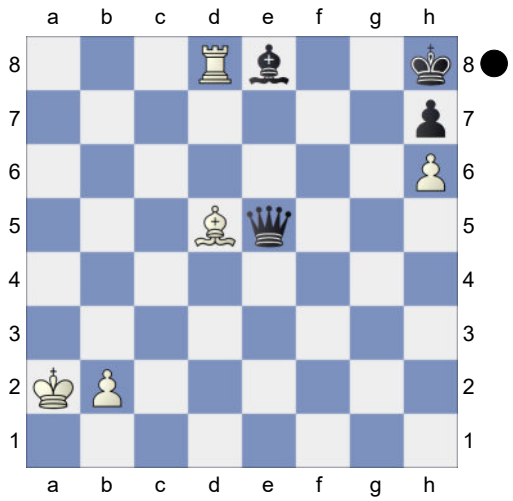
31...Rc8 32.Bh5 Rxc2 33.Rxc2

[33.Qf8+ Rxf8 34.gxf8Q+ Kxf8 35.Rxc2 Qxe5-+]

33...Qxc2+ 34.Ka1 Bc6 35.Rf1

[35.Bxf7+ Kxg7!-+]

35...Ra8 36.Qxa8+ Bxa8 37.Bxf7+ Kxg7 38.Bxe6 Qc5 39.Rf7+ Kh8 40.Rd7 Qb6 41.Rd6 Bc6 42.h5 Qa7+ 43.Kb1 Be8 44.Bxd5 Qg1+ 45.Ka2 Qxg5 46.h6 Qxe5 47.Rd8 Diagram



47...Qxd5+! 48.Rxd5 Bf7 0-1

284 **A13**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**

■ **Tari,Aryan** **2646**

FIDE Grand Swiss 2021 (4.9) 30.10.2021

[D Cummings,TA]*

1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Bd7 This is regarded as Black's most solid reply to the queen check. The resulting positions, in the mainline, don't give Black many hopes to play for a win, but in this game Tari confounds these expectations! We have also looked at Black's alternatives:

[5...c6 - see Yu Yangyi - Di Li and earlier games in the Archives.]

[5...Nbd7 is covered in Nepomniachtchi-Alekseenko and other games.]

6.Qxc4 c5 7.Ne5 White secures the bishop pair. **7...Qc8** The best spot for the queen.

[7...Qc7?! leaves the queen more exposed to White's pieces and after 8.d4 Bd6 9.Na3 a6 10.Bf4 White had pressure in Ponkratov-Inarkiev, which is analyzed in the Archives.]

8.Qd3 Bc6!? A rare choice, which has been tried in a few blitz/online games, but much less common than:

[8...Nc6 Now after the typical moves 9.Nxd7 Nxd7 10.b3 Be7 11.Bb2 0-0 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Nc3 Nf6 the position is analyzed in Anton Guijarro-Adams in the Archives. Here we see an advantage of Tari's move order. Adams used two tempi on ...Nf6-d7-f6, while in the main game, Black avoids this loss of time for a net gain of one tempo (if I'm counting correctly!).]

9.Nxc6 Nxc6 10.Nc3 The challenge for White is that, with routine development, he will be a tempo down on a line that is already extremely solid for Black. So the idea of doubling Black's c-pawns is, therefore, a critical test of Black's move order. Perhaps it is better to keep options open for the b1-knight, and instead go for:

[10.Qb5 when Black can try:

A) 10...Nd5 11.Nc3 Qd7 12.0-0 Be7 and now 13.e3!? looks interesting. *(13.b3 0-0 14.Nxd5 exd5* was OK for Black in Donchenko,A (2624) -Bluebaum,M (2511) Playchess.com INT 2020 0-1 (70) *)* 13...0-0 14.Rd1

and after the sample line a6 15.Qe2 Rad8 16.d4 cxd4 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.exd4 White's bishop pair yield a slight pull.;

B) 10...Be7 11.Bxc6+ *(11.Nc3 0-0* would transpose to the main game *)* 11...bxc6 12.Qa4 e5 13.d3 0-0 14.0-0 is an improved version of the game for White, since the b1-knight can be developed via the d2-square and has a better perspective than in the game.;

C) 10...h5 11.h4 the insertion of the h-pawn moves appears to favour White. Now Be7 12.d3 0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Qc4 Ng4 15.Nd2 Rb8 16.Qc2 Bf6 17.Nc4 Ne5 18.Nd6 Qd8 19.Ne4 and White has strong pressure on the doubled c-pawns, Donchenko,A (2658)-Nisipeanu,L (2657) Bad Wiessee 2020 1-0 (31). Again note the advantage of the Nb1-d2-e4 route, which White did not have available after 10 Nc3.]

10...Be7 11.Qb5 White decides to pursue the capture on c6. Instead:

[11.0-0 0-0 12.b3 Rd8 13.Qb1 Nd5 14.Nxd5 *(14.Bb2* is similar to Anton-Adams - see the note to Black's 8th move. *Qd7)* 14...exd5 15.Bb2 Qe6 16.e3 Bf6 17.Rc1 b6 with equal chances, Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Aronian,L (2781) Paris 2021 1-0 (62)]

11...0-0 would transpose to the main game **12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qa4 e5** Opening the path for Black's queen to press on the kingside light squares.

14.d3 Rb8N

[RR 14...Nd5 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Qa5 Qe6 17.b3 f5 18.Ba3 Nd7 19.Rac1 h5 20.Qa6 Nb6 21.Na4 f4 22.Bxc5 fxg3 23.hxg3 Bxc5 24.Nxc5 Qg4 25.Qb7 Nd5 26.Qd7 Rf5 27.e4 Ne3 28.Rce1 Nxf1 29.Qxf5 Santos Latasa, J (2647)-Bluebaum,M (2670) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (72)]

[RR 14...Rd8 15.Be3 Rb8 16.Rb1 Rd4 17.Qxa7 Bf8 18.Qa3 c4 19.Qa4 Rb4 20.Qc2 cxd3 21.exd3 Rd8 22.0-0 Qh3 23.f3 h5 24.Rfd1 Qf5 25.Qe2 Nd5 26.Nxd5 cxd5 27.b3 Rb7 28.Rbc1 d4 29.Bf2 Deac,B (2700)-Gholami Orimi,M (2422) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (63)]

15.Qc2?! This move uses valuable time and looks passive. White should consider:

[15.0-0 Nd5 16.Qc4 with a roughly balanced position. Note that Rb4? fails to 17.Nxd5]

15...Qf5 This is fine, but Black has more direct options:

[15...Qh3 preventing short castling or]

[15...c4!? 16.dxc4 Qh3 17.Bg5 Rfd8 keeping White's king in the centre]

16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.dxe4 Qh3 Now White has to evacuate the king and defend the weak kingside, while earlier thoughts of nice positional pressure on the doubled c-pawns are off the agenda for now. **18.Bd2 Qg2 19.Rf1 Qxh2 20.0-0-0 Qh3** Black can save this tempo with another useful move such as:

[20...h6 21.Qc4 Rfd8 and Black is for choice.]

21.Qc4 Rfd8 22.Bc3 Qg2 23.Kc2 A step in the wrong direction. White should seek activity with:

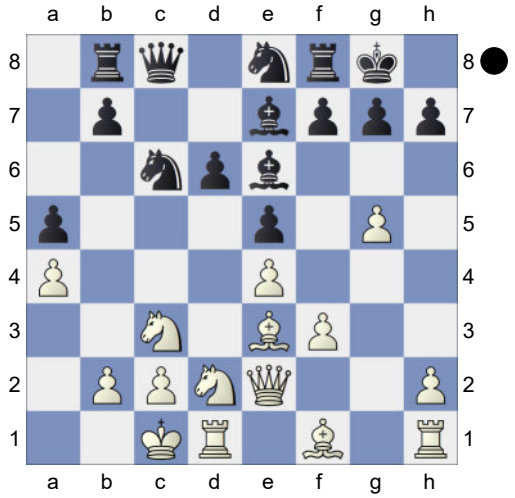
[23.Bxe5 for example Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Re8 *(24...Rb4? 25.Qa6* exposes Black's weak back rank*)* 25.Rd7 Qxf2 26.Rxa7 with an approximate balance.]

23...Bf6 24.b3? Now White's kingside pawns start to drop.
[24.Rde1 doesn't look pleasant, but holds the fort for now.]
24...h5 The immediate
[24...Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Qxf2 as more accurate.]
25.a4
[25.Rde1 was again called for.]
25...Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Qxf2 Black is well on top, being a pawn up with the g3-pawn also weak. **27.Rd7 Bg5** Neatly defending the f7-pawn. **28.Qd3** Or:
[28.Bxe5 Rd8 29.Rxd8+ trades rooks but after Bxd8 30.Bd6 Bg5 31.Bxc5 Qxg3 32.Bxa7 Qf4 should still win for Black.]
28...Be3 29.Bxe5 Re8 30.Bb2
[30.Bc7 Qg1 threatens mate and 31.Qd1 Rxe4 picks off another pawn]
30...Qxg3 Now the h-pawn runs through and can't be stopped. **31.Rxa7 h4 32.Re7 Rxe7 33.Qd8+ Kh7 34.Qxe7 Qg4 35.Kd3 h3 36.Bxg7 Qxg7 37.Qh4+ Qh6 38.Qe7 Qh5**
0-1

285 **B56**
□ **Durarbayli,Vasif** **2629**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2021 (1.12) 27.10.21
[TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 Be6 9.Qe2 0-0 10.0-0-0 Qc8
[RR 10...Nd7 11.Kb1 a5 12.a4 Nb4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bf5 15.Qd2 Nb6 16.Bb5 Rc8 17.Bxb6 Qxb6 18.Rc1 Rc7 19.g4 Bg6 20.h4 h5 21.Ka2 e4 22.gxh5 Bxh5 23.fxe4 Bf6 24.c3 Re7 25.Rce1 Karjakin,S (2752)-Grischuk,A (2777) Lichess.org INT 2020 1-0 (44)]
11.g4
[RR 11.Kb1 a5 12.a3 a4 13.Nc1 b5 14.Qxb5 Ra5 15.Qd3 Qb7 16.N1a2 Rb8 17.Bc1 d5 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Ne4 Rb5 20.Qxb5 Qc7 21.Rxd5 Rxb5 22.Rxb5 Nd4 23.Nac3 Nxb5 24.Bxb5 f5 25.Ng5 Bc4 Durarbayli,V (2631)-Komov,R (2301) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (46)]
11...a5 12.g5 Ne8
[RR 12...Nh5 13.a4 Nb4 14.Kb1 b5 15.Nxb5 d5 16.exd5 Bxd5 17.Nc1 Qf5 18.Bg2 Rac8 19.Rd2 Nf4 20.Bxf4 Qxf4 21.h4 Bc4 22.Qe1 Bc5 23.Ne2 Ba2+ 24.Ka1 Nxc2+ 25.Rxc2 Qxa4 26.Nbc3 Qxc2 27.Kxa2 Fiorito,F (2274)-Czopor,M (2423) Escaldes 2025 0-1 (35)]
13.Nd2N
[13.Na4?! Bd8! 14.Kb1 b5! 15.Qxb5 Nb4 16.Nc3 Rb8 17.Qe2 Qc6∓]
[RR 13.Na4 Bd8 14.Kb1 b5 15.Nc3 a4 16.Nc1 Na5 17.Nd5 Nc4 18.Qf2 f5 19.gxf6 Nxf6 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Bxc4 bxc4 22.Rxd6 Be7 23.Rb6 c3 24.b3 axb3 25.Nxb3 Bxb3 26.axb3 Ba3 27.Rg1 Bb2 Kacharava,N (2416)-Lagarde,M (2655) El Prat de Llobregat 2019 0-1 (34)]
[RR 13.a3 a4 14.Nd2 Nd4 15.Qd3 Nc7 16.h4 d5 17.Bxd4 dxe4 18.Ndxe4 exd4 19.Qxd4 Rd8 20.Qe5 Rxd1+ 21.Kxd1 b5 22.Bd3 b4 23.axb4 a3 24.bxa3 Rxa3 25.Nb1 Rxd3+ 26.cxd3 Nd5 27.Nbc3 Nxb4 Mrozowski,P (2116)-Mondrzycki,B (2220) Jastrzebia Gora 2022 1-0 (49)]

13...Rb8
[13...a4 14.Nc4 Nd4 15.Qd3 Bd8 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 b5 18.Na3 Nc7∞]
14.a4 Diagram



14...b5N
[14...Nc7 15.Nc4 Nd4 16.Bxd4 exd4 17.Rxd4 Bxg5+ 18.Kb1=]
15.axb5
[15.Nxb5 Nc7 16.Nc4 *(16.Nxc7? Qxc7 17.Kb1 Rfc8-+; 16.Kb1 d5∓)* 16...Nxb5 17.axb5 Nb4 18.Nb6 Rxb6! 19.Bxb6 d5↑]
15...Nd4 16.Qd3 Nc7 17.Bxd4 exd4 18.Qxd4 Bxg5 19.Rg1 Bh6 20.f4
[20.Qxd6 g6]
20...Bg4 21.Re1 Bd7 22.f5?
[22.e5 dxe5 23.Rxe5 g6∞]
22...Bxb5 23.Kb1 Kh8?!
[23...Bxf1! 24.Rexf1 Qa6-+]
24.Rd1 Bxf1 25.Rgxf1 Rb4 26.Nc4
[26.Qxd6?? Rd8-+]
26...Bg5 Diagram

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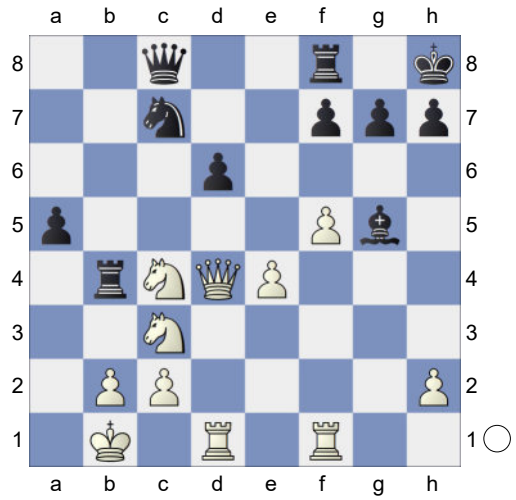


27.Qd3?
[27.f6! Bxf6 28.Rxf6 Ne6 29.Qf2 Qxc4 30.Nd5 Rfb8 31.Nxb4 Qxb4 32.b3 gxf6 33.Qxf6+ Kg8 34.Rg1+ Kf8 35.e5! dxe5 36.Rf1 Nf4 37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Qxe5+ Ne6 39.Qf6+ Kd6 40.Qxf7∞]
27...Bf6 28.Na2 Rb8 29.c3 Nb5-+ 30.Ka1
[30.Nxd6 Nxd6 31.Qxd6 Qb7-+]
30...a4 31.Nxd6 Nxd6 32.Qxd6 a3 33.Qd5
[33.e5 axb2+ 34.Kb1 Rd8-+]
33...Re8 34.Rfe1 h6 35.Qxf7 Rb7 36.Qd5 Re5 37.Qd6 axb2+ 38.Kb1 Ra7 39.Rd5 Re8 40.Rb5 Rxa2 41.Kxa2 Qc4+ 42.Rb3 b1Q+
0-1

286 **E46**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
■ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2660**
TCh-ESP Div Honor 2021 (6.1) 16.10.21
[John Emms,TA]

E46: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4 e3 0-0 5 Ne2 without early Bd3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd2 b6

[5...d5 6.a3 Be7 7.Nf3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Qc2 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nbd7 11.Rd1 Be7 12.Ng5 h6 13.h4 Qc7 14.Be2 Rd8 15.Rc1 Nf8 16.Nge4 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Qxc2 18.Rxc2 Bd7 19.Bb4 Bxb4+ 20.axb4 ½-½ (90) 6. Dingtermezzo!-** Game 14 Zwischenzug! A Comprehensive Guide to I 2023]

6.Nge2N What's this? It looks like Maghsoodloo is taking the avoidance of doubled c-pawns to a new level, with a bizarre cocktail of Bd2 and Nge2. The justification, I guess, is that Nge2 is known to be quite effective in ...b6 lines, so it should always be a consideration after ...b6 even if White has already played Bd2 or Qc2.

[6.Bd3 Bb7 *(6...d5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nf3 c5 9.a3 Bxc3 10.Bxc3 c4 11.Bc2 Bg4 12.Qb1 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Nc6 14.Ba4 Ne7 15.Rg1 a5 16.Ke2 Rb8 17.Qe1 Qd6 18.Bc2 Nc6* 4.e3,B 2021*)* 7.Nf3 reaches Bd2 main lines c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.exd4 d5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Qe2 Nf6 12.a3 Be7 13.Bg5 Nbd7 14.Rad1 a6 15.Rfe1 h6 16.Bf4 b5 17.Ne5 Nd5 18.Bd2 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Nxe5 20.Qxe5 Qd5 21.Qg3 Bd6 22.Qh3 (23) Nimzo Indian-9.ed4 d5 10.cd5 Survey 2020 f5 23.Be2 Bandeira,M-Billot,D (ch) India 1988]

[and 6.Nf3 is another common move order - see games in the archives.]

6...Ba6 This move is a novelty here, but the idea is well known from the line 4...b6 5 Nge2 Ba6.

[6...Bb7 7.a3 Be7! looks like a sensible option for Black. This looks like a favourable version, for Black, of the line 4...b6 5 Nge2 Bb7 6 a3 Be7, where the extra moves ...0-0 and Bd2 help Black more than White. For one thing, the thematic d4-d5 lacks the support of the queen here. 8.Nf4 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.b4 *(perhaps this is too ambitious and White should settle for 10.Bd3 c5 11.0-0=)* 10...c5! 11.bxc5 bxc5 12.Rb1 Bc6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Bb5 d4! with active counterplay for Black,Tomescu,V-Gordon,S/Porto San Giorgio 2008.]

[6...d5 7.a3 Bd6 is another logical response, reaching a common Reshevsky Variation position with the added Bd2 and ...b6. While ...b6 prevents the c4-c5 option, which is certainly a positive for Black, it's also worth noting that ...b6 isn't the most natural course for Black if White creates the Carlsbad structure with 8.cxd5 exd5 Even so, Black should be able to make this work, e.g. 9.Rc1 a6 10.Ng3 Re8 11.Bd3 c5 12.0-0 Nc6]

[RR 6...Bb7 7.a3 Be7 8.Ng3 c5 9.Rc1 cxd4 10.exd4 d5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bd3 Nf6 13.Bg5 Nc6 14.Nce2 h6 15.Be3 Nd5 16.0-0 f5 17.Nh5 Bd6 18.Bc4 Qh4 19.Nhf4 Bxf4 20.Nxf4 Nxf4 21.g3 Maghsoodloo,P (2716)-Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2626) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (32)]

[RR 6...d5 7.a3 Be7 8.Ng3 c5 9.cxd5 cxd4 10.exd4 Nxd5 11.Be2 Nc6 12.Be3 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Bg5 14.Qd3 Bb7 15.0-0 Rc8 16.Rad1 Na5 17.Bf3 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Nc4 19.Rb1 Ne5 20.Qe2 Nxf3+ 21.Qxf3 Pham,L (2348)-Vokhidov,S (2645) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (55)]

[RR 6...Bb7 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Nxc3 c5 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.f3 d5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Rc1 Nbd7 13.Bb5 d4 14.exd4

cxd4 15.Ne2 Qb6 16.Qa4 Nc5 17.Qxd4 Rac8 18.Bb4 Rfd8 19.Qf2 Qxb5 20.Rxc5 Rxc5 21.Qxc5 Maghsoodloo,P (2695)-Mitrabha,G (2515) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (46)]

7.Ng3

[7.a3 Bxc3! 8.Nxc3 d5 looks okay for Black.]

7...d5 8.Qf3N The position is equal.

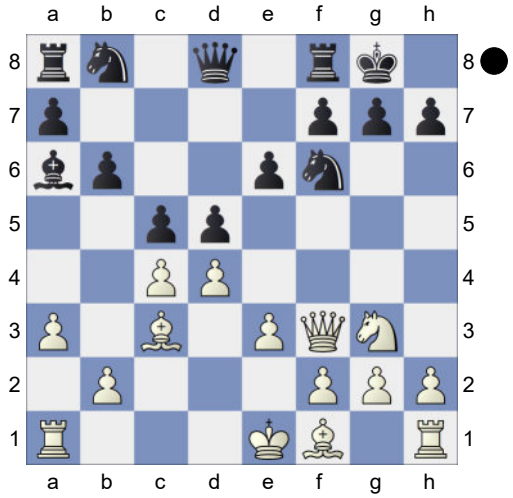
[RR 8.cxd5 Bxf1 9.Rxf1 exd5 10.Rc1 c5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 c4 13.Qf3 Nc6 14.Kd2 a5 15.Qf4 b5 16.Ke2 b4 17.Bd2 Re8 18.f3 Qb6 19.Kf2 Re6 20.Nf5 Rae8 21.g4 g6 22.Nh6+ Kg7 Badacsonyi,S (2298)-Vijayakumar,R (2172) Leamington Spa 2024 ½-½ (35)]

8...c5

[8...c6! breaks the pin and enables Black to capture on c4. 9.cxd5 and Bxa6 should not be overlooked Bxf1 10.Kxf1 Bxc3! (not falling for the trick *10...cxd5* 0.69/21 10...Bxc3 -0.17 *11.Nxd5!*) 11.Bxc3 cxd5 looks perfectly reasonable for Black.]

[8...Bxc4? 9.Bxc4 a6 10.0-0+-]

9.a3! As usual in Bd2 lines, a2-a3 is a logical response to ...c5. **9...Bxc3 10.Bxc3**



cxd4 0.58/22

[It's not an obvious choice, but 10...Bb7! prevents discovered attack ideas involving cxd5 and prepares ...Nc6 or ...Nbd7. This seems to be okay for Black, for example 11.Rd1 *(11.dxc5* -0.40/19 11.Qf4 0.02 *d4!* is the idea: *12.Qxb7 dxc3 13.Rd1* Wards off Qd2+ *Nbd7!; 11.Qf4 cxd4 12.Qxd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qxd4 14.Bxd4 Nc6)* 11...Qe7]

[10...Bb7= -0.01/21]

11.Bxd4± Nbd7 Naiditsch sacrifices a pawn to gain some activity, and this looks to be Black's best bet here.

12.cxd5 White is more active. **12...Bxf1 13.dxe6!** This zwischenzug wins a pawn.

[13.Rxf1 Nxd5 14.e4 Ne7=]

[13.Nxf1 e5 14.Bc3 Nc5=]

[13.Kxf1 Nxd5 14.h4 Qc8=]

13...fxe6 14.Kxf1 0.10/22

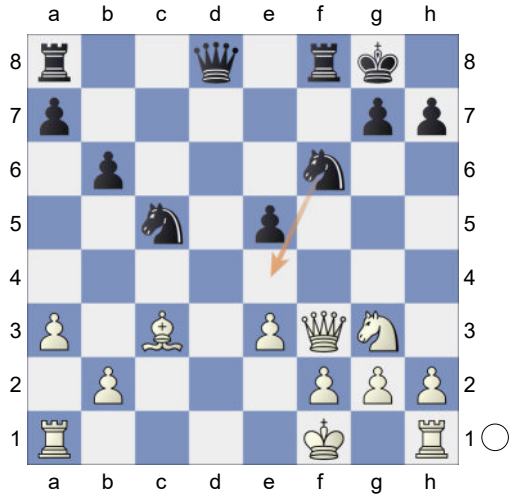
[14.Rxf1± 0.70/21 Rc8 15.Rd1]

14...e5 0.55/20

[Pushing the e-pawn is the obvious choice, but Black has better chances of gaining enough play for the pawn with 14...Nd5 15.Qe4 Qe8 intending ...Qf7 and only later ...e5.]

[14...Nd5= 0.10/22 15.Qe4 Qe7]

15.Bc3 Nc5



16.Qe2!

[16.Bxe5 Nb3 *(16...Nfe4 17.Qg4=)* 17.Rd1 Nd2+ 18.Rxd2 Qxd2-+]

16...Qd5 17.Kg1

[Maghsoodloo's plan is a good one, but 17.Rd1! first makes it stronger.]

17...Rad8 0.68/21

[17...Nfe4! forces White to be more accurate:

A) If 18.Nxe4? -0.08/21 18.Be1 0.62 Nxe4 19.Be1 Rac8! 20.f3 -0.60/22 Black has *(20.Qd1= 0.01/20 Qc4 21.h3)* 20...Qb3!∓ Threatens to win with ...Rc2. 21.fxe4 Rc2 22.Bd2 Rd8 23.Rd1 Qxb2;

B) 18.Be1! keeps some advantage.]

[17...Rac8!= 0.29/21]

18.h3! Planning to connect the rooks with Kh2. It appears that Black can do nothing to exploit his temporary greater piece activity. In trying to do so, Naiditsch succeeds only in creating weaknesses in his own position.

18...Nd3 1.29/22

[18...Nfe4 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Be1!]

[Black should try 18...Nfe4± 0.56/20 19.Nxe4 Nxe4]

19.f3↑ 0.83/19 White is really pushing.

[⌓19.Kh2 1.29/22]

19...h5 1.62/21

[19...e4± 0.83/19]

20.e4+- Qe6 21.Qe3 Nf4 2.10/20

[21...h4± 1.48/18 22.Ne2 Nc5]

22.Ne2 g5 2.85/20

[⌓22...Nd7 1.78/19 23.Kh2 Nc5]

23.Kh2 h4 3.85/21

[23...Kh7 2.57/18 might work better. 24.a4 Rg8 25.Nxf4 exf4]

24.Nxf4 exf4 25.Qe2 Kf7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.44

26.Qb5! Inhibits Nd5.

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287 **A09**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2698**

■ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2555**

chess.com Junior Speed blitz (3.37)

[Kitty Kat]*

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.d3N

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 *(6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5* Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)*)* 6...Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6 18.Nf2 Nf6 Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski,J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)]

[4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 *(7...Nf6 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.b5 c5 13.e3 e4 14.Nf4 d3 15.f3* Roos-Dgebuadze,A Las Palmas 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]*)* 8.Qa4+ Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] 0-1]

[RR 4.h3 h6 5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 f5 9.0-0 Ng6

10.Nb3 f4 11.e3 dxe3 12.fxe3 e4 13.Nfd4 f3 14.Bxf3 exf3 15.Qxf3 Ne5 16.Qh5+ Ke7 17.b5 Qe8 18.Qe2 Qg6 Anton Guijarro,D (2693)-Sadhwani,R (2616) Warsaw 2021 1-0 (41)]

4...g4 5.Nfd2

[RR 5.Nh4 e5 6.g3 Bxb4+ 7.Bd2 Be7 8.Bg2 Bxh4 9.gxh4 Qxh4 10.Na3 c6 11.c5 Be6 12.Rb1 Qe7 13.Qc2 h5 14.Nc4 Bxc4 15.Qxc4 h4 16.h3 g3 17.fxg3 hxg3 18.0-0 Rh7 19.Rf3 Na6 Muradli,M (2537)-Sadhwani,R (2628) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (37)]

5...e5 6.g3

[RR 6.Bb2 Bxb4 7.a3 Be7 8.e3 Nc6 9.Be2 Nf6 10.Nb3 a5 11.e4 a4 12.N3d2 h5 13.Qc2 Nd7 14.f3 Nc5 15.Rf1 Be6 16.g3 h4 17.fxg4 hxg3 18.hxg3 Bg5 19.Nf3 Be3 20.Nh4 Nb3 Vizcarra Quispe,R (1970)-Poliakova,V (2097) Lima 2025 0-1]

6...Bxb4N

[RR 6...h5 7.Bg2 h4 8.0-0 Ne7 9.Ne4 Ng6 10.f3 f5 11.fxg4 fxe4 12.Bxe4 Rg8 13.Qe1 hxg3 14.Bd5 Rg7 15.Qxg3 c6 16.Be4 Nf4 17.Rxf4 exf4 18.Bxf4 Bxg4 19.Be5 Qg5 20.Na3 Be6 21.Bxg7 Czebe,A (2418)-Stupak,K (2542) Chennai 2019 0-1 (36)]

7.Bg2 Hoping for Qa4+. **7...Nc6 8.0-0** Black is slightly better. **8...Be7 9.Nb3 f5 10.e3 dxe3 11.Bxe3 Nf6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.d4 e4! 14.Bf4** -0.82/22

[White should play 14.Qc1∓ -0.32/23]

14...Nh5 15.Bh6

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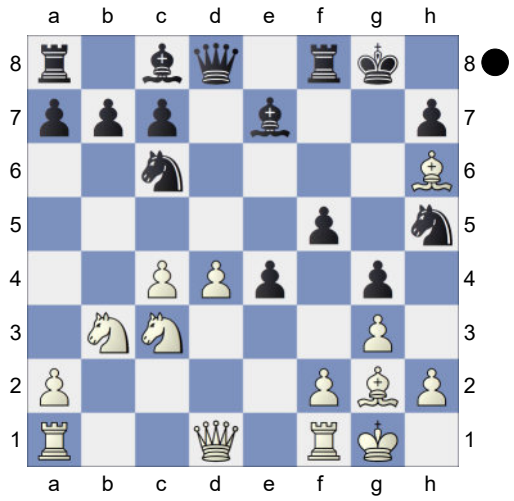


Rf7 16.Qd2 Bf8 17.Be3 -1.06/23

[17.a4∓ -0.51/21]

17...Bg7 -0.61/22

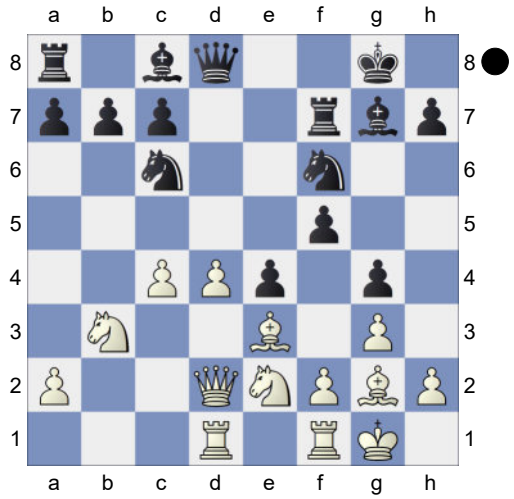
[17...b6∓ -1.06/23 18.Bh6 Ba6 19.Bxf8 Qxf8]

18.Rad1 Nf6 -0.38/21

[18...b6∓ -0.87/22]

19.Ne2 -0.74/21

[19.Qc1∓ -0.38/21]



19...a5 -0.02/20

[Better is 19...Nh5!∓ -0.74/21]

20.a4 -0.67/21

[20.Nf4!= -0.02/20]

20...Nh5 21.Qc1 Qe8 -0.56/24 &Nero is more active.

[21...Qf6∓ -1.08/21 22.d5 Nb4]

22.Nf4 -1.89/22
[White should try 22.Rfe1∓ -0.56/24]
22...Nxf4-+ 23.Bxf4 Nb4 24.d5 -2.71/20
[24.Qe3 -1.91/22 might work better.]
24...Qxa4 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.h3 -3.11/22
[⌓26.Rfe1 -1.67/23]
26...b6? -1.08/20
[26...gxh3-+ -3.11/22 has better winning chances. 27.Bxh3 b6]
27.Ne6∓ gxh3
[27...Bxe6 looks sharper. 28.dxe6 Qxe6 29.hxg4 Re7]
28.Bxh3 -3.05/20
[28.Nxg7∓ -0.75/23 Rxg7 29.Bxh3]
28...Bxe6-+ 29.dxe6 Qxe6 30.Qe3 Re8 31.Rd2 Nd3 32.Rfd1 Nxf4 33.Qxf4 Bh6 Black is clearly winning. **34.Qh4 Bxd2 35.Rxd2 e3 36.Re2 exf2+ 37.Rxf2 Qf6 38.Qh5 Qg6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.25 (precise)
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288 **B69**
□ **Mastrovasilis,D** **2615**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
4th Sharjah Masters 2021 (8.5) 24.09.21
[Akshat,Khamparia, TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f4 Be7 10.Nf3 b5 11.Bxf6 Roiz,M: 'In my opinion this is the most challenging choice. Undoubtedly, having the doubled f-pawns isn't to everyone's taste.'
[11.e5 b4 12.exf6 bxc3 13.Qxc3 gxf6 leads to very tense and double-edged play. See the notes to Ponkratov,P (2629)-Bacrot,E (2678) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021 [Roiz, M]]
11...gxf6 12.Kb1 b4!?
[12...Qb6]
13.Ne2 Qb6?! Roiz,M: 'I am surprised that this move is the most common choice - in my opinion, Black has to be careful because his k-side is unsafe.'
[Roiz,M: 'Much safer is' 13...h5! Roiz,M: ', as covered in Anand,V (2782)-Demchenko,A (2660) Riyadh KSA 2017 [Roiz,M]' 14.f5 e5 15.Nc1 Qb6 16.Bc4
A) 16...Rc8 17.Bd5 Na7! 18.Qd3± *(18.Nb3?! a5∓)*;
B) 16...a5 17.Qd5 Rh7 18.g4 hxg4 19.Rhg1 Rc8 20.Rxg4 Bf8 21.h4∞]
14.f5 e5 Roiz,M: 'This is practically forced - otherwise White will gain access to d5 for his knights.' **15.Ng3** Roiz,M: '?' Roiz,M: 'Even though this was played in most games, it is a serious mistake!'
[The queen's activation 15.Qh6! seems to pose Black huge problems: 0-0-0 *(*After *15...Na5 16.Ng3 Bc6* Genannt, R-Reichenbacher, G Germany 1986 White develops a decisive attack with *17.Nh5! Bxe4 18.Nd2 Bb7 19.Nxf6+ Kd8 20.Nde4+-; 15...Na7 16.Ng3 Bb5)* 16.Ng3 It is hard to defend against an attack on the Pf6. For instance, Na5 17.Nh5 Bc6 Yeo,M - Hennigan,M Swansea 1995 18.Nxf6! Bxf6 19.Qxf6 Bxe4 20.Ng5+-]
15...h5 Roiz,M: '!' Roiz,M: 'This is the point! Black manages to consolidate and cover the weak spots on the k-side.'
16.Bc4 Na5! Diagram

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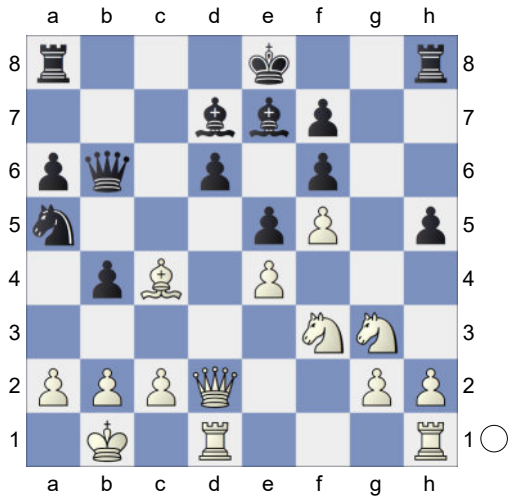


Roiz,M: 'A decent positional sacrifice.' **17.Qd5N** Roiz,M: 'This natural move is a novelty. White bravely accepts the challenge.'

[Roiz,M: 'Hardly better is' 17.Bd5 - 150/(59) Rc8 18.h4 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Rxc4 20.Rhe1 a5 Black took over the initiative, but eventually lost. Asadli,V - Bok,B Chess.com INT 2021]

[White also achieves nothing special with 17.Bd3 Bf8 18.Qe2 Ke7 19.h4 Nc6⇄]

[RR 17.Bd5 Rc8 18.Nf1 Bf8 19.Qe3 Qc7 20.Ne1 Bh6 21.Qe2 h4 22.Qh5 Ba4 23.b3 Bb5 24.Qxh4 Be2 25.Rd2 Bb5 26.Rd1 Ke7 27.Qh5 Be8 28.h4 Nc6 29.Qe2 Na7 30.a4 bxa3 31.c4 Rb8 Gschnitzer,A (2433)-Warmerdam,M (2610) Dortmund 2022 0-1 (43)]

17...Nxc4! 18.Qxa8+

[18.Qxc4? a5 19.Nd2 Bb5 20.Qd5 Rc8∓]

18...Bd8 Roiz,M: 'The Qa8 is in big danger, so White's next move is forced.' **19.Qd5 Ne3** Roiz,M: 'Black partly regains the material.' **20.Qxd6**

[The timid 20.Qb3 can be well met by a5! 21.a4 Nxd1 22.Rxd1 , and after Bc6! 23.Rxd6 Qc5↑ Black's initiative outweighs the pawn.]

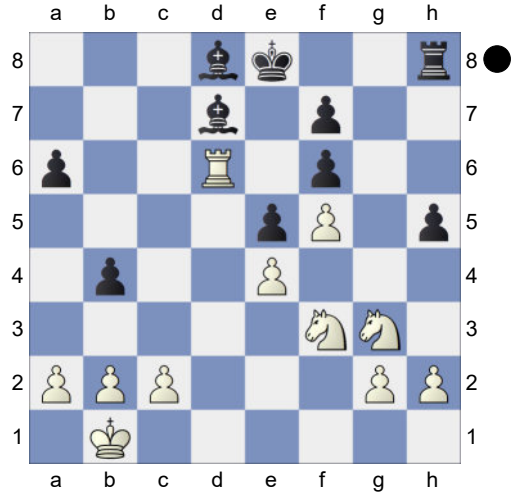
20...Nxd1 21.Rxd1 Roiz,M: '?' Roiz,M: 'Surprisingly, this natural recapture leads to a bad endgame, where White's drawing chances are miserable!'

[Roiz,M: 'It was important to keep the queens on the board:' 21.Qxd1! h4 22.Ne2

A) RR22...Bc6 23.Qd3 *(23.Nd2 Qf2 24.Nc1 Qxg2 25.Nd3 Rg8↑)* 23...Ke7 24.Nd2 Bb5 25.Qf3 Qa7↑ Perunovic,Milos;

B) 22...a5 23.Nc1 Be7 *(23...a4⩱* Black has full compensation, but White should be OK. *)* 24.Nd3 a4∞]

21...Qxd6 22.Rxd6 Diagram



22...Bb5! Roiz,M: 'Suddenly, it turns out that the bishop pair fully dominate the board. In particular, after ...h5-h4 the Ng3 is almost trapped!' **23.Rd1 h4 24.Nf1 Bb6** Roiz,M: 'What an illustrative situation: the mobility of White's knights is minimal!' **25.N1d2 Bf2** Roiz,M: '!' **26.b3** Roiz,M: '?' Roiz,M: 'Alas, Dmitry fails to put-up any resistance.'

[Roiz,M: 'The only chance was' RR26.Rc1 Roiz,M: '!' Rg8 27.g3 hxg3 28.hxg3 Rxg3 29.c4 Bc6∓ Perunovic, Milos 30.Kc2∓ the limited material balance makes it tougher for

Black to convert his huge positional advantage into a full point. Still, defending this position is a sort of suffering.]

26...Rg8 27.Nc4

[RR27.g3 hxg3 28.hxg3 Rxg3∓ Perunovic,Milos 29.Rh1 Be3-+]

27...Rxg2 28.Rd2 h3 Roiz,M: '-+' Roiz, M: 'White's position collapses at once.' **29.Kb2 Ke7 30.Rd3 Ba7 31.a4 bxa3+ 32.Kxa3 Rxc2 33.Kb4 Re2**

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289 **B33**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**

■ **Fawzy,Adham** **2488**

Sharjah Masters 4th (3) 19.09.2021

[Szabo,K, TA]*

Szabo,Krisztian, MH: 'B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and Sveshnikov Variations' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Ne7**

[8...Nb8 See 8...♘b8 games. Szabo, Krisztian, MH: 'See 8...Nb8 games.']

9.c4 Nf5

[9...Ng6 See 9...♘g6 game. Szabo, Krisztian, MH: 'See 9...Ng6 game.']

10.Bd3 g6

[10...Be7 11.0-0 0-0 *(11...a6 12.Nc3 0-0* Transposes to 11...0-0.*)* 12.f4!

A) 12...g6 13.Kh1 A nice prophylactic move to prevent tactics with Black's ... ♕b6+. Szabo, Krisztian, MH: 'A nice prophylactic move to prevent tactics with Black's ...Qb6+.' a6 14.Nc3± Kuusela,M (2226)-Satosuo,R (2010) ICCF email 2014;

B) 12...Qb6+ Black intends to play ...♘e3 and force the exchange with the dark-squared bishop, but White gets a better position in the end. Szabo,Krisztian, MH: 'Black intends to play ...Ne3 and force the exchange with the dark-squared bishop, but White gets a better position in the end.' 13.Kh1 a6 *(13...Ne3?! 14.Bxe3 Qxe3 15.Qc2! g6 16.Rf3 Qc5 17.f5+-* White has a decisive advantage.*)* 14.Nc3 Ne3 15.Bxe3 Qxe3 16.f5± Tarlev,K (2568)-Pyrig,R (1927) Lichess.org INT 2021;

C) 12...a6 13.Nc3 exf4 14.Bxf4 Nh4 15.Qc2 Ng6 16.Be3 Bd7 17.Bd4 Rc8 (Kholmov,R (2555)-Gurgenidze,B (2510) Tbilisi 1977) 18.b3±]

11.0-0 a6 12.Nc3 Bg7 13.Bxf5 Bxf5 Szabo,Krisztian, MH: 'White is slightly better.' **14.Be3 Rc8**

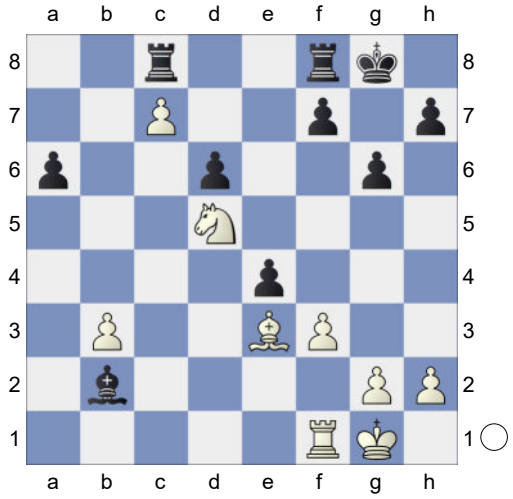
[14...0-0 was tried by Fedoseev against Shirov, where Shirov misplaced his queen on b3, but eventually was still able to defeat Black. 15.Qd2 Qh4 16.b3 e4 17.Bd4 *(17.Ne2!?* Szabo,Krisztian, MH *)* 17...Bh6! 18.Qe1±]

15.Qa4+ Qd7 16.Qxd7+ Szabo,Krisztian, MH: 'N'

[16.Rac1 is even better. Bf6 *(16...Bd3* Szabo,Krisztian, MH *17.Qxd7+ Kxd7 18.Rfd1 Bxc4 19.Na4* #4 Nc6 Sveshnikov-Sveshnikov 8...Ne7*)* 17.Qb4 Avoiding the queens exchange for the moment. Bd3 18.Na4! A surprise move. Szabo,Krisztian, MH: 'Nb6 would now be deadly. A surprise move. '

A) 18...Bxf1 19.Nb6 Szabo,Krisztian, MH: '!' Qg4

The only move to keep fighting. 20.Rxf1! Szabo,Krisztian, MH: 'And now h3! would win.' Rd8 21.f3 Qf5 22.c5 0-0! *(22...dxc5?!* 1.89/22 Szabo,Krisztian, MH: '22... 0-0 0.74' *23.Bxc5* Szabo,Krisztian, MH: 'Strongly threatening Qa4+.' *Qd3 24.f4 Qb5 25.Re1 Qxb4 26.Bxb4+-* Black's rook on h8 is completely out of play at the moment and with the king on the center and exposed, White is clearly better.*)* 23.c6 Qd3! 24.Qb3 Qxb3 25.axb3 bxc6 26.dxc6 Szabo,Krisztian, MH: 'Threatens to win with Ra1.' e4 27.c7 Rc8 Black has no other good choice. 28.Nd5 Bxb2 Szabo,Krisztian, MH: '



' 29.Rf2 Szabo,Krisztian, MH: '!' Bg7 30.Ne7+ Kh8 31.Rc2!± White's attack is very promissing and it's very easy for Black to go wrong in this line.;

B) 18...Bd8]

16...Bxd7 17.Ne4 Bf8! 18.f4N -0.27/23

[18.Rfc1 instead.]

[White should play 18.Nd2± 0.31/23 Szabo,Krisztian, MH]

[RR 18.Rac1 f5 19.Nf6+ Ke7 20.Nxd7 Kxd7 21.b4 Be7 22.f3 Ra8 23.Rc2 a5 24.b5 Bh4 25.g3 Bd8 26.b6 Rf8 27.Kg2 g5 28.Bg1 Be7 29.Re1 a4 30.c5 dxc5 31.Rxe5 Ra6 32.Rxe7+ Kxe7 Du,Y (2086)-Guo,H (2086) Nanjing/Beijing 2025 1-0 (40)]

18...f5 Allows White to recover.

[18...Bf5 And Black is at least equal. Szabo,Krisztian, MH: '!']

19.Nf6+ Ke7 20.fxe5 dxe5 21.Nxd7 Kxd7 22.Rac1 Bg7? 1.00/20 Black misreads the position and wrongly assumes the bishop is better on g7. From here, Black falls very fast.

[22...Bc5 0.20/18 Trading bishops was a way to keep a balanced position. At least, 22...Be7, so Black could have more control on the a3-f8 diagonal and delay the White's queenside pawns advance. Szabo, Krisztian, MH: '=' Szabo,Krisztian, MH: 'remains equal.' 23.Bxc5 Szabo,Krisztian, MH Rxc5]

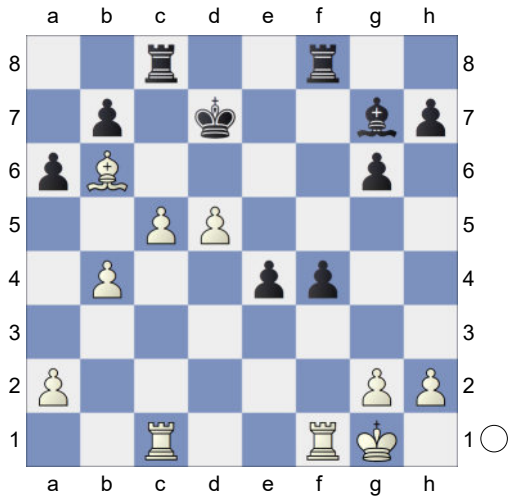
23.b4 Szabo,Krisztian, MH: '±' Szabo, Krisztian, MH: 'White is more active. Black is on the road to losing.' **23...f4 24.Bb6 Rhf8?!** 2.46/20

[24...Bf6± 1.30/17 Szabo,Krisztian, MH]

25.c5 Szabo,Krisztian, MH: '+-' **25...e4** 3.05/21 Szabo,Krisztian, MH: '

[⌓25...Rf6 2.04/19 Szabo,Krisztian, MH 26.a4 Bh6 *(26...e4? 27.Rfd1+-)*]

(Diagram)



' **26.c6+** White pawns are too fast. Szabo,Krisztian, MH: '!' **26...bxc6 27.dxc6+ Ke6** 3.47/25
[Much worse is 27...Rxc6 Szabo,Krisztian, MH 28.Rfd1+ Rd6 29.Rc7+ Ke6 30.Rxd6+ Kxd6 31.Rxg7+-]
[27...Ke8 2.29/19 (Szabo,Krisztian, MH) keeps fighting. 28.a4 *(28.Rc4 Rf6±)* 28...Rf6]
28.Rfd1 e3 29.c7 Bf6 30.a4 Rfe8 31.Kf1 Kf5 Szabo,Krisztian, MH: 'aiming for ...e2+.' **32.Ke2 Re4 33.Ba5 Be7 34.Kf3** Szabo,Krisztian, MH: 'Hoping for Rd5+.' **34...Re6** 6.01/21
[⌓34...Re5 4.16/20 Szabo,Krisztian, MH 35.Rd8 Bxd8 36.cxd8Q Rxd8 37.Bxd8 e2]
35.Rd5+ Szabo,Krisztian, MH: 'White is clearly winning.' **35...Re5 36.Rxe5+ Kxe5 37.b5 Kd5** Szabo,Krisztian, MH: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.49. Mistake: White=1 Black=5 Inaccurate: --- Black=2 OK: White=18 Black=5 Best: --- Black=3'
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290 **A70**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2698**
■ **Mitrabha,Guha** **2467**
Sheikh Kamal Online Inv (6.9) 28.08.21
[John Emms,TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 a6 There's nothing wrong with playing ...a6 as early as this, as long as Black is willing to play ...a6 lines in general, and it does prevent one or two options for White.
[For example, 6...g6 7.Bf4 *(7.Qa4+)* 7...a6 8.e4 *(or 8.Nd2)*]
7.a4
[After 7.e4 b5 8.Bf4 Black could consider Be7]
7...g6 8.e4 Bg7
[It may well be that 8...Bg4! a move we've seen on numerous occasions, is the most accurate move rather than just one option to reach a certain type of position. 9.Be2 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 - see many games in the archives.]
9.Be2 0-0
[9...Bg4 here can be met favourably by 10.Nd2! Bxe2 11.Qxe2 - see the notes to Jones,G-Merry,A/ London 2018. In particular, the absence of castling from both sides means that Nbd7 12.Nc4 Nb6 is met strongly by 13.e5!]
10.Bg5! A rare choice in this position, but this looks like a good attempt to exploit the early insertion of ...a6 and a2-a4.
[10.0-0 is the overwhelmingly popular choice, after which Bg4 *(and 10...Re8 11.Nd2 Nbd7* lead to main lines. *)*]
10...Bg4
[10...h6 11.Be3! is a position more

likely to be reached via a King's Indian, Averbakh Variation. It's important to note here that without the insertion of ...a6 and a2-a4, Black would have the resource 10...b5!, offering good counterplay. - see the note to Black's 10th move. *(11.Bh4 g5! 12.Bg3 Nh5 13.Nd2 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Nd7* is okay for Black*)* 11...Bg4 *(11...Ng4 12.Bf4)* 12.Nd2 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nbd7 14.0-0 Re8 15.a5 with a pleasant edge for White.]

[10...Re8 11.Nd2! Nbd7 12.0-0 is another typical position where the fact that the dark-squared bishop has managed to develop before Nd2 was played gives White a clear edge.]

11.Nd2!

[11.0-0 Bxf3! *(11...Nbd7 12.Nd2! Bxe2 13.Qxe2* transposes to the game *)* 12.Bxf3 Nbd7 is considerably more comfortable for Black than the game.]

11...Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Nbd7 13.0-0 Without seemingly doing anything wrong, Black is already facing considerable difficulties. Such is the life for a Modern Benoni player! transposes to the game **13...Re8 14.f4!?** Maghsoodloo's plan is direct and very dangerous for Black.

[RR 14.Nc4 Ne5 15.Ne3 Qc7 16.Rad1 c4 17.f4 Nd3 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.e5 dxe5 20.Ne4 Bg7 21.f5 b5 22.Kh1 Rad8 23.Qf3 Nxb2 24.d6 Qa7 25.Rd5 Nd3 26.Ng4 Nf4 27.Nef6+ Bxf6 28.Nxf6+ Kg7 Maghsoodloo,P (2701)-Mitrabha,G (2490) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (32)]

[RR 14.f3 Rb8 15.a5 h5 16.Kh1 Qe7 17.f4 Qf8 18.Qd3 Nh7 19.Bh4 Bf6 20.Bg3 h4 21.Bf2 Qh6 22.Qh3 Rbd8 23.Nc4 Ndf8 24.Rae1 Bxc3 25.bxc3 Qxf4 26.Bxh4 Rxe4 27.Rxf4 1-0 (27) Korobov,A (2631)-Claverie,C (2290) Chess.com INT 2025]

[RR 14.Be3 Qc7 15.h3 Rab8 16.Rfe1 Ne5 17.Bf4 Nfd7 18.Bg3 c4 19.Red1 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra6 Nc5 22.Bxe5 Nxa6 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Nf3 b4 25.Nb1 c3 26.bxc3 bxc3 27.Rc1 c2 28.Na3 Nb4 Maghsoodloo,P (2732)-Liu,Z (2401) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1]

14...Qc7 15.Qf3 Rab8

[15...c4 16.Kh1 Rab8 17.e5! dxe5 18.f5! is an older example of the same thematic pawn sacrifice. Rf8 19.Nde4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 f6 21.Be3 Rf7 22.Qg4 Nf8 23.Bc5 Qd7 24.Nd6 b6 25.Bb4 gxf5 26.Qxc4 Qc7 27.Qxa6 Rd7 28.Rfc1 Qd8 29.Nxf5+- and White won, Milos,G-Wiedenkeller,M/Copenhagen 1982.]

16.Kh1N

[RR 16.a5 b5 17.b3 Nh5 18.Bh4 b4 19.Ne2 Bxa1 20.Rxa1 Nhf6 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Ng3 Qe7 23.Rf1 Nd7 24.Nc4 Qf6 25.Qg4 Rbd8 26.Nf5 Rxe4 27.Ncxd6 Rd4 28.Nh6+ Kf8 29.Ndxf7 Ne5 30.Nxe5 R4xd5 Alimov,A (1965)-Vorobyova,A (1993) Novokuznetsk 2012 1-0 (50)]

[RR 16.Rae1 h6 17.Bh4 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.e5 Nh7 20.e6 Ndf6 21.Nde4 b4 22.Nxf6+ Nxf6 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Ne4 Bxb2 25.f5 fxe6 26.dxe6 d5 27.fxg6 Rf8 28.Qe2 Bd4+ 29.Nf2 Qe7 30.Kh1 Bxf2 Essing,A (2230)-Kubicka,A (2259) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (58)]

16...b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.e5! dxe5 19.f5! Everyone who plays Modern Benoni positions should be aware of this idea! **19...e4** This counter-sacrifice

is also thematic, but it's not effective here.
[After 19...c4 20.Nde4 *(or 20.Rad1 White has tremendous compensation.)*]
20.Ndxe4 Nxe4
[20...b4 21.Nxf6+ Nxf6 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.Bxf6 bxc3 24.bxc3±]
21.Nxe4 Qb6
[21...Ne5 22.Qg3!]
22.d6! Qb7 23.Be7! More typical moves by Maghsoodloo, and White's attack is now irresistible. **23...Ne5 24.Qf4 gxf5 25.Nf6+ Bxf6 26.Bxf6 Qe4 27.Qg5+ Ng6 28.Qh6** Though rarely played, Maghsoodloo's 10 Bg5 seems to take advantage of Black's failure to play ...Bg4 immediately after the ...a6 and a4.
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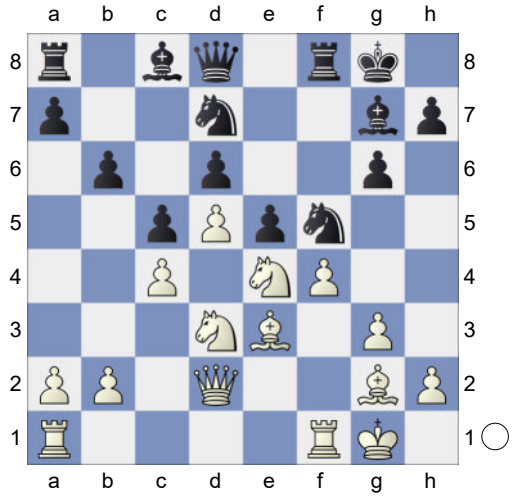
291 **A50**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2698**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2736**
Titled Tuesday 24. Aug (7) 24.08.2021
[Kitty Kat]*

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 d6N
[5...Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 Ne6 35.Bxa6 0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]
6.0-0 Bg7 7.d5 Ne7 8.Nc3 White is better. **8...e5 9.Ne1 0-0 10.e4 c5** 1.05/21
[10...Nd7± 0.44/21]
11.Nd3± Nd7 12.f4N
[RR 12.Bg5 f6 13.Be3 f5 14.Qd2 Nf6 15.Bg5 a6 16.a4 b6 17.Rae1 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Bh3 20.Bg2 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Qd7 22.Bxe7 Qxe7 23.Re4 Qd7 24.b3 b5 25.axb5 axb5 26.f4 exf4 Molina,R (2385)-Niemann,H (2734) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (34)]
12...f5 13.Be3 0.45/20
[Better is 13.Kh1± 1.11/20]
13...b6 0.91/21
[13...fxe4!± 0.45/20 is more appropriate. 14.Nxe4 *(14.Bxe4 Nb6=)* 14...Nf5]
14.Qd2 0.52/23
[White should try 14.fxe5± 0.91/21 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Qe2]
14...fxe4 15.Nxe4 Nf5



16.Bf2 0.17/24 White is more active.
[16.Ng5!± 0.71/21]
16...exf4= 17.Nxf4 Ne5 18.Ne6 Bxe6

[18...Nxc4!? 19.Qe2 Bxe6 20.dxe6 Ne5∓ *(20...Nxb2 21.g4=)*]

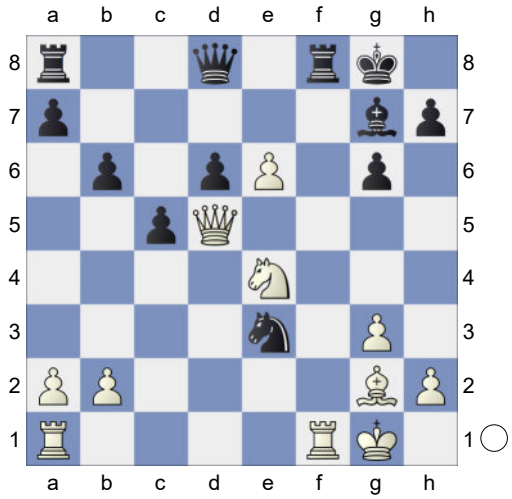
19.dxe6 Nxc4 0.60/20

[19...Kh8= 0.12/18]

20.Qd5± Nce3 1.51/18

[⌓20...Kh8 0.82/23]

21.Bxe3± Nxe3



22.Rxf8+ 0.12/24

[22.Qb7!± 1.29/20 Hoping for e7. Rb8 *(22...Nxf1? 23.e7+-* Double Attack*)* 23.Qxa7 *(23.Rxf8+ Qxf8 24.Qxa7 Re8±)*]

22...Qxf8= 23.Nf6+ -0.61/22 **Bxf6∓**

24.Qxa8 Qxa8 0.10/18

[24...Bd4∓ -0.46/27 25.Qxf8+ *(25.Qxa7 Nf1+ 26.Kh1 Nxg3+ 27.hxg3 Qh6+)* 25...Kxf8]

25.Bxa8= aiming for Re1. **25...Bxb2∓** Endgame. KRB-KBN **26.Re1**

[26.e7!? Kf7□ 27.e8R Bxa1 *(27...Kxe8 28.Re1=)* 28.Rxe3=]

26...Bd4 Strongly threatening ...Nc2+.

27.e7! Kf7 Threatens to win with ... Nc2+. **28.e8Q+ Kxe8 29.Kf2 Kf7 30.Rxe3 Bxe3+??** 5.55/25 This costs Black the game.

[30...Kf6!= 0.01/18]

31.Kxe3= KB-KP **31...b5 32.h4 a5?** 6.06/25

[32...Kf6 3.59/19 33.Ke4 c4]

33.g4+- g5 34.hxg5 Kg6 35.Kf4 c4 36.Be4+ Kg7 37.Ke3 h6 38.g6 b4 39.Kd4 c3 40.Kd5 5.67/21

[⌓40.Bc2 11.43/18]

40...Kf6 41.Bc2

[41.Kxd6? too greedy. a4 42.Bc2 b3 43.axb3 a3-+]

41...a4 42.Bxa4 Kxg6 43.Kc4 Kg5 44.Bd1 c2 45.Bxc2 Kxg4 46.Kxb4 KB-KPP **46...Kf4 47.Kc4** 17.49/23

[⌓47.Bd1 250.00/25 Ke5 48.a4 d5 49.Kc5 Ke6 50.a5 Kd7 51.a6 *(51.Kxd5 Kc7 52.Kc5 Kb7 53.Kb5 Kc7 54.a6 Kc8 55.Kb6 Kd7)* 51...Kc7 52.Bh5 *(52.Kxd5 Kb6 53.Be2 h5 54.Ke4 h4 55.Kf3 Kc7 56.Kg4 Kc8 57.Kxh4 Kc7)*]

47...Ke5 48.Bd1 d5+ 49.Kc5 d4 50.Bf3 73.99/34

[⌓50.Kc4 250.00/31 Kd6 51.Kxd4 Kc6 52.Kc4 Kb6 53.Kb4 Kc7 54.a4 Kc6 55.a5]

50...d3 White is clearly winning. **51.Kc4 d2 52.Kd3 Kf4 53.Bd1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.87

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292 **C65**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2698**

■ **Georgiev,Ki** **2594**

FIDE World Cup 2021 (2.3) 17.07.2021

[TA]*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.Re1

[7.Nbd2 - 148/115]

7...Bd7

[RR 7...Bb6 8.h3 Ne7 9.Nbd2 c6 10.Ba4 Ng6 11.Nf1 h6 12.Ng3 Re8 13.d4 Qc7 14.Bc2 Be6 15.Be3 Rad8 16.Qc1 Kh7 17.Bd3 c5 18.Nf5

Bxf5 19.exf5 Nf8 20.Bb5 Re7 21.dxe5 dxe5 22.Qc2 Dominguez Perez,L (2708)-Alekseev,E (2708) Biel 2008 0-1 (44)]

[RR 7...Bb6 8.Nbd2 a6 9.Ba4 Ng4 10.Re2 f5 11.h3 Nh6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.Bb3 Kh8 15.Ne3 fxe4 16.dxe4 Bxh3 17.gxh3 Rxf3 18.Qf1 Qf6 19.Qg2 Ne7 20.Ng4 Qf4 21.Nh2 Rg3 0-1 (21) Arevalo Tito,D (1680)-Sosa Cabrera,P (1831) Lima 2025]

8.d4 Bb6 9.a4N

[9.Bg5]

9...a6 10.Bxc6N

[RR 10.Bc4 h6 11.Na3 Re8 12.d5 Ne7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 Ng6 15.b4 Qb8 16.b5 Qa7 17.h3 Nf4 18.Bf1 Qc5 19.Nd2 Red8 20.Nb3 Qa7 21.c4 Be8 22.a5 Kh8 23.g3 Ng6 24.Qc2 Nd7 Vasquez Ramirez,R (2235)-Ortiz,N Macas 2000 ½-½ (59)]

10...Bxc6 11.Nbd2 exd4 12.Nxd4 Re8 13.f3

[13.Nxc6 bxc6∓]

13...h6 14.Nf1 Bd7 15.a5 Ba7 16.Ng3 b5 17.axb6

[17.Kh1!]

17...Bxb6 18.Kh1 a5 19.Qd3 a4 20.Bd2 Re5!?

[20...h5!? 21.Bg5 h4! 22.Bxh4 Ng4 23.fxg4 Qxh4∓]

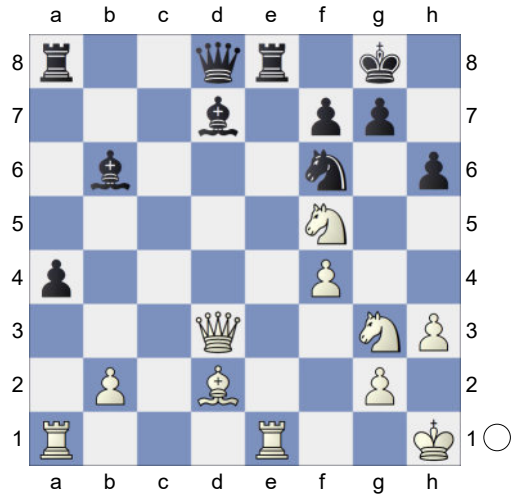
21.f4 Re8 22.h3 c6

[22...h5!? 23.e5 Ng4 24.hxg4 Qh4+ 25.Kg1 c5 26.Ndf5 Bxf5 27.Nxf5 *(27.Qxf5 Qxg3 28.c4 Qxg4 29.Qxg4 hxg4 30.exd6 Red8∓)* 27...c4+ 28.Be3 Qxe1+ 29.Rxe1 cxd3 30.Bxb6 Rab8 31.Bc7 Rxb2→]

23.c4

[⌓23.Qf3 Rb8 24.Ndf5 Bc7 25.c4]

23...d5! 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.exd5 Nxd5 26.Ndf5 Nf6 Diagram



27.Nxg7!?

[27.Bc3 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Bxf5 29.Qxd8+ Bxd8 30.Nxf5 Ba5=]

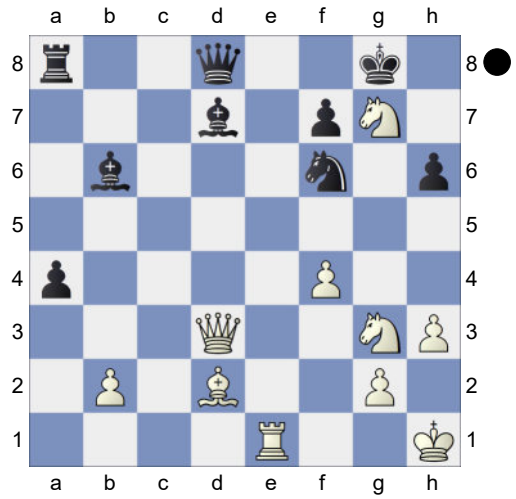
[27.Rxe8+ Bxe8 28.Qe2 Ba5=]

27...Rxe1+

[27...Kxg7 28.Bc3 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Bg4 30.Qxd8 Bxd8 31.hxg4 Kh7=]

28.Rxe1? Diagram

[28.Bxe1 Kxg7 *(28...Bxh3 29.Qxd8+ Bxd8 30.gxh3 Kxg7=)* 29.Bc3 Kg8 30.Nf5 Bxf5 31.Qxf5 Ne8 32.Qg4+ Kh7 33.Qf5+ Kg8=]



28...Bxh3! 29.Qc2 Bf2 30.Ba5?

[30.N7f5 Bxe1 31.Bxe1 Bxf5

32.Nxf5 Qf8 *(32...Ng4 33.Qc3 Qf6 34.Qf3∓)* 33.Bc3 Ra6 34.Be5∓]

30...Rxa5 31.Qxf2 Bg4-+ 32.b4 Rd5

[32...axb3]

33.b5 Kxg7 34.Qb2 Rd1 35.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 36.Kh2 Qb3 37.Qe5 Qd5 38.Qb2 Bc8 39.b6 Bb7 40.f5 Kg8 41.Kh3 Ne4 42.Qa3 Nf2+ 43.Kh4 Qxg2

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293 **B07**

□ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu 2608**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham 2698**

Junior Speed Final blitz (1.12) 05.07.21

[TA]*

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c3 d6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.h3

[7.dxc5 dxc5 8.h3 *(8.Qe2 Qc7 9.Bg5 Nc6 10.Nbd2 h6 11.Bh4 Nh5 12.Qe3 b6 13.Rfe1 Nf4 14.Bg3 e5 15.Bf1 g5 16.a4 Ne7 17.Nc4 Bb7 18.Qd2 Rad8 19.Qc2 f5 20.Nfd2 Nxg2)* 8...Nc6 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Re1 Nd7 11.Bc2 b6 12.a4 Bb7 13.Nbd2 Rad8 14.Nf1 Qc8 15.Bg5 Ba6 16.Qe3 Qb7 17.Rad1 c4 18.Nd4 Nde5 19.Nb5 Na5 20.Qe2 Bxb5 21.axb5 Qc7 22.f4 Nd3]

7...a6

[7...Nc6 8.d5 Nb8 *(8...Na5 9.c4 a6 10.Nbd2 b5 11.cxb5 axb5 12.Bxb5 Qb6 13.Be2 Ba6 14.Rb1 Nh5 15.g3 c4 16.Kg2 Rfc8 17.Ne1 Nf6 18.b4 cxb3 19.axb3 Nd7 20.b4 Bxe2 21.Qxe2)* 9.c4 e5 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.e5 dxe5 12.Nxe5 Nh5 13.Nf3 Nf4 14.Bxf4 Rxf4 15.Nc3 Nc6 16.Qe2 Rxf3 17.gxf3 Qg5+ 18.Kh1 Qh5]

[7...cxd4 8.cxd4 Nc6 9.Nc3 e5 10.Be3 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Be2 a6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 b5 15.f4 Ned7 16.Kh1 Bb7 17.Bf3 b4 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 Nc5 20.Nc6 Qb6 21.Bf2 Qb5 22.Be2 Qb6 23.Bf3]

8.Re1

[8.Be3 b6 9.Nbd2 e6 10.Qe2 Qc7 11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Bh2 e5 13.Nc4 b5 14.Ne3 c4 15.Bc2 Be6 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Rad1 Nd7 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Nf4 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Rfd1 Ne5]

8...Nc6

[8...Qc7 9.e5± 0-1 (42) Khotenashvili,B (2453)-Kocheev,A (2315) Minsk 2019 dxe5 10.dxe5 Ne8 11.Bf4 Nc6± 12.Qe2 Be6 13.Nbd2 Rd8 14.Qe3 Qc8 15.Bf1 Nc7 16.Qxc5 Nd5 17.Bg3 Nxe5]

9.d5 Na7

[9...Na5 10.Na3 e6 11.dxe6 *(11.b4 cxb4 12.cxb4 exd5 13.bxa5 dxe4)* 11...Bxe6 12.Bf4 b5 13.Qd2 Nc6 14.Ng5± 1-0 (43) Cornette,D (2406)-Blagojevic,T (2271) Konya 2016 Bc8? 15.Rad1∓ Ra7 16.Nf3 Rd7 17.c4 b4 18.Nc2 Re8 19.Bg5 Qa5 20.a3 bxa3± 21.Qxa5 Nxa5 22.bxa3 Bb7]

[RR 9...Na5 10.Bg5 b5 11.Nbd2 Nd7 12.Rc1 c4 13.Bc2 Rb8 14.Bf4 b4 15.e5 bxc3 16.bxc3 dxe5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.Rxe5 f6 20.Re1 Qxd5 21.Rxe7 Bb7 22.Be4 Qd6 23.Qe1 Bxe4 24.Rxe4 Ghaem Maghami,E (2581)-Tregubov,P (2570) Playchess.com INT 2006 1-0 (46)]

[RR 9...Nb8 10.a4 e6 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.Na3 Nc6 13.Bf4 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Bg3 Nb6 16.Qc2 Rc8 17.Rad1 Qf6 18.Bh4 Qf4 19.Re4 Qb8 20.Bg3 Qa8 21.Ree1 Na5 22.c4 Nc6 23.Qb3 Nd7 24.Nc2

Lagno,K (2515)-Avramidou,A (2294) Batumi 2025 1-0 (45)]

10.a4 White has a comfortable advantage. **10...Bd7N**

[RR 10...e5 11.Na3 Bd7 12.Nc4 Nc8 13.Bd2 Ne8 14.Nh2 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.f4 e4 17.Bc2 Ne7 18.Bc1 b5 19.Ne3 Ng6 20.g3 Kh8 21.Nhf1 Nf6 22.Kh2 Ne7 23.Ra2 Qe8 24.b3 Qg6 25.c4 Martinovic,S (2448)-Todorcevic,M (2487) Novi Sad 2000 ½-½ (43)]

[RR 10...e6 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.Nbd2 Nc6 13.Nf1 d5 14.e5 Nd7 15.Bf4 Re8 16.Ng3 Qc7 17.Qe2 Rad8 18.Rad1 Qa5 19.Bc2 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra1 Qb6 22.Qd2 b4 23.Ba4 Rb8 24.Bxc6 Qxc6 25.Bh6 Kislinsky,A (2361)-Avramidou,A (2287) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (58)]

11.a5 e5

[11...Nc8 12.c4± b5 13.axb6 Nxb6 14.Nc3]

12.c4

[12.Nbd2 Nc8 13.Nc4± Ne8]

[12.dxe6 Bxe6]

12...Nh5

[12...Ne8 13.Nc3 f5]

13.Nc3 Nc8

[13...f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Nxe5]

14.Bd2 Nf4 15.Bf1

[15.Bxf4 exf4± 1-0 (30) Tabatabaei,M (2613)-Narayanan,S (2540) Chess.com INT 2021 16.e5 dxe5 17.Nxe5 Nd6]

15...h6

[15...f5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.Qd2]

16.Kh2 g5 17.Na4

[17.g3 Ng6 *(17...Nxh3 18.Bxh3 g4 19.Nh4 gxh3 20.Nf5±)* 18.Bd3 Nce7 19.Kg2= 1-0 (39) Wei,Y (2748)-Le,T (2485) Ashkhabad 2017]

17...f5

[17...Ng6 18.b4]

18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Bxf4 gxf4

[19...exf4 20.Nc3]

20.Nc3 Ne7 21.Bd3 Rb8

[21...Bd7± 22.Ne4 Nf5 23.g4]

22.Ra2 b6 23.axb6 Rxb6 24.Bxf5 Nxf5 25.Ne4 Qb8

[25...Nd4 26.Nxd4 exd4?? *(26...cxd4 27.Qg4)* 27.Qf3∓ 0-1 (69) Dhulipalla,B (2441)-Yang,K (2481) chess.com INT 2020]

26.Nfd2 Nd4

[26...Rxb2 27.Rxa6]

27.Qg4 Qc8

[27...Qb7 28.Nf3]

28.Nf6+ Kh8 29.Nd7 Nc2 30.Rd1 Nb4 31.Ra3 Rb7 32.Nxf8 Qxf8 33.Ne4 Rb6 34.Qd7 Nc2 35.Qc7 Qf5

[35...Nxa3 36.Qxb6 Nxc4 37.Qxa6 Nxb2 38.Rb1]

36.f3

[36.Qxb6]

36...Rxb2 37.Rd2

[37.Rxa6 Ne3]

37...Nxa3 38.Rxb2 Nxc4 39.Rb7 Qg6

[39...Qf8 40.Rb8]

40.Qd8+

[40.Qd8+ Kh7 41.Nf6+]

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294 **A09**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2698**

■ **Ghaem Maghami,E** **2547**

Asian Individual Hybrid (5.3) 25.05.2021

[GM P Arnaudov,TA]*

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 dxc4 In my opinion, the most principled variation. I always preferred to play this position for White. Usually, White has a choice between sacrificing a pawn long-

term or trying to take the pawn back. **5.0-0 b5** First, we will examine the most principled reaction for Black: to defend the pawn. Now White has no choice and should try to play for an initiative. **6.a4 Bb7 7.d3** This move changes everything. I believe White is on the driving seat in this line and we are not going to see 5...b5 very often.

[7.b3 was the old theory b4 8.bxc4 c5 the position is quite acceptable for Black.]

[RR 7.b3 b4 8.bxc4 c5 9.d3 e6 10.Nbd2 Be7 11.Nb3 a5 12.Bb2 Nbd7 13.e3 0-0 14.d4 Qc7 15.Qe2 Ne4 16.Rfc1 Rfc8 17.Ne1 Nd6 18.e4 cxd4 19.c5 Ne8 20.Bxd4 Ne5 21.f4 Nc6 Nakamura,H (2776)-Anand,V (2797) Zuerich 2015 1-0 (57)]

7...cxd3 8.Ne5 The point of White's idea **8...Qc7**

[8...a6 9.Qxd3 *(9.Nc3 e6 10.axb5 axb5 11.Rxa8 Bxa8 12.Nxb5±* Gareyev won 6 moves later: 1-0 (18) Gareyev,T (2584)-Shetty,A (2431) Philadelphia 2019*)* 9...Qxd3 10.Nxd3± Even without queens, Black's position is quite unpleasant. White has an initiative and an easy game. 1-0 (42) Zhigalko,A (2517)-Tsydypov, Z (2565) Kazan 2021]

[RR 8...b4 9.a5 a6 10.Qb3 e6 11.Nxd3 Qc8 12.Nxb4 c5 13.Qa4+ Nfd7 14.Bxb7 Qxb7 15.Nd3 Be7 16.Be3 0-0 17.Nd2 Rc8 18.Rfc1 Qb5 19.Nc4 Nc6 20.Qxb5 axb5 21.Nb6 Nxb6 22.axb6 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Van Liempt,M (2111)-Kleibeuker,M (2011) Hoorn 2025 1-0]

9.Bf4N developing before everything. In those lines, White should be ready to sacrifice few pawns.

[RR 9.Nxd3 Nbd7 10.Nc3 e5 11.axb5 cxb5 12.Nxb5 Qb6 13.Bxb7 Qxb7 14.Qa4 e4 15.Ne5 Be7 16.Nxd7 Nxd7 17.Bg5 f6 18.Rfc1 0-0 19.Rc7 Qb6 20.Qc4+ Kh8 21.Be3 Ne5 22.Qd5 Rad8 23.Qxe5 1-0 (23) Swapnil,S (2500)-Ashwath,R (2227) Abu Dhabi 2016]

[RR 9.Nxd3 e5 10.axb5 cxb5 11.Bxb7 Qxb7 12.Nxe5 Be7 13.Qb3 0-0 ½-½ (13) Stella,A (2447)-Banusz,T (2588) Fano 2013]

9...Nh5 10.axb5 Nxf4 11.gxf4+- Black could resign here. **11...f6**

[The main problem is that Black can't play 11...cxb5 12.Qb3]

12.bxc6 Nxc6 13.Nxd3 White's king is quite much safer and Black can't complete the development. Parham easily convert his enormous advantage to a full point. **13...Rd8 14.Nc3 e6 15.Qb3 Be7 16.Rfc1 Qd7 17.Rd1 Qc8 18.Nb5 a6 19.Na7 Qa8 20.Qxb7 1-0**

295 **B30**
□ **Darini,Pouria** **2432**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**
Iranian Championship 1399 (2.5) 5.4.21
[Collins,Sam, TA]*

This was played in an early round of the Iranian Championship, in which Parham Maghsoodloo went on a rampage with a string of consecutive wins. **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4** See K.Goh Wei Ming - I. Salgado Lopez, Olympiad 2014 (0-1 in 40) in the Archives with Kevin's instructive notes. **6...Ng6 7.Be2 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.c4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 b6 11.Nc3 Bb7** Clearly Black is not geared towards the standard breaks of ...b5 or ..

. d5, but rather is looking for an opporunity to play ...f5 under good circumstances. **12.Rfd1** Basically the wrong rook, for a tactical reason which is difficult to explain, let alone spot.

[In his white repertoire course on Chessable, Wesley So recommends 12.Rad1 Bc6 13.Qd2 when, if Black plays as in the game with f5 14.exf5 Nh4 , White prevails in the complications after 15.fxe6 Nxg2 16.exd7 Kh8 17.Bg4! . By contrast to the note to White's 15th move, after Nxe3 18.fxe3+- the presence of the rook on f1 diametrically changes the evaluation of the position.]

[RR 12.Rad1 Bc6 13.f4 f5 14.g3 e5 15.fxe5 f4 16.gxf4 Nxf4 17.Qd2 Bc5 18.Kh1 Bxe3 19.Qxe3 Qg5 20.Rf2 Qxe5 21.Rdf1 Nxe2 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Rxf8+ Kxf8 24.Qxe2 Qf4 25.Kg2 Ke7 26.Nd5+ Bxd5 Ehlvest,J (2531)-Wartiovaara,O (2340) Tallinn 2025 0-1 (40)]

12...Bc6 13.Qd2

[13.Rac1 f5 14.exf5 Nh4 also led to excellent counterplay for Black in P.Leko - B.Gelfand, Hengshui 2019 (1/2-1/2 in 36).]

13...f5N

[RR 13...Qb8 14.Bf1 Rd8 15.f3 Bc5 16.a3 a5 17.Qf2 Qe5 18.g3 Bxe3 19.Qxe3 Qc5 20.Kf2 Ne5 21.Be2 f6 22.b3 Kf8 23.Rdb1 d6 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 Qxe3+ 26.Kxe3 Rxa1 27.Rxa1 Ra8 28.Rxa8+ Balogh,C (2632)-Rogozenco,D (2516) Germany 2013 ½-½ (46)]

[RR 13...Bc5 14.Bf1 f5 15.Bxc5 bxc5 16.exf5 Rxf5 17.Bd3 Rh5 18.Bxg6 hxg6 19.Ne2 Qf6 20.Ng3 Rh4 21.Rac1 g5 22.Rc3 Rf8 23.Qe3 Qh6 24.Nf1 Rg4 25.Ng3 Rh4 26.Nf1 Rg4 27.Ng3 ½-½ (27) Balogh,C (1394)-Perunovic,M (2612) Hungary 2018]

14.exf5 Nh4! 15.f3

[Here 15.fxe6 Nxg2 16.exd7 Kh8! would lead to an unclear position where White's material advantage is compensated by his weakened king. 17.Bg4 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Bc5]

15...Rxf5

[15...Nxf5= is a safer recapture, when Black has no complaints from the opening.]

16.Ne4! Qe8 17.Ng3 Re5 18.Bf4 Bc5+ 19.Kh1 Black's position looks critical but he finds a wonderful tactical resource. **19...Rxe2! 20.Qxe2 Nxf3!!** A stunning sacrifice to open the h1-a8 diagonal. **21.Ne4!**

[21.gxf3? Qf7 wins.]

21...Nh4 22.Qg4?!

[After 22.Bg3± White should retain some advantage, with a rook for a minor piece and pawn.]

22...Be7 23.Bg3?

[23.Bd6 was essential.]

23...h5

[The immediate 23...Nf5! was even stronger, followed by ...h5.]

24.Qe2

[24.Qh3∓ was the most tenacious defence.]

24...Nf5 25.Be5 Qg6 26.Ng3 Nh4 27.Kg1 Rf8 28.Bd6 Bxd6 29.Rxd6 Nxg2 30.Qd3

[White resigned in view of the inevitable 30.Qd3 Nf4! 31.Qxg6 Nh3# with a beautiful checkmate.]

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296 **E91**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**
■ **Guseinov,Gadir** **2665**
European Online CC Final rapid (9.5)
[Flear,Glenn, TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 Na6 7.Nf3 comes to the same thing. **7...h6** The most common reply, posing the big question immediately (i.e. before touching the 'c' or e-pawns). **8.Bh4**

[After 8.Be3 the reply 8...Ng4 was chosen in both of Milov, V - Gallagher, J Switzerland 2000, and Burnier, D - Gallagher, J Neuchâtel 2002, (see the archives for details) but these days the standard choice at GM level is e5! e.g.

A) 9.0-0 Ng4 10.Bc1 c6 *(10...exd4 11.Nxd4 Qf6* (a 'dynamic' approach in typical Naiditsch-style) *12.Nb3 Qh4 13.Bf4 Be5 14.Bxe5 dxe5 15.h3 Nf6 16.Nd2 Rd8* (most KID players would be happy with Black, but White can avoid serious difficulties with the game continuation...) *17.Nd5! Nxd5 18.cxd5 c6 19.Re1 cxd5 20.Bxa6 bxa6 21.Nf3 Qf6∞* Gelfand, B - Naiditsch, A Wijk aan Zee 2014 *)* 11.d5 *(11.h3 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Bf3 Nh7!* Burnier, D - Gallagher, J Neuchâtel 2002, which came about by transposition, see the archives*)* 11...f5 12.g3 cxd5 13.cxd5 Nf6 14.Nh4 (the idea behind 12.g3) fxe4 *(* maybe Black should trade a pair of knights to give more scope for his major pieces: *14...Nxe4 15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.Nxg6 Rf7∞)* 15.Nxg6 Rf7 16.Be3 Bh3 17.Re1 Rc8 with a complex struggle where the engines prefer White slightly, Mohota, N - Libiszewski, F Gibraltar 2020;

B) 9.dxe5 Ng4 10.Bf4 Nxe5 11.Nd4 Nc5 12.0-0 Ne6 (exchanging off a pair of knights tends to ease Black's development) 13.Be3 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 c5! (the dynamic choice) 15.Be3 Be6= L'Ami, E - Aguera Naredo, J Reykjavik 2012;

C) 9.d5 Ng4 10.Bd2 f5 11.h3 *(11.exf5?! Bxf5 12.h3? Nxf2!* (a nice shot!) *13.Kxf2 e4 14.Kg3 exf3 15.gxf3 Nc5 16.Be3 Qe7-+* Drenchev, P - Cheparinov, I Plovdiv 2013 *)* 11...Nf6 *(*here *11...Nxf2?* doesn't work: *12.Kxf2 fxe4 13.Nxe4 Qh4+ 14.Ke3 Qf4+ 15.Kd3+-* Marn, J - Sychev, K Titled Tuesday online blitz 2021*)* 12.exf5 gxf5 13.Qc1 f4 with a decent game for Black. Noting that the sharp 14.g3!? should be met with Nc5 15.gxf4 e4 16.Nd4 Nh5∞ Mesaros, F - Ritviz, P Porto Carras 2015.]

[White could also withdraw the bishop to the 'artificial' d2-square i. e. 8.Bd2 but it's hard to believe that this has much bite e.g. e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Qc1 Kh7 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Rd1 Qe7 13.Qc2 c6 14.Rab1 a5= John, H - Polzer, H correspondence 1999.]

8...e5

[The no-nonsense direct approach 8...g5 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.Qd2 f5 was the choice of a King's Indian specialist of many years: 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.0-0 c6 13.Rad1 Qd7 14.d5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 c5 16.Bd3 Ivanov, S - Nunn,

J World team seniors 2017. The engines prefer White slightly, but having seen many examples with a similar structure arising from the Leningrad Dutch, I suspect that Black should be fine. In essence, the weaknesses on the right-hand flank are not too difficult for him to protect.]

9.0-0 Qe8 10.d5 It may have started as an Averbakh Variation, but it looks more like a Petrosian System now (for example, the plausible sequence 6.Nf3 0-0 7.d5 Na6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Qe8 10.0-0 transposes)! **10...Nc5** Although this looks like an obvious plan, White can meet it without discomfort, so I'm not a great fan, especially as the future b4-push will force the knight to move away with a loss of time.

[I prefer 10...Nh5! to exploit the move order, as there is no convenient way to keep the knight out of f4. Then 11.Nd2 Nf4 12.f3 f5 13.Bf2 Qe7 14.Kh1 h5 15.Re1 Nc5 16.Nb3 b6 Tan Zhongyi - Kashlinskaya, A Doha rapid 2016, was fine for Black.]

11.Nd2 a5 12.b3 Preparing the standard plan with an eventual b2-b4 to push back the knight. **12...Bd7 13.a3 Nh7 14.b4** No messing about, the Iranian star dislodges the knight as soon as possible.

[However it's possible to nurture this advance with some preparatory play: 14.Qc2 f5 *(14...h5 15.f3 Bh6 16.Rab1* transposes to Giri, A - Ding Liren Wijk aan Zee 2015, which can be found in the archives again transposes to Giri, A - Ding Liren, Wijk aan Zee 2015, (see the archives) . Although this would seem to be a typical scenario in the Petrosian Variation, there is a slightly unusual feature: In such situations the knight usually stays on a6 rather than getting played early to c5. The main consequence here is that when b3-b4 comes, it's with tempo, so this feels like a superior version for White. Indeed David Vigorito (in his notes for ChessPublishing) does seem to indicate that White had chances for an edge. *)* 15.f3 f4 16.b4 Na6 *(16...Na4 17.Nb5 Bxb5 18.cxb5 axb4 19.axb4 Nb6 20.Qxc7* Nikolov, M - Antonio, D Cappelle online blitz 2021, was catastrophic for Black *)* 17.Rab1 h5 18.Bf2 g5 19.c5 g4 20.c6 bxc6 21.dxc6 Be6 Ollier, P - Cornette, D Rochefort 2017, and White had already made great strides forwards on the queenside. So, for example, after 22.b5 the advantage would already have been nigh on decisive.]

14...Na4 15.Qc2 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 f5 In principle, White is well-placed to cope with the ...f5 'attempt at freedom' and has already made steady inroads on the queenside. So Guseinov hurries to get in the ...g4-advance in order to 'pump up' his chances of generating meaningful counterplay. **17.f3 g5 18.Bf2 axb4 19.axb4 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 g4N**

[Black was soon in trouble after the slower 20...f4?! 21.c5 Qg6 22.cxd6 cxd6 23.Qc7+- Dinckel, J - Kosztolanczi, G Budapest 2000.]

[If instead 20...Nf6 (objectively best) then simplest would be 21.Qc2 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.fxe4± keeping a space bind and calmly preparing to press on the queenside.]

[RR 20...f4 21.c5 Qg6 22.cxd6 cxd6 23.Qc7 Rf7 24.Qxb7 g4 25.Qa8+ Rf8 26.Qa7 gxf3 27.Bxf3 Nf6

28.Bh4 Rf7 29.Qb8+ Kh7 30.Bxf6 Bxf6 31.b5 Bg4 32.Ra7 Be7 33.Qe8 Bxf3 34.Nxf3 Qf6 35.b6 Dinckel,J (2128)-Kosztolanczi,G (2196) Budapest 2000 1-0 (38)]

21.fxg4 fxe4?! Dodgy perhaps, but with the noble intention of seeking to create chinks on the kingside.

[After 21...fxg4 White could continue with 22.c5± etc.]

22.h3 Qg6 23.Qe3 Nf6 24.Rf1?! A little slow.

[Instead, White should either play 24.Bh4± immediately, or opt for]

[24.b5± to stymie any Black attempts of counterplay on the queenside. A strange idea, you might think, but here White can't be kept out of the kingside forever.]

24...c6! White's plan is to round up the loose e-pawn (Bf2-h4xf6 and then Nxe4), so Black has to resort to thrashing about in order to try and complicate life.

25.Bh4

[25.dxc6 bxc6 26.b5 cxb5 27.cxb5 d5 wouldn't be so clear. A passed pawn can be a useful asset, but so could Black's new found central pawn mass.]

25...cxd5 26.Bxf6 Rxf6

[As Black is going to lose a pawn anyway, he should try and find the 'lesser evil' which, in this case, I estimate to be the following: 26...Bxf6! 27.cxd5 Bg5 28.Qxe4 Rxf1+ 29.Bxf1 Be8 30.Qxg6+ Bxg6 31.Nc4 Be7 with an endgame that could well be tenable.]

27.cxd5 Rxf1+ 28.Bxf1 h5?!

[Trading queens is still the best chance: 28...Qf7 29.Qxe4 Qf4 as it can be tough to convert an extra pawn with B + N v 2Bs.]

29.gxh5 Qxh5 30.Nxe4 Qg6 31.Bd3 Bf5 32.Qf3 Bxe4 33.Bxe4 Qg5 Opposite bishops are not necessarily a 'drawish feature' when the stronger side has a pair of connected passed pawns.

34.b5 b6 35.Kh2 Qf4+ 36.g3! Qd2+ 37.Qg2 Qe1 38.h4 Bh6 39.Qf3 Qe3 Accepting his fate. Black's king is too exposed to survive for long if the queens remain on the board, but the endgame is hopeless.

[There is no joy for Black after 39...Qd2+ either: 40.Kh3 Bg7 41.Qf5 Qh6 42.Qc8+ Bf8 43.Qc7+-]

40.Qxe3 Bxe3 41.g4 Bf2 42.Kh3 Kg7 43.g5 Be1 44.h5 Bd2 45.Kg4 Be3 46.h6+ Kf7 47.Kh5 Bf4 48.g6+ 1-0

297 **C00**

□ **Shevchenko,Kirill** **2599**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**

Cappelle Online Bullet blitz (6) 05.03.21

[Kitty Kat]*

C00: French: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 exd5 4.Qb3

[4.exd5 Nf6 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Nc3 Be7 7.d4 0-0 8.Nge2 Nb6 9.Qb3 Nfxd5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.Qxd5 Nxd5 13.Nf4 Nxf4 14.Bxf4 c6 15.Be2 Rfd8 16.Rfd1 Rd7 17.Be3 Rad8 18.d5 Rxd5 Capoccia,A-Lemaire,P IECG email 2007 The S African Chessplaye [Sale, Srdjan] 0-1 (50)]

4...Nf6N

[4...dxe4 5.Bc4 Qe7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.d3 Nbd7 8.Be3 Ne5 9.dxe4 Qb4 10.Bb5+ c6 11.Qxb4 Bxb4 12.Bd4 cxb5 13.Bxe5 Nxe4 14.Nge2 0-0 15.0-0 Nxc3 16.Nxc3 Be6 17.Rfd1

a6 18.a4 bxa4 19.Nxa4 Schmidt,O-7. ♗d2 a5 8.ab5 ♗c3_60652 Basel 1988 Lexikon04 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (51) Rad8 20.h3 Bb3 21.Rdc1 Rfe8 22.Bf4 Rc8 23.Nb6 Rxc1+ 24.Rxc1 Re1+ 25.Rxe1 Bxe1 26.Be3 Bb4 27.Kf1 Kf8 28.Ke2 Ke7 29.Kd3 Kd6 30.Nc4+ Bxc4+ 31.Kxc4 Ba5 32.Bc5+ Kc6 33.b4 Bc7 34.Bd4 Schmied,R-7. ♗ d2 a5 8.ab5 ♗c3_60652 Barcelona 1987 ZUS C73 [Sverre Eugen Olsen] 0-1 (51) g6 35.Bc3 b6 36.g4 a5 37.bxa5 bxa5 38.f3 Bd8 39.Bd2 Kd6 40.Kb5 Kd5 41.Be3 Ke5 42.Ka4 f5 43.gxf5 Kxf5 44.Bd2 Bg5 45.Bxa5 Be3 46.Bc7 Bd4 47.Kb5 Be5 48.Bd8 Kf4 49.Kc6 Richter,L-Peluso,A corr ICCF 1987 UltraCorr3a [RK] 0-1 (51)]

5.Nc3

[RR 5.e5 Ne4 6.Nc3 Nxc3 7.dxc3 Be7 8.f4 0-0 9.Be3 c5 10.0-0-0 Be6 11.Qc2 Qd7 12.Bd3 g6 13.h3 f5 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.g4 Rad8 16.Rdg1 d4 17.gxf5 Bxf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.cxd4 cxd4 Gressmann,M (2122)-Zavortink,M (2135) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0]

5...d4 6.Bc4 dxc3N 0.14/20

[6...Qd7∓ -0.40/17 7.Nd5 Nxe4]

[RR 6...Qe7 7.Nb5 Nxe4 8.Ne2 Nc5 9.Qg3 d3 10.0-0 dxe2 11.Re1 Nba6 12.Rxe2 Ne6 13.d4 c6 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.d5 cxd5 16.Rd1 Qc6 17.Bxd5 Qxb5 18.Bc6+ 1-0 (18) Hess,M (2441)-Fica Cruz,J (1949) Tornelo INT 2021]

[RR 6...Qd7 7.e5 Ng4 8.e6 fxe6 9.Ne4 Ne5 10.Nf3 Nxc4 11.Qxc4 Nc6 12.0-0 Qd5 13.Qe2 Be7 14.d3 0-0 15.Bg5 e5 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Rac1 Bg4 18.Rxc7 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Ng6 20.Kh1 Nf4 21.Rg1 Shevchenko,K (2599)-Rychagov,A (2545) Chess.com INT 2020 1-0]

[RR 6...Qd7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.Bxd5 Na5 10.Qd3 Bd6 11.Qxd4 0-0 12.b4 Nc6 13.Bxc6 Qxc6 14.Bb2 f6 15.0-0 Bg4 16.Rac1 Qb5 17.Nh4 Be5 18.Qe3 Bxb2 19.Rxc7 Be5 20.Re7 Qxb4 21.Qb3+ Shevchenko,K (2599)-Stromboli,E (2308) Chess.com INT 2021 ½-½ (58)]

7.Bxf7+= Ke7 8.bxc3 0.00/19

[8.e5± 0.39/19 Ne4 9.bxc3]

8...c5 1.01/20

[8...Nxe4= 0.00/19 9.Nf3 Nd6]

9.e5!± White has strong compensation.

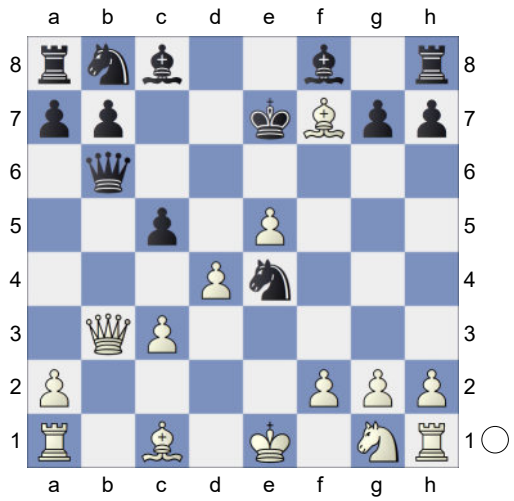
9...Ne4 1.51/19

[⌓9...Nc6 1.10/19 10.Nf3 *(10.exf6+ Kxf6 11.Ne2 Na5±)* 10...Na5 11.exf6+ Kxf6]

10.d4 0.90/18

[⌓10.Bd5 1.51/19 Ng5 11.d4 *(11.Bxb7 Bxb7 12.Qxb7+ Nd7±)*]

10...Qb6



11.Qd5 0.70/20

[11.Ne2!± 1.08/20]

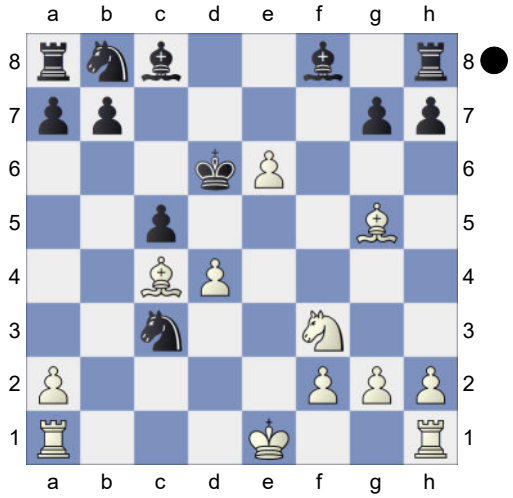
11...Qc6 1.17/19

[Black should try 11...Na6± 0.70/20]

12.Nf3? -1.57/19

[12.Ne2± 1.17/19 is necessary to

keep the advantage.]
12...Qxd5∓ 13.Bxd5 Nxc3 14.Bg5+ Kd7 -0.90/19
[⌓14...Ke8 -1.52/20 15.Bb3 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Ne4]
15.e6+ -1.79/19
[15.Bf7∓ -0.90/19 keeps fighting. Nc6 16.d5]
15...Kd6 16.Bc4 -2.46/19
[16.Bb3 -1.67/20 was forced. cxd4 17.Nxd4]



16...Bxe6? 0.69/21
[Better is 16...cxd4!-+ -2.46/19 17.Nxd4 Kc5]
17.Bf4+? -2.77/21 White does not recover from this.
[17.dxc5+± 0.69/21 was the only good move. Kd7 18.Ne5+ Kc7 19.Bxe6 Bxc5 20.Rc1]
17...Ke7-+ 18.Bg5+ Kd7 19.Ne5+ Kd6 20.0-0? -4.37/20
[20.dxc5+ -2.64/19 might work better. Kxe5 21.f4+ Kd4 22.Bxe6]
20...cxd4 aiming for ...Bxc4. **21.Bf4** -8.05/19
[⌓21.Bxe6 -4.73/18 Kxe6 22.Rfe1]
21...Bxc4 22.Nxc4+ Kc5 23.Ne5 Nc6 24.Nf7 Rg8 ...Ne2+ is the strong threat.
25.Ng5 Kd5 Hoping for ...Ne2+.
26.Rfe1 Bc5 27.Re6 Rae8 28.Rxe8 Rxe8 29.h4 h6 30.Nf3 Ne2+ 31.Kh2 Nxf4 32.Rb1 Bb6 33.g3 Ne6 34.Kg1 Nc5 35.Rd1 d3 36.Kf1 Re2 37.Nd2 Nd4 White must now prevent ...Ba5.
38.Nb1 Ne4 39.Rxd3 Rxf2+ 40.Ke1 Ke5 41.Re3 Ba5+ -17.34/5
[⌓41...Nc2+ -#4/10 42.Kd1 Nxe3+ 43.Ke1 Ba5+ 44.Nd2 Bxd2#]
42.Kd1 Rf1+ Weighted Error Value: White=1.21/Black=0.74
0-1

298 **A45**
□ **Bianchi,Guilla** **2200**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**
1st Cappelle Online Blitz (2) 10.01.2021
[GM Grigorov< TA]*

The following two examples are taken from my camp 1.d4 Nf6 - Practical Repertoire against the Sidelines. Both games feature a typical endgame with bishop pair arising from the Trompowsky Opening. **1.d4** Kharitonov, Andrei Y **1...Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.e3**
[RR 3.Nd2]
3...c5 4.Bxf6 gxf6 5.dxc5
[RR 5.Nc3 e6 6.Qf3 Bd7 7.0-0-0 Nc6 8.Nge2 f5 9.Nf4 Qa5 10.Kb1 0-0-0]
5...e6 Even though this is the most popular continuation, I find it slightly imprecise.
[As pointed out in the introduction, our move order starts with 5...Nc6 with the idea of answering c2-c4 with ...d5-d4.]
6.c4 dxc4 7.Qxd8+? This is already a mistake. White should always avoid the exchange of the queens in this line.
[A better idea would have been 7.Nd2

when after Bxc5 8.Bxc4 Nc6 9.Ngf3 0-0 10.0-0 we can see a typical position for this line. The computer insists that the position is completely equal. From a human perspective, however, the position is equal. White can follow with simple moves such as Qe2, Rfd1, and Rac1. Also, the manoeuvre Ne4-g3 comes into consideration. Given the fact that the black king is slightly vulnerable, he should handle the position with care. This type of position is the main reason why I suggest 5...Nc6 instead of 5...e6.]

[RR 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.Qxc4 Qa5+]

7...Kxd8 8.Bxc4 Nd7N Black prefers taking the pawn with the knight since the dark-squared bishop can be developed on the long diagonal as well. Black is ready to answer

[RR 8...Bxc5 9.Nf3 Ke7 10.0-0 b6 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Rac1 Nd7 13.a3 Rac8 14.b4 Bd6 15.Nd4 f5 16.Bb5 Rxc1 17.Rxc1 Nb8 18.Be2 a6 19.Nc4 Rc8 20.Rd1 Bc7 21.a4 Rd8 22.b5 axb5 23.axb5 Vlachos,A (2435)-Ongut,T (2185) Porto Carras 2018 1-0 (48)]

[RR 8...Bxc5 9.Nf3 Ke7 10.Ke2 a6 11.Rc1 Bd6 12.Nc3 f5 13.e4 fxe4 14.Nxe4 Bf4 15.Rc3 Nd7 16.g3 Bh6 17.Rd1 Bg7 18.Rc2 Rd8 19.Bb3 Nf8 20.Rc7+ Rd7 21.Rdc1 Kd8 22.Rxd7+ Bxd7 23.Nfg5 Martirosyan,H (2632)-Keymer,V (2591) Chess.com INT 2021 1-0 (43)]

[RR 8...Bxc5 9.Nc3 a6 10.0-0-0+ Kc7 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Nf3 Nc6 13.Kb1 b5 14.Bb3 Bb7 15.Rc1 Kb6 16.Rhd1 Rhd8 17.Ng3 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 Rd8 19.Rc1 Ne5 20.Nxe5 fxe5 21.e4 Bh4 22.f3 Rg8 23.Rh1 Voitovich,V (2319)-Szajbely,Z (2283) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (81)]

[RR 8...Bxc5 9.Nc3 Ke7 10.Rc1 Bd7 11.Bb5 Rc8 *(RR 11...Nc6 12.Nd5+ exd5 13.Rxc5 Kd6 14.Rc3)* 12.Bxd7 Nxd7

A) RR 13.Nf3 Bb4 *(RR 13...Nb6)* 14.Ke2 Bxc3 15.Rxc3 Rxc3 16.bxc3 Rc8;

B) 13.Nge2 Ne5 14.0-0 a6 15.Na4 Bd6 *(RR 15...Ba7 16.Rxc8 Rxc8 17.Rc1 Rxc1+ 18.Nxc1 b5 19.Nc3 f5)* 16.Rxc8 *(RR 16.Nb6 Rxc1 17.Rxc1 Rd8 18.Nc8+ Ke8 19.Nxd6+ Rxd6 20.Nd4)* 16...Rxc8 17.Rc1 Rd8

B1) RR 18.Nb6 Nd3 19.Rb1 *(RR 19.Nc8+ Kf8)* 19...Bc5 20.Na4 Ba7;

B2) 18.Nd4 Nd3 19.Rc3 Nb4 20.a3 Nd5 21.Rc1 f5 22.Nf3 *(RR 22.g3)* 22...b5 23.Nc5 Lombardy,W-Ivkov,B Amsterdam 1974 MCL [Kharitonov,Andrei Y] 0-1 (49) *(RR 23.Nc3 Nxc3 24.Rxc3 Bxa3)*]

9.c6 with **9...Ne5 10.c7+ Kxc7 11.Be2 Bd7** Finally the position has stabilized. Black has a serious advantage in view of his bishop pair and good central control. In this concrete position, the next move is going to be ...Bc6. **12.Nc3 Bc6 13.f3?** This is already a decisive mistake. Now, Black is going to achieve serious domination on the dark squares.

[White should have played 13.Nf3 when a logical follow-up would have been Rg8 14.Nxe5 fxe5 15.Bf3 Trying to exchange one of the opponent's bishops is a classical way of fighting against a bishop pair. In this case, however, Black can transform his advantage by means of

Bb4 Besides the idea of spoiling White's queenside structure with ... Bxc3, Black is also threatening ...e5-e4. 16.Bxc6 Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 Kxc6 18.g3 Rad8 19.Ke2 Rg4∓ Black wants to transfer his rook to a4. White is still worse in view of his queenside weaknesses.]

13...Rd8 14.Rd1 Bc5 15.e4 h5 Always consider this move. The idea is to fix the g2-pawn by means of ...h5-h4. Remember that gaining space on the wings is a very important strategy when we have a bishop pair! **16.Nh3 h4 17.a3** White already struggles to find useful moves.

[Probably the Iranian GM calculated that the idea of exchanging the light-squared bishops by means of 17.Bb5 does not work in view of Rxd1+ 18.Kxd1 Bxb5 19.Nxb5+ Kc6 20.Nc3 Rg8 when White does not have a comfortable way of defending the g2-pawn. For instance, after 21.Nf4 Nc4-+ Black is already winning. White cannot parry all the threats.]

17...a6 18.Nf4 Be3 19.Nd3 Nc4-+ Black has a decisive advantage because White cannot untangle. **20.Bf1 Bb6 21.Rc1 Be3 22.Rc2 Bh6 23.Nd1 Ne5**

[Even simpler would have been 23...Rd4 24.Nb4 Rhd8 25.Be2 Ba4-+]

24.Nb4 Kb6 25.Nxc6 Nxc6 26.Nc3 Nd4 27.Rf2 Be3 28.Bc4 h3 29.g3 Rc8 30.Ba2 Rhd8 31.Rhf1 Ka7 32.f4 b5 33.Rf3 Nxf3+ 34.Rxf3 Bc1 35.Rf2 Bxb2 36.Rxb2 Rxc3

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299 **B06**

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1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 a6 4.Be3 b5 5.Qd2 Bb7 6.f3 d6 7.h4 h5 8.Nh3 e6 9.Ng5 Nd7 10.0-0-0 Nb6

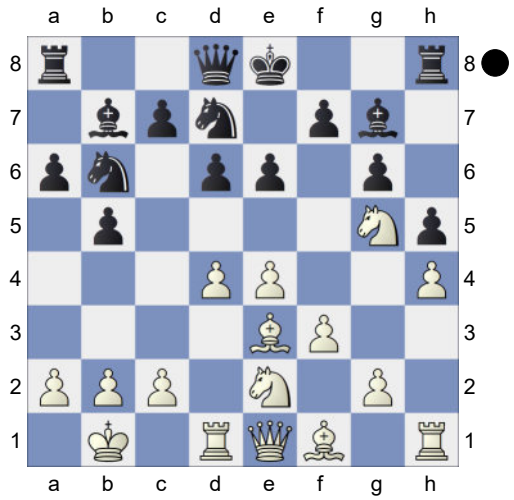
[RR 10...Ne7 11.Kb1 d5 12.Bd3 Rc8 13.e5 Nf5 14.Bxf5 gxf5 15.g4 f4 16.Bxf4 c5 17.gxh5 cxd4 18.Qxd4 Rc4 19.Qe3 Qb6 20.Qd2 Nxe5 21.Rhe1 f6 22.h6 Rxh6 23.Nxe6 Rxf4 24.Nxg7+ Kf7 25.Qxf4 Shafer,L (2202)-Ferro,M (2219) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (36)]

11.Kb1 Nf6 12.Qe1N

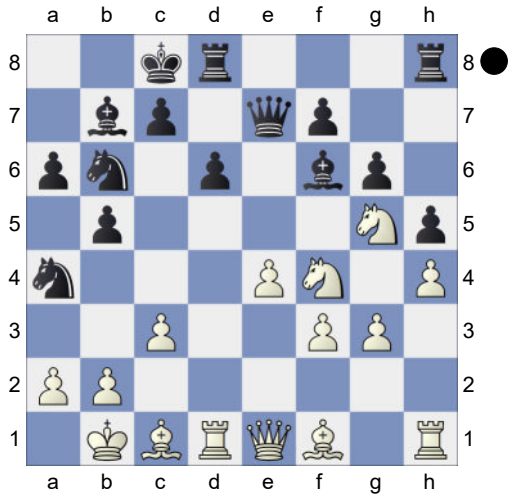
[12.Qf2 Nfd7! 13.g3 Qe7∞ 14.Ne2 c5 15.Bg2 Nc4 16.Bc1! cxd4 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.g4]

[RR 12.Bd3 Nfd7 13.g4 Qe7 14.gxh5 Rxh5 15.Ne2 e5 16.d5 Nc5 17.Ng3 Rh8 18.h5 0-0-0 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Bxc5 dxc5 21.Ne6 c4 22.Nxd8 Rxd8 23.Be2 Bf6 24.a3 Na4 25.Qb4 Qd7 26.Bf1 Kb8 Cahaya,S (2300)-Moroni,L (2559) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (44)]

12...Nfd7 13.Ne2 Diagram



13...Qe7N 14.Nf4 e5!? 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Bc1 Bf6 17.Nd3 Na4?! 18.c3 Ndb6 19.Nf4 0-0-0□ 20.g3 Diagram



20...Rhe8! 21.Rh2 d5 22.Re2?! dxe4 23.Rxd8+? Qxd8! 24.Nxe4 Be5 25.Rd2 Qe7 26.Re2 Rd8 27.Nf2 f6 28.Nxg6 Qh7 29.Bh3+ Kb8 30.Bf5 Bxf3 31.Re3! Bb7 32.Ka1 # 32...Nc4 33.Rd3 Nd6 34.Nxe5 Qxf5 35.g4 Qxe5 36.Re3 Qd5 37.gxh5 Qxh5 38.Nd3-+ Nf5 39.Nf4 Qd1 40.Qxd1 Rxd1 41.Kb1 Nxe3
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300 **E92**
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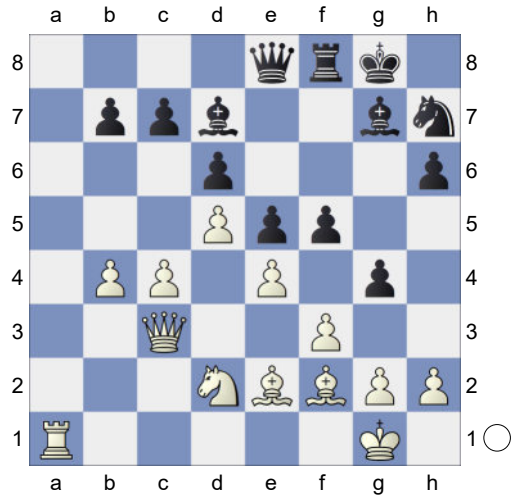
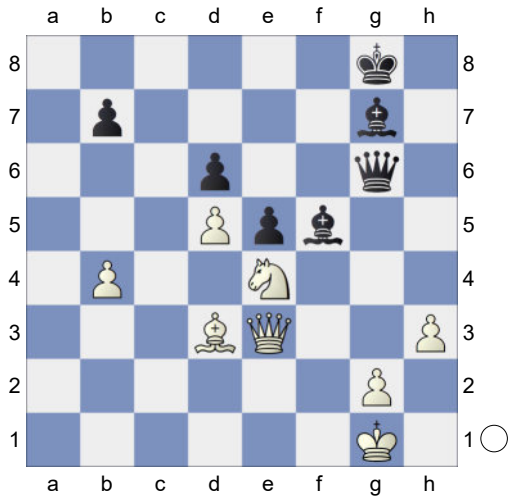
[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 Na6 7.Nf3 h6 8.Bh4 e5 9.0-0 Qe8 10.d5 Nc5 11.Nd2 a5 12.b3 Bd7 13.a3 Nh7 14.b4 Na4
[14...Na6 - 76/527]
15.Qc2 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 f5 17.f3 g5 18.Bf2 axb4 19.axb4 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 g4N Diagram
[20...f4 21.c5 Qg6 22.cxd6 cxd6 23.Qc7±]
[RR 20...f4 21.c5 Qg6 22.cxd6 cxd6 23.Qc7 Rf7 24.Qxb7 g4 25.Qa8+ Rf8 26.Qa7 gxf3 27.Bxf3 Nf6 28.Bh4 Rf7 29.Qb8+ Kh7 30.Bxf6 Bxf6 31.b5 Bg4 32.Ra7 Be7 33.Qe8 Bxf3 34.Nxf3 Qf6 35.b6 Dinckel,J (2128)-Kosztolanczi,G (2196) Budapest 2000 1-0 (38)]



21.fxg4! fxe4
[21...fxg4 22.c5 h5 23.Be3 Nf6 24.Ra7±]
22.h3!
[22.Nxe4 Qg6 23.Qe3 Bxg4 24.Bxg4 Qxg4 25.h3 Qh5 26.c5±]
22...Qg6 23.Qe3 Nf6 24.Rf1
[24.Ra7 Bc8 25.b5 Kh8 26.Bd1! Δ Bc2+-]
24...c6 25.Bh4
[25.dxc6 bxc6 26.b5 d5 27.cxd5 cxd5 28.Qb3±]
25...cxd5 26.Bxf6 Rxf6?!
[26...Bxf6 27.cxd5 Bg5 28.Qxe4 Be8 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.Qf3+ Qf7 31.Ne4 Qxf3 32.gxf3±]
27.cxd5 Rxf1+ 28.Bxf1 h5
[⌓28...Qf7 29.g3 h5 30.gxh5 Qxh5 31.g4 Bh6 32.Qxe4 Qg5 33.Nc4±]
29.gxh5 Qxh5 30.Nxe4 Qg6 31.Bd3

Bf5 Diagram



32.Qf3
[32.Nf2! b5 33.Bxf5 Qxf5 34.Ne4+-]
32...Bxe4 33.Bxe4 Qg5 34.b5 b6
[34...Qc1+ 35.Kf2 Qc5+ 36.Kg3 Qxb5 37.Qf5±]
35.Kh2?!
[35.Kf2 Qd2+ 36.Kg3 Qg5+ 37.Qg4±]
35...Qf4+ 36.g3 Qd2+?
[36...Qxf3 37.Bxf3 e4! 38.Bxe4 Bc3 39.Kg2± *(39.g4 Be1 40.g5 Bh4 41.g6 Kg7=)*]
37.Qg2 Qe1 38.h4 Bh6?
[38...Qe3 39.Kh3 Bf8 40.Qc2+-]
39.Qf3 Qe3 40.Qxe3 Bxe3 41.g4+- Bf2 42.Kh3 Kg7 43.g5 Be1 44.h5 Bd2 45.Kg4 Be3 46.h6+ Kf7 47.Kh5 Bf4 48.g6+
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301 **E46**
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■ **Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin** **2629**
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[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd2 c5 6.a3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Ne4 8.Ne2 b6 9.d5 d6
[RR 9...Re8 10.h4 exd5 11.Qxd5 Nc6 12.Rd1 Qe7 13.h5 h6 14.Qd3 Bb7 15.Qxd7 Nd4 16.Rxd4 cxd4 17.Qxe7 Rxe7 18.Bxd4 Rc8 19.Nf4 Nd6 20.f3 Nxc4 21.Bxc4 Rxc4 22.Kf2 Rc2+ 23.Kg3 Rd7 24.a4 Carlsen,M (2853)-Nakamura,H (2775) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½]
[RR 9...Bb7 10.f3 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 exd5 12.Nxd5 Re8 13.Kf2 Na6 14.Be2 Nc7 15.e4 f5 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.exf5 Qf4 18.Re1 Qxh2 19.Bf1 d6 20.Qd2 h6 21.Rad1 Qh4+ 22.Kg1 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Rd8 24.Re6 Tabatabaei,M (2677)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2690) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½ (60)]
10.Qc2N
[10.f3]
[RR 10.Qd3 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 e5 12.Be2 f5 13.f4 Nd7 14.0-0 Qe7 15.Rf2 Nf6 16.Raf1 Bd7 17.h3 a6 18.Qc2 Rab8 19.b4 b5 20.cxb5 cxb4 21.axb4 axb5 22.Ra1 exf4 23.exf4 Qe3 24.Qd3 Qb6 Shuvalova,P (2502)-Lobanov,S (2536) Khanty-Mansiysk 2022 0-1 (39)]
[RR 10.g3 e5 11.Bg2 f5 12.0-0 Nxc3 13.Nxc3 Nd7 14.f4 exf4 15.exf4 Nf6 16.Qd3 Bd7 17.Rfe1 Re8 18.h3 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Qf8 20.Bf3 Re8 21.Re3 Rxe3 22.Qxe3 Qe8 23.Kf2 Qxe3+ 24.Kxe3 Kf7 Badacsonyi,S (2334)-Kovacs,Z (2076) London 2025 ½-½ (34)]
[RR 10.f3 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 e5 12.Bd3 Qh4+ 13.g3 Qh6 14.e4 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Bxf5 Rxf5 17.0-0 Nd7 18.Ne4 Raf8 19.Qd3 g5 20.Rf2 g4 21.Raf1 gxf3 22.Rxf3 Rxf3 23.Rxf3 Qc1+ 24.Kg2 Qxb2+ Barsov,A (2324)-Bardeh,T (1812) Muscat 2024

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10...Nxc3

[10...exd5 11.cxd5 *(11.Nf4!? Nxc3 12.bxc3⩱)* 11...Bf5∞]

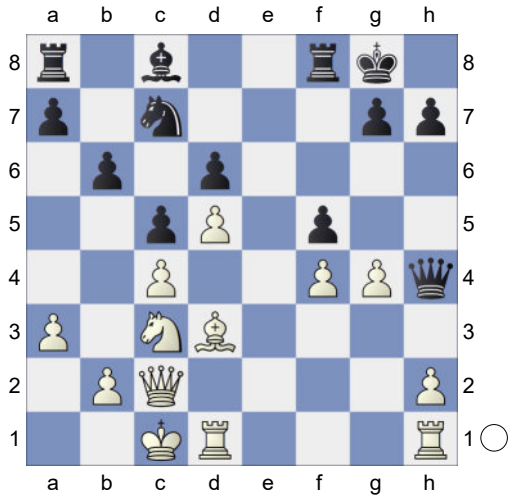
11.Nxc3 e5 12.0-0-0 Na6 13.f4

[⩲13.Bd3]

13...exf4 14.exf4 Nc7 15.Bd3 f5 16.g4

[16.Kb1!?]

16...Qh4! Diagram



17.h3!

[17.g5 Qxf4+ 18.Qd2 Qh4 *(18...Qxd2+ 19.Kxd2 Bd7 20.h4⩱)* 19.Rdf1⩱]

17...Bd7 18.Kb1 Qf6?!

[18...Rae8∞]

19.Rhg1

[19.g5!? Qf7 20.h4±]

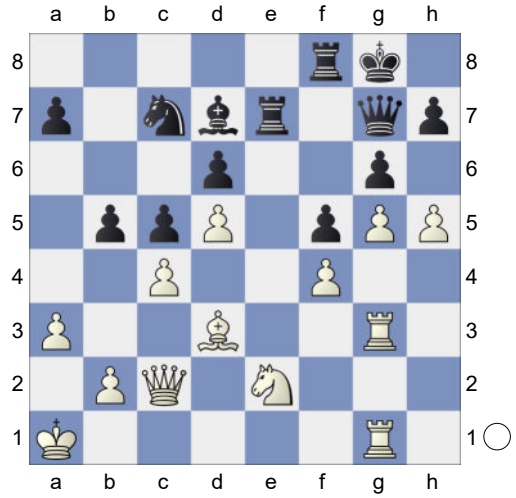
19...Rae8 20.Rg3 Re7 21.Rdg1 Kh8 22.Ka1 g6

[22...a6!?]

23.g5! Qd4 24.Ne2 Qg7 25.h4± b5 26.h5 Kg8? Diagram

[26...bxc4 27.Bxc4 gxh5 28.Rh1 Bb5±]

(Diagram)



27.hxg6! hxg6 28.Rh3+- bxc4 29.Bxc4 Rfe8

[29...Bb5 30.Bxb5 Nxb5 31.Rgh1 Rfe8 32.Qa4 Rb8 33.R1h2]

30.Rgh1?!

[30.Qd2]

30...Nb5?!

[30...Re3]

31.Qd2 Nd4

[31...a6 32.Nc1]

32.Nxd4 cxd4 33.Ka2 Re3 34.Rh6 d3 35.Bxd3 Qd4 36.Bb5!

1-0

302 **E46**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**

■ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2660**

Espana 150/180 2021

[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd2 b6 6.Nge2 Ba6

[RR 6...Bb7 7.a3 Be7 8.Ng3 c5 9.Rc1 cxd4 10.exd4 d5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bd3 Nf6 13.Bg5 Nc6 14.Nce2 h6 15.Be3 Nd5 16.0-0 f5 17.Nh5 Bd6 18.Bc4 Qh4 19.Nhf4 Bxf4 20.Nxf4 Nxf4 21.g3 Maghsoodloo,P (2716)-Iturrizaga

Bonelli,E (2626) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (32)]
[RR 6...d5 7.a3 Be7 8.Ng3 c5 9.cxd5 cxd4 10.exd4 Nxd5 11.Be2 Nc6 12.Be3 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Bg5 14.Qd3 Bb7 15.0-0 Rc8 16.Rad1 Na5 17.Bf3 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Nc4 19.Rb1 Ne5 20.Qe2 Nxf3+ 21.Qxf3 Pham,L (2348)-Vokhidov,S (2645) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (55)]
[RR 6...Bb7 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Nxc3 c5 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.f3 d5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Rc1 Nbd7 13.Bb5 d4 14.exd4 cxd4 15.Ne2 Qb6 16.Qa4 Nc5 17.Qxd4 Rac8 18.Bb4 Rfd8 19.Qf2 Qxb5 20.Rxc5 Rxc5 21.Qxc5 Maghsoodloo,P (2695)-Mitrabha,G (2515) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (46)]

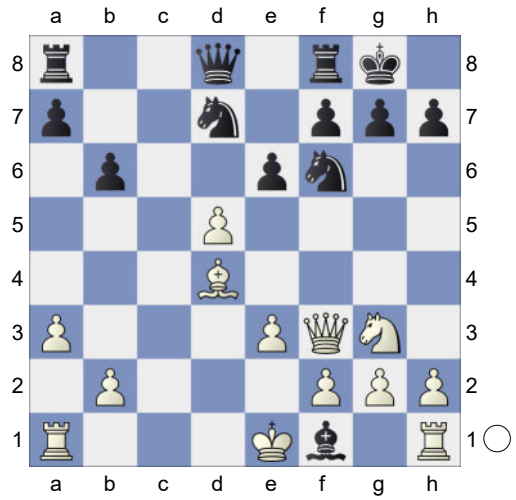
7.Ng3 d5 8.Qf3N
[8.cxd5 Bxf1 9.Nxf1 Nxd5 *(9...Bxc3!?; 9...exd5!?)* 10.Nxd5 Bxd2+ 11.Nxd2 Qxd5 12.0-0 Nd7=]
[RR 8.cxd5 Bxf1 9.Rxf1 exd5 10.Rc1 c5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 c4 13.Qf3 Nc6 14.Kd2 a5 15.Qf4 b5 16.Ke2 b4 17.Bd2 Re8 18.f3 Qb6 19.Kf2 Re6 20.Nf5 Rae8 21.g4 g6 22.Nh6+ Kg7 Badacsonyi,S (2298)-Vijayakumar,R (2172) Leamington Spa 2024 ½-½ (35)]

8...c5
[8...c6!?]

9.a3
[9.cxd5 Bxf1 *(9...Bb7!?)* 10.Nxf1 *(10.dxe6 Bd3 11.Qxa8 fxe6⩱ ↑)* 10...exd5↑]

9...Bxc3 10.Bxc3 cxd4?!
[10...Nbd7 11.dxc5 bxc5 *(11...Bb7 12.Qf4 bxc5∞)* 12.0-0-0 Rb8 13.cxd5 Bxf1 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Rhxf1 Nd5 16.Qe4 Nxc3 17.Qxe6+ Rf7 18.bxc3 Qa5⩱]
[10...Bb7!?]

11.Bxd4 Nbd7 12.cxd5 Bxf1 Diagram



13.dxe6!
[13.Nxf1 e5 14.Bc3 Nc5 15.Ng3 Qxd5=]
[13.Rxf1 Nxd5 14.0-0-0∞]

13...fxe6 14.Kxf1 e5
[⌓14...Nd5 15.Qe4 Qe8]

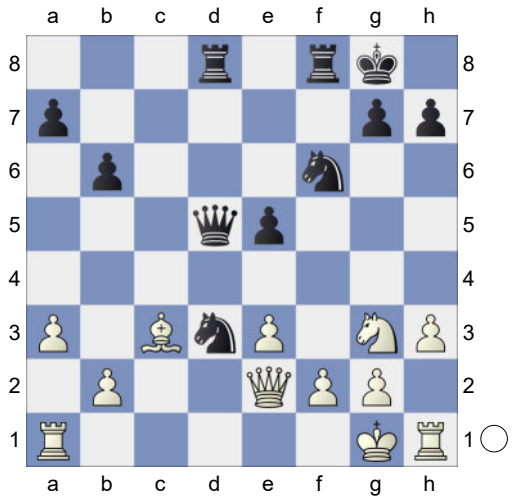
15.Bc3 Nc5 16.Qe2!
[16.Bxe5? Nb3 17.Rd1 Nd2+ 18.Ke2 Nxf3 19.Rxd8 Nxe5-+]
[16.Rd1 Qc7 17.Qe2 Na4 18.Be1 Rad8⩱]

16...Qd5 17.Kg1
[17.Rd1!? Qe6 18.Kg1±]

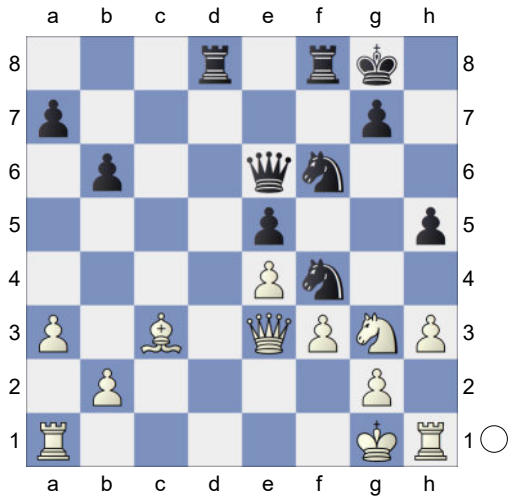
17...Rad8
[17...Nfe4 18.Be1 Rad8 19.Nxe4 Qxe4 20.Bb4±]
[17...Rac8!?]

18.h3 Nd3?! Diagram
[18...Nfe4 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Be1 Nc5±]

(Diagram)



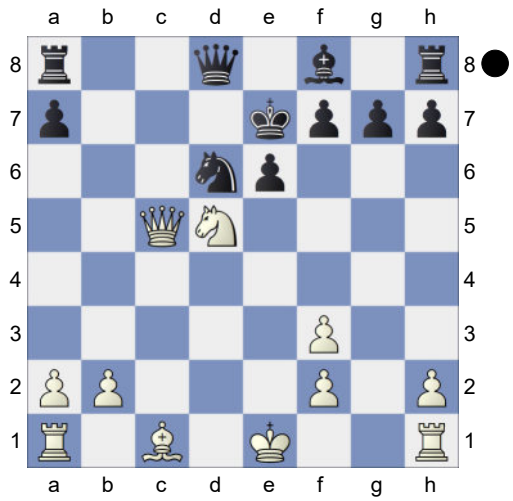
19.f3!± h5
[⌓19...e4]
20.e4
[20.Kh2!]
20...Qe6 21.Qe3 Nf4 Diagram
[⌓21...h4]



22.Ne2!+- g5 23.Kh2 h4 24.Nxf4 exf4
[24...gxf4 25.Qf2 Kf7 26.Rhd1]
25.Qe2 Kf7 26.Qb5
1-0

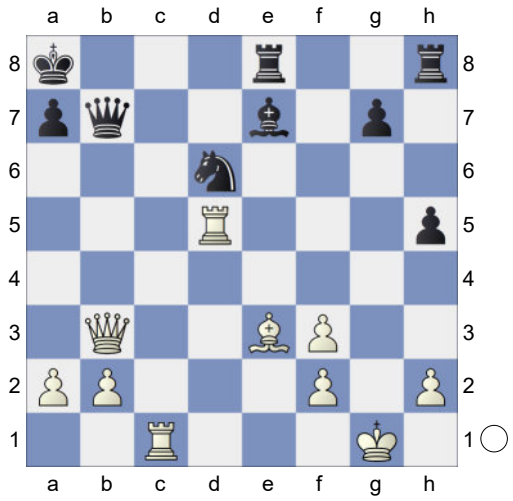
303 **B13**
□ **Durarbayli,Vasif** **2629**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
150/53 Riga 2021
[TA]*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Bxf3 9.gxf3 e6 10.Qxb7 Nxd4 11.Bb5+ Nxb5 12.Qc6+ Ke7 13.Qc5+ Nd6 14.Nxd5+ Diagram



14...exd5N 15.0-0 Qb6 16.Qxd5 Re8 17.Rd1 Kd7 18.Qxf7+ Be7 19.Be3 Qc6N
[19...Rhf8-+ 20.Qh5 Qb7 21.Qg4+ Kd8-+ 22.Rac1! Rf6 23.Bxa7 Ref8 24.Qa4 Rg6+ 25.Kf1 Bg5]
[RR 19...Rhf8 20.Qh5 Qb7 21.Qg4+ Kd8 22.Rac1 Rf6 23.Bxa7 Ref8 24.Qa4 Rg6+ 25.Kf1 Bg5 26.Rc6 Rf4 27.Rcxd6+ Rxd6 28.Rxd6+ Ke7 29.Rd4 Rxd4 30.Qxd4 Qxf3 31.Qxg7+ Kd6 32.Qxg5 Qh1+ 33.Qg1 1-0 (33) Kislinsky,A (2335)-Zia,T (2212) Dhaka 2021]
20.Qf5+ Kc7 21.Qg4 h5 22.Qd4? Nb5 23.Qa4 Kb8?! 24.Qb3 Ka8 25.Rac1 Qb7 26.Rd5 Nd6 Diagram

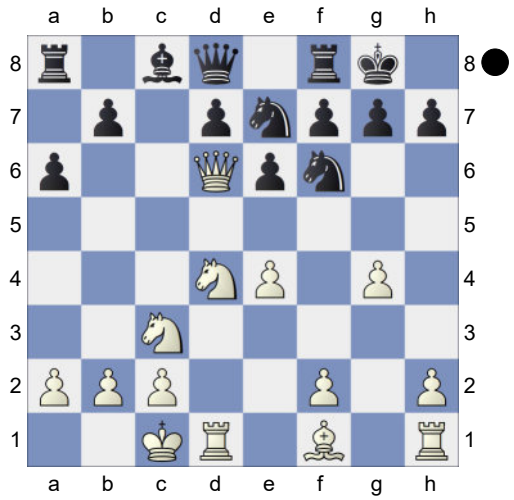
(Diagram)



27.Qa4? Rc8 28.Rxc8+ Rxc8 29.Ra5 Rc7-+ 30.Rxa7+ Qxa7 31.Bxa7 Rxa7 32.Qc6+ Kb8 33.Qd5 g5 34.a4 Rb7 35.Qe5 Kc8 36.Qe6+ Kd8 37.b3 Rc7 38.a5 Rc1+ 39.Kg2 Rc5 40.b4 Rb5 41.a6 Rxb4 42.a7 Ra4 43.Qg8+ Ne8 44.Qd5+
0-1

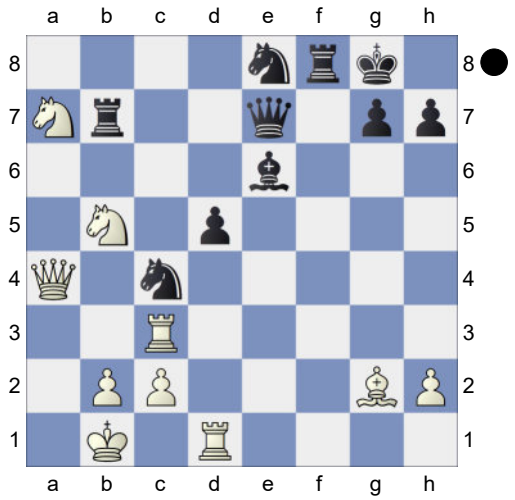
304 **B45**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**
■ **Idani,Pouya** **2588**
(ch) 148/46 Iran 2021
[TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Ndb5 Bc5 7.Bf4 0-0 8.Bc7 Qe7 9.Bd6 Bxd6 10.Qxd6 Qd8 11.0-0-0 a6 12.Nd4 Ne7 13.g4
Diagram
[13.Qg3 - 142/47]
[RR 13.h4 b5 14.h5 Ne8 15.Qh2 h6 16.a3 Bb7 17.g4 Rc8 18.Rg1 Qa5 19.Qg3 Rxc3 20.Qxc3 Qxc3 21.bxc3 Bxe4 22.c4 bxc4 23.Bxc4 Nf6 24.f3 Bb7 25.Be2 Rc8 26.f4 Nfd5 27.Bf3 Rc7 Sindarov,J (2668)-Ibarra Jerez,J (2541) London 2025 1-0 (63)]

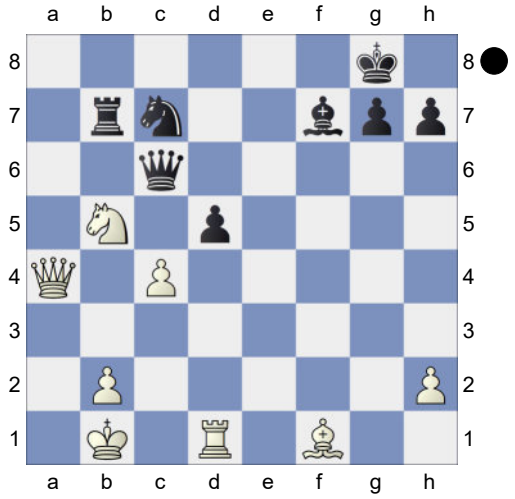


13...Nxg4N
[13...b5 14.g5 Ne8 15.Qg3 b4 16.Nce2 Bb7 17.Bg2 Rc8∞]
[RR 13...Ne8 14.Qg3 b5 15.a3 Bb7 16.Bg2 Rc8 17.Rhe1 Qb6 18.Kb1 Rc4 19.Nb3 b4 20.axb4 Rxb4 21.Rxd7 Nc6 22.Qe3 Qxe3 23.Rxe3 Ne5 24.Rd8 Nxg4 25.Red3 Nxf2 26.R3d7 Nf6 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.Rd8+ Ersahin,B (2106)-Roebers,E (2356) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (40)]
14.Rg1N
[RR 14.Qg3 Nf6 15.e5 Ne8 16.Bd3 Qc7 17.Ne4 f5 18.Nd6 Ng6 19.N4xf5 Qa5 20.Nh6+ gxh6 21.Bxg6 hxg6 22.Nxe8 g5 23.Nf6+ Rxf6 24.exf6 Qxa2 25.Qe5 Qa1+ 26.Kd2 Qa4 27.Rdg1 Kf7 28.h4 Qb4+ Pironti,F (1920)-Cabiativa,J (2185) Florianopolis 2024 1-0 (40)]
14...Nf6 15.f4 Ne8 16.Qc5 Ng6
[16...d6 17.Qg5]
17.f5 d6 18.Qb4 Ne5 19.Bh3
[19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Qb3 Qf6 21.Kb1 b5 22.Nd5!]
19...Qh4 20.Rg3 b5 21.Kb1 Qe7 22.Qb3 Nc4 23.a4 Bd7 24.fxe6 fxe6 25.axb5 axb5 26.Ncxb5 Rc8 27.Rc3 d5 28.Na7 Rc7 29.Ndb5 Rb7 30.exd5

exd5 31.Bg2 Be6 32.Qa4 Diagram



32...Rf4?
[32...Ned6! 33.Nc6 *(33.Rb3 Ra8-+)* 33...Qg5 34.Nxd6 Nxb2 35.Qd4 Nxd1+ 36.Nxb7 Nxc3+ 37.Qxc3 Qxg2-+]
33.Rxc4?
[33.Nc6 Qd7 34.Rd4 Qxc6 35.Rxf4 Qxb5 36.Qxb5 Rxb5 37.b3 Ncd6∓]
33...Rxc4 34.Qa6 Bf7
[34...Qd7-+]
35.Bf1
[35.Nc6 Qd7 36.Nbd4 Rc7 37.Ne5 Ra4 38.Qd3 Qd8∓]
35...Re4 36.Nc6 Qd7 37.Bh3 Ra4 38.Qxa4 Qxc6 39.Bf1 Nc7 40.c4 Diagram



40...Bg6+??
[40...Rb8!
A) 41.cxd5 Bg6+ 42.Bd3 Nxd5 *(42...Qxb5 43.Qxb5 Nxb5-+)* 43.Bxg6 Qxg6+ 44.Kc1 Rc8+ 45.Nc3 Nxc3 46.bxc3 Rxc3+ 47.Kb2 Rc8-+;
B) 41.Nc3 Qb6 42.Qc2 dxc4-+;
C) 41.Qa7 Na6 42.b3 dxc4 43.Qe7 cxb3 44.Rd8+ Rxd8 45.Qxd8+ Qe8 46.Qxe8+ Bxe8 47.Nd6 Bg6+ 48.Kb2 Nc5 49.Bc4+ Kf8∓]
41.Bd3 dxc4
[41...Nxb5 42.Qa8+ Kf7 43.cxb5 Bxd3+ 44.Rxd3 Qxb5 45.Rf3+ Kg6 46.Rg3+=]
[41...Bxd3+ 42.Rxd3 h6 43.Nc3 Qxa4 44.Nxa4 Rb4 45.Nc3 dxc4 46.Rd4 Ne6 47.Rh4=]
42.Bxg6 Qxg6+ 43.Ka1 h6 44.Qxc4+ Kh7 45.Na3
½-½

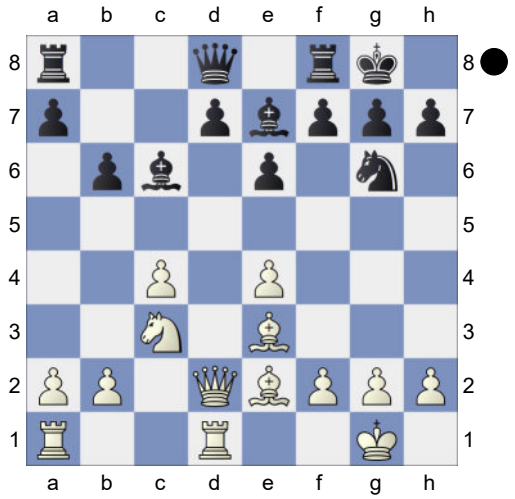
305 **B30**
□ **Darini,Pouria** **2432**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**
(ch) 149/38 Iran 2021
[TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6 7.Be2 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.c4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4
[10.Bxd4 - 134/(44)]
10...b6 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Rfd1
[RR 12.Rad1 Bc6 13.f4 f5 14.g3 e5 15.fxe5 f4 16.gxf4 Nxf4 17.Qd2 Bc5 18.Kh1 Bxe3 19.Qxe3 Qg5 20.Rf2 Qxe5 21.Rdf1 Nxe2 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Rxf8+ Kxf8 24.Qxe2 Qf4 25.Kg2 Ke7 26.Nd5+ Bxd5 Ehlvest,J (2531)-Wartiovaara,O (2340) Tallinn 2025 0-1

(40)]

12...Bc6 13.Qd2 Diagram

[13.Rac1 f5! 14.exf5 Nh4!? 15.fxe6 Nxg2 16.Nd5 Nxe3 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Qxe3 dxe6 19.c5 bxc5 20.Rxc5 Bb7∞]



13...f5N

[13...Qb8]

[RR 13...Qb8 14.Bf1 Rd8 15.f3 Bc5 16.a3 a5 17.Qf2 Qe5 18.g3 Bxe3 19.Qxe3 Qc5 20.Kf2 Ne5 21.Be2 f6 22.b3 Kf8 23.Rdb1 d6 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 Qxe3+ 26.Kxe3 Rxa1 27.Rxa1 Ra8 28.Rxa8+ Balogh,C (2632)-Rogozenco,D (2516) Germany 2013 ½-½ (46)]

[RR 13...Bc5 14.Bf1 f5 15.Bxc5 bxc5 16.exf5 Rxf5 17.Bd3 Rh5 18.Bxg6 hxg6 19.Ne2 Qf6 20.Ng3 Rh4 21.Rac1 g5 22.Rc3 Rf8 23.Qe3 Qh6 24.Nf1 Rg4 25.Ng3 Rh4 26.Nf1 Rg4 27.Ng3 ½-½ (27) Balogh,C (1394)-Perunovic,M (2612) Hungary 2018]

14.exf5 Nh4!?

[14...Rxf5 15.Nb5 Bg5 16.Nd4 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Re5 18.Qd2 Qf6 19.Nxc6 dxc6∞]

15.f3

[15.fxe6 Nxg2 16.exd7 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Kh8 18.Ne4 Qc7 19.Bf1 Bxd7⩲]

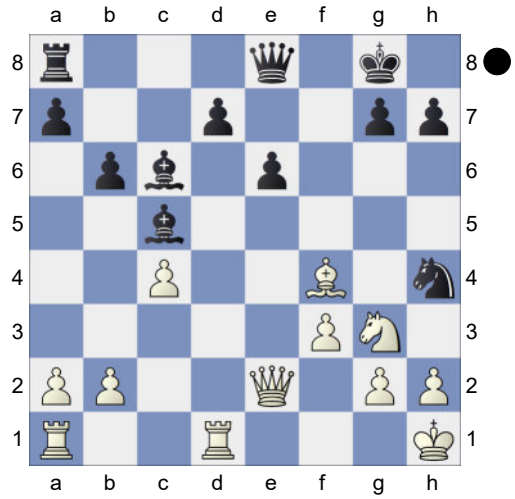
15...Rxf5

[15...Nxf5!? 16.Bf2 Bg5 17.Qd3 Bf4∞]

16.Ne4 Qe8 17.Ng3 Re5?!

[17...Rf8∞]

18.Bf4 Bc5+ 19.Kh1 Rxe2□ 20.Qxe2 Diagram



20...Nxf3! 21.Ne4

[21.gxf3? Qf7∓]

21...Nh4 22.Qg4?!

[22.Bg3 Be7 23.Bxh4 Bxh4 24.Nf2! e5 25.Nd3 e4 26.Nb4 e3 27.Rd4 Bf2 28.Nxc6 dxc6±]

22...Be7 23.Bg3?

[23.Bd6 h5 24.Qe2 Bxd6 25.Rxd6 Qg6 26.Re1 Rf8 27.Rxc6! dxc6 28.Ng3∞]

23...h5! 24.Qe2 Nf5 25.Be5 Qg6 26.Ng3 Nh4 27.Kg1

[27.Qxh5 Qxh5 28.Nxh5 Bxg2+ 29.Kg1 Bc5+ 30.Bd4 Bxd4+ 31.Rxd4 Nf3+ 32.Kxg2 Nxd4-+]

27...Rf8 28.Bd6 Bxd6 29.Rxd6 Nxg2 30.Qd3

[30.Qd3 Nf4! 31.Qxg6 Nh3# #]

0-1

306 **D30**
□ **Bernadskiy,Vitaliy** **2619**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**
PNWCC Thanksgiving Open (6.4)
[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Bg5 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Qxc4 a6 I suggest to start with 6...c5, but this is also fine. **7.Nbd2 c5 8.dxc5**
[RR 8.Qc2 b5 9.a4 Bb7 10.e3 cxd4 11.axb5 dxe3 12.Bxe3 axb5 13.Rxa8 Qxa8 14.Bxb5 Qa1+ 15.Qb1 Qa5 16.Bxd7+ Nxd7 17.0-0 Be7 18.Nc4 Qb4 19.b3 Bxf3 20.gxf3 0-0 21.Rc1 Nf6 22.Qd3 Nd5 Laurusas,T (2579)-Cernousek,L (2430) Slovakia 2025 ½-½ (47)]
8...Bxc5 Black has a great game. **9.Ne4 b5! 10.Qd3N**
[RR 10.Qb3 Bb7 11.Nxc5 Nxc5 12.Qa3 Rc8 13.Rd1 Qb6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qb4 Na4 16.e3 Qc5 17.Qxc5 Rxc5 18.b3 Nc3 19.Rc1 b4 20.Nd2 Ke7 21.f3 Rhc8 22.Rc2 f5 23.Nc4 a5 24.a3 Nd5 Utegaliev,A (2473)-Kostenko,P (2374) Semey 2022 0-1 (60)]
[RR 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Qc3 Be7 12.g3 Bb7 13.Ned2 Rc8 14.Qb3 Qa5 15.a3 Ne5 16.Bg2 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 0-0 18.Qd1 Rfd8 19.b4 Qc7 20.Ra2 Nc4 21.e3 Rd3 22.Qe2 Nxd2 23.Rxd2 Qc1+ 24.Qd1 Qxd1+ Dreev,A (2677)-Inarkiev,E (2663) Moscow 2019 ½-½ (74)]
[RR 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Qc3 Qe7 12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.Qxc5 Nxc5 14.Rc1 Na4 15.b3 Nb6 16.g3 Bb7 17.Bg2 0-0 18.0-0 Rac8 19.Nd4 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Nd5 21.Nc6 f5 22.Rc2 Rc7 23.Rfc1 Kg7 24.Kf3 Rfc8 Kalinitschew,S (2485)-Paulsen,D (2382) Berlin 2002 1-0 (44)]
10...Bb4+ A clever intermediate move, forcing one of White's pieces to retreat. **11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Nfxd2 0-0∓** Black has overtaken White in development. **13.g3 Nxe4 14.Nxe4**
[14.Qxe4 Rb8 15.Qe3 Bb7 16.f3 Nf6]
14...Bb7 15.Bg2 f5! The most energetic and best move! **16.Nf6+ Qxf6 17.Bxb7 Nc5 18.Qf3 Qxb2 19.0-0 Nxb7**
[Best was 19...Rab8! 20.Bc6 Rfc8 21.Rac1 Qe5∓ when White has problems with his bishop.]
20.Qxb7 Qxe2 21.Rfe1 Qb2 22.Rad1 f4 23.gxf4 Rae8 24.Re4 Qxa2 25.Rd7 Kh8 26.Kg2 Qc2 27.Rxg7 Rg8 28.Rg3 Rb8 29.Rxg8+ Rxg8+ 30.Kf3 Qd1+ 31.Ke3 Rd8
0-1

307 **E51**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2862**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**
chess.com Speed 2020 blitz (1.13)
[GM Papaioannou,TA]*

1.c4 ChessBase **1...e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Bb4!?** This is a playable move which is a hybrid between the Nimzo-Indian, the Queen's Indian, and the Ragozin. White can use this move by transposing to a good version of the Nimzo-Indian with e3. **4.e3! Nf6 5.a3! Be7** This will not solve Black's problems since White has gained an extra tempo.
[5...Bxc3+ This move is far more common, taking the game into a Nimzo-Indian territory with a better version for White. 6.bxc3
A) 6...c5 7.cxd5! exd5 8.Bd3 0-0

9.Ne2±;

B) 6...c6!? This is the only independent try for Black. In my opinion, White should undouble the pawns with cxd5 followed by an immediate c4! Check the games to see this idea in practice. 7.cxd5! cxd5 8.c4!± b6 9.cxd5!

B1) 9...Qxd5 10.f3± *(10.Ne2!? 0-0 11.Nf4 Qd7 12.Bb2 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.Qe2±)*;

B2) 9...exd5 10.Bb5+!! This is a typical idea that disturbs the coordination of the Black pieces and it prevents Ba6 because it distracts either the knight or the bishop to d7. Bd7 *(10...Nbd7 11.a4±)* 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.Ne2!±;

C) 6...0-0 7.cxd5! exd5 8.Bd3 c5 9.Ne2±]

[RR 5...Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Ne2 b6 10.a4 Ba6 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.Ba3 Re8 13.Qd3 c4 14.Qc2 Qd7 15.0-0]

[RR 5...Bd6]

6.Nf3 0-0

[RR 6...b6 7.Bd3 Bb7]

7.b4 White took advantage of the extra move a3 to push b4 immediately.

[RR 7.Bd3 b6 RR 8.Qe2 c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Rd1 cxd4 11.exd4 Ba6 12.Bg5 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 Rc8 15.Qa6 Nd5 16.Bxe7 Ndxe7]

7...Nbd7

[RR 7...a5 8.b5 c5]

[RR 7...c6 8.Bb2 b6 9.c5 a5 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Ba6 12.Ne1 e5 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.b5 exd4 15.bxa6 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nxc5 17.Qe2 Qa8 18.Rb1 Nfe4 19.Bd4 b5 20.a7 Ne6 21.Nf3 Bxa3 22.Qc2 Caruana,F (2766)-Carlsen,M (2859) Chess.com INT 2022 ½-½ (72)]

[RR 7...b6 8.c5 a5 9.Bb2 bxc5 10.bxc5 Ba6 11.Bxa6 Rxa6 12.Qd3 Ra7 13.0-0 Nc6 14.Rab1 Qa8 15.Ba1 Rd8 16.Qc2 h6 17.Rfd1 Ne8 18.Nb5 Ra6 19.Ne1 Qc8 20.Nd3 f5 21.f3 Bf6 22.Nf4 Corbu,G (2115)-Pribelszky,B (2428) Arad 2025 ½-½ (57)]

[RR 7...b6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bb2 a6 10.Bd3 Bd6 11.Ne5 c5 12.bxc5 bxc5 13.0-0 c4 14.Bc2 Nbd7 15.f4 Rb8 16.Ra2 Nb6 17.Ba1 Qe7 18.e4 Bb7 19.exd5 Nbxd5 20.Qe1 Bxa3 21.Qh4 Ne3 22.Re1 Indjic,A (2589)-Carlsen,M (2830) Samarkand 2023 0-1 (34)]

8.Bb2 c6

[RR 8...a5 9.c5]

9.c5N This move is a good idea when White has some pieces developed and when the structure can be kept intact. Carlsen probably evaluated that Black isn't on time to play e5, or Black will manage to play e5 and will be worse.

[RR 9.Bd3

A) RR 9...Bd6 10.c5 *(RR 10.0-0 Qe7)* 10...Bc7;

B) 9...dxc4 10.Bxc4 Bd6 *(RR 10...Qc7 11.Rc1;* RR *10...a5 11.b5 c5 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Bd3)* 11.Ne2 *(RR 11.Qc2 e5 12.Ba2 Qe7 13.Bb1;* RR *11.0-0 e5 12.Qc2 exd4 13.exd4 Nb6 14.Ba2)* 11...a5 *(RR 11...Qc7 12.Ng3 e5 13.Nf5)* 12.b5 Nb6 13.Bd3 cxb5 14.Bxb5 Bd7 15.Qb3 *(RR 15.Qd3 Na4 16.Bc1)* 15...a4 16.Qd3 Ra5

B1) RR 17.Bxd7 Qxd7 18.Bc3 Rb5 *(RR 18...Qb5 19.Qb1 Qxb1+ 20.Rxb1 Ra6)* 19.0-0 Rc8;

B2) 17.Nc3 Qe8 *(RR 17...Nfd5*

18.0-0) 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.0-0 *(*RR *19.e4 Rc8 20.e5 Bxe5)* 19...Rc8 20.e4 *(*RR *20.Nd2;* RR *20.Rfb1 Nc4 21.Bc1)* 20...Nc4 21.Bc1 e5 22.Rd1 *(*RR *22.d5 b5 23.Nh4 b4 24.axb4 Bxb4)* 22...exd4 23.Qxd4 Qe6 Botvinnik,M-Reshevsky,S The Hague/Moscow 1948 MainBase [ChessBase] 1-0 (32) *(* RR *23...Qc7)*]

[RR 9.Qc2]

[RR 9.Qb3]

[RR 9.Qc2 Re8 10.Bd3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 a5 12.b5 Nb6 13.Bd3 cxb5 14.Nxb5 Bd7 15.Ne5 Rc8 16.Qe2 Na4 17.0-0 Qb6 18.Rab1 Nxb2 19.Rxb2 Red8 20.Rfb1 Be8 21.Qd2 a4 22.Na7 Qxa7 23.Rxb7 Qa8 Botvinnik,M-Lipnitsky,I Moscow 1951 1-0 (41)]

9...Qc7 10.Bd3

[10.Be2 e5 11.0-0 e4 12.Nd2 This position is objectively better for White because White's attack is faster on the queenside, although f3 can be also considered at some point, however, Black is not without chances too and should try to build up an attack against White's king which can be dangerous, especially in blitz.]

10...e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.Qc2± Qh5 14.Ne2 Ng4 15.h3 Ne5 16.Bxh7+ Qxh7 17.Qxh7+ Kxh7 18.Bxe5 White won a pawn and went on to win the game. **18...b6 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Rc1 Rfc8 21.Ke2 Kg6 22.Rc3 f6 23.Bf4 b5 24.Bd6 Bd8 25.g4 a5 26.Kf3 axb4 27.axb4 Ra4 28.Rb3 Rca8 29.h4 Ra2 30.h5+ Kh7 31.Rhb1 R8a6 32.R3b2 R2a3 33.Kg3 f5 34.Nxf5 Bf6 35.Rd2 Bxf5 36.gxf5 1-0**

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□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2862**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**

Chess.com Speed blitz (1.22) 02.11.2020 *[TA]*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 hxg6 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Transposing to a position which can arise via the 5.d3 move order.

[9.Qe2]

9...Bd6 10.h3 dxc4?! 11.Bxc4 Nb6 12.Bb3 White has achieved an ideal setup. **12...e5 13.Qc2**

[13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Qf3 0-0 15.Rd1 Qe7 16.Bd2]

[13.Qf3 Qe7]

13...Qe7

[13...exd4 14.exd4 Bc7 15.Bg5 Kf8 *(15...Qd6 16.f4 Qxd4+ 17.Rf2)* 16.Qd3 Qd6 17.f4 Nbd5 18.Rae1]

14.Bd2

[14.f4 exd4 15.exd4 0-0-0 16.f5 Bc7 17.fxg6 fxg6 18.Qxg6 Rxd4 19.Qf7 Qxf7 *(19...Qe5 20.Qe6+)* 20.Bxf7]

14...0-0-0 15.d5!

[15.Nb5 Bb8 16.a4 *(16.Rac1 e4)* 16...Nbd5]

15...e4

[15...c5 16.e4]

16.dxc6 Qe5

[16...Rxh3 17.gxh3 Qe5 18.f4 exf3 19.Rxf3 Qh2+ 20.Kf1 Qh1+ 21.Ke2 Qg2+ 22.Rf2 Qxh3 23.Raf1]

17.f4 exf3 18.Rxf3 Ng4

[18...Qh2+ 19.Kf2 Bb4 20.Bxf7 *(20.Be1 Rhe8 21.Rxf6 gxf6 22.Bxf7 Re5 23.Bxg6 Bc5)* 20...Rxd2+ 21.Qxd2 Bxc3 *(21...Ne4+ 22.Nxe4 Bxd2 23.cxb7+ Kb8 24.Nxd2 Qd6 25.Nc4 Nxc4 26.Bxc4)* 22.Qd3 Rd8

23.cxb7+ Kxb7 24.Qxd8 Ne4+ 25.Ke2 Qxg2+ 26.Kd3 Nc5+ *(26...Qd2+ 27.Kxe4 Qxd8 28.bxc3 Nd7)* 27.Kxc3 Nba4+ 28.Kb4 Qxb2+ 29.Bb3 Qc3+ 30.Ka3 Qb2+]

19.cxb7+! Kb8 20.hxg4 Rh1+ 21.Kf2 Rxa1 22.Ne2 Bc5

[22...Rd7 23.Nd4 Qh2]

23.Bc3?

[23.Rxf7 Rxd2 24.Qxd2 Bxe3+ 25.Qxe3 Rf1+ 26.Kxf1 Qxe3]

[23.Nd4

A) 23...Bxd4 24.exd4 Qxd4+ 25.Be3 Qb4 26.Rxf7 Qe1+ 27.Kf3 Qf1+ 28.Ke4 Re8+ 29.Kd4 Rd1+ *(29...Rd8+ 30.Kc5 Nd7+ 31.Kb4 Qe1+ 32.Bd2)* 30.Qxd1 Qxf7 31.Bxf7 Rd8+ 32.Kc5 Rxd1 33.Kc6 Rf1 34.Bc5 Rc1 35.b4 Na4;

B) 23...Rxd4 24.exd4 Bxd4+ 25.Be3 Bxe3+ 26.Rxe3 Qf4+ 27.Rf3 Qd4+ 28.Re3]

[23.Bxf7 Qe7]

23...Qe7! 24.g5? Now the game descends into chaos from which Magnus eventually emerges victorious, but it has nothing to do with the opening! **24...Rdd1**

[24...Qxg5 25.Qe4 f5 26.Qf4+ Qxf4 27.Nxf4 Kxb7 28.Ne6 Rc8 29.Rg3]

[24...Rd7 25.Bxf7 *(25.Bxg7 Qxg5 26.Qe4 f5)* 25...Bxe3+ *(25...Rdd1 26.Qxg6 Rf1+ 27.Kg3 Rxf3+ 28.gxf3 Qxe3 29.Qe4 Qxg5+ 30.Qg4 Bd6+ 31.Kg2 Qh6 32.Bh5)* 26.Rxe3 Qxf7+ 27.Rf3 Qe7 28.Qxg6 Na4 29.Bxg7 Nc5 30.Bf8 Ne4+ 31.Ke3 Qxg5+ 32.Qxg5 Nxg5 33.Rf5 Ne6]

25.Ng3 Bd6 26.Qe2

[26.Ne4 Rac1 27.Qe2 Rf1+]

26...Rg1N

[26...Bxg3+ 27.Rxg3 Rf1+ 28.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 29.Kxf1 Nd7 30.Bxg7 *(30.Rf3 Ne5 31.Bd5 Nxf3 32.Bxf3 Qxe3 33.Bxg7 Qxg5)* 30...Nc5 31.Bc2 Ne4 *(31...Qe6)* 32.Bxe4 Qxe4 33.a3]

[RR 26...Bxg3+ 27.Rxg3 Rf1+ 28.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 29.Kxf1 Nd7 30.Bxg7 Nc5 ½-½ (30) Hajnal,Z (2401)-Galyas, M (2403) Kecskemet 2012]

27.Qd3

[27.Qb5]

27...Bc7 28.Ne4 Raf1+! 29.Ke2? Rxf3 30.gxf3 f5?

[30...Be5 31.Bxf7 Bxc3 32.bxc3]

[30...Rg2+ 31.Kf1 *(31.Kd1 Rg1+ 32.Kc2 Rg2+)* 31...Rh2 32.f4 f5 *(32...Qf8 33.Nf2 Qh8 34.Bxf7 Qh4 35.Be1)* 33.gxf6 gxf6 34.Bxf6 *(34.Nxf6 Rh3)*

A) 34...Rh1+ 35.Ke2 *(35.Kg2 Qh7 36.Nf2 Qh2+ 37.Kf3 Qh5+)* 35...Rh2+ 36.Kf3 Qh7 37.Be6 g5;

B) 34...Qh7 35.Nf2 Nd7 36.Bd4 Qh4 37.Qe2 Qg3 38.Bd5 Nb6 39.Bc6 Nc4 40.b3 Na5 *(40...Nd6 41.Qf3 Qh4 42.Kg1)* 41.Bd5 Nxb7 42.Qf3 Qxf3 43.Bxf3]

31.gxf6 gxf6 32.Bxf6? Qh7 33.Qb5 Rg2+

[33...Nd7 34.Bd4 Qh3 *(34...Qh1 35.Nf2)* 35.Kd2 Qg2+ 36.Kc3 Rc1+ 37.Kb4]

[33...a6 34.Qe8+ Kxb7 35.Nc5+ Ka7 36.Qc6 Qh2+ 37.Kd3 Qd6+ 38.Qxd6 Bxd6]

34.Kd3 Qd7+

[34...Nd7= was fine for Black in V. Dzhangobegov - A.Timofeev, Sochi 2016 (1/2-1/2 in 64). 35.Be6]

[34...a6 35.Qe8+ Kxb7 36.Nc5+ Ka7 37.Qc6 g5+ 38.e4 Bf4 39.Bd4]

35.Qxd7! Nxd7? 36.Bd5 Be5??

[36...Nxf6 37.Nxf6 a5= B.Spassky - B.Gulko, Linares 1990 (1/2-1/ 2 in

38). 38.Nd7+ Ka7 39.e4 Rxb2 40.e5]

37.f4

[37.Bxe5+± Black could have tried 37...Nxe5+± 38.Kd4 Nd7 *(38...Nxf3+ 39.Kc3)* 39.Bc6⇄ was a better attempt. Rg1 has been tested a lot, including the following classic. 40.Nf2]

37...Bc7

[37...Bxf6 38.Nxf6-+ Nc5++- 39.Kd4= Rc2-+ 40.b4= Nxb7!-+ 41.Nd7+± The strongest move was counter-intuitive, freeing the f5-square for the black knight: 41...Kc7! 42.Nf8]

38.Bc6??

1-0

309 **B90**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**

■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2862**

chess.com Speed 2020 blitz (1.12)

[Roiz,M, TA]*

1.e4 Postny,Evgeny **1...c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6** The Najdorf is one of Magnus's favourite weapons in his recent online tournament. **6.h3 h6!?** A rare move, though in some cases it can transpose to major lines.

[RR 6...Nbd7 7.g4 h6 *(RR 7...Nc5 8.Bg2 e5 9.Nf5 g6 10.Ne3)* 8.f4 e5 9.Nf5 Nc5 10.Bg2 g6 11.Ng3

A) RR 11...exf4 12.Bxf4 Ne6 13.Be3 Bg7 14.Qd2 h5 *(RR 14...Nd7 15.0-0-0 Ne5 16.b3 Qa5 17.Nge2 Qa3+ 18.Kb1)* 15.g5 Nd7 16.0-0-0 *(RR 16.Qxd6 Be5)* 16...Be5 17.Nge2;

B) 11...h5

B1) RR 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 14.Bg5 Be7 15.Rd1+ Ke8 16.0-0 Ncd7 17.gxh5 Nxh5 18.Nxh5

B1a) RR 18...Bxg5 19.Ng7+ Ke7 *(RR 19...Kf8 20.Ne6+)* 20.Nd5+;

B1b) 18...Rxh5 19.Bxe7 Kxe7 20.Nd5+ Kf8 21.Rd3;

B2) 12.f5 h4 13.Nge2 d5 *(RR 13...b5 14.g5 Nh5 15.0-0 Bb7 16.Nd5;* RR *13...Rg8 14.0-0 Bd7 15.Be3 Bc6 16.Nd5)* 14.fxg6 d4 *(RR 14...fxg6 15.exd5)* 15.gxf7+ Kxf7 16.0-0 Kg6 17.Nd5 Bg7 *(RR 17...Ncxe4 18.Qd3 Qxd5 19.Nc3 dxc3 20.Rxf6+ Kxf6 21.Qxd5)* 18.b4 Ncd7 19.Qd3 Nb6 20.Nxd4 Bd7 21.Nf5 Naiditsch,A (2686)-Sutovsky,E (2661) Poikovsky 2010 CBM 137 [Postny,Evgeny] 1-0 (36) *(RR 21.g5 Nh5 22.Qf3 Rf8 23.Nf5 Nxd5 24.Nxh4+ Kh7 25.Qxh5+)*]

[RR 6...e5 7.Nde2 h5 *(RR 7...Be6 8.g4 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Bg2 Bb4)* 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Nd5 Qd8 11.c3 Nd7 12.h4 Bxd5 13.Qxd5 Be7 14.g3 0-0 15.Bh3 Nf6 16.Qd3 b5]

[RR 6...e6 7.g4 d5 *(RR 7...b5 8.Bg2 Bb7)* 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Nde2 Bb4 10.Bg2 0-0]

7.a4N This is already a novelty. The mix of the aggressive h2-h3 with the prophylactic a2-a4 makes a strange impression.

[7.g4 is the most consistent reply, and then after e6 *(*Riskier is *7...b5 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.0-0 e6 10.Re1 e5 11.Nf5 g6 12.Ne3 Nbd7 13.a4 b4 14.Ncd5±* Carlsen,M - Gelfand,B Nice 2008 *)* 8.Bg2 we are back on well-

explored paths!]
[RR 7.g4 e5 8.Nde2 b5 9.Bg2 Bb7 10.a3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Ng3 g5 13.Nd5 Ne6 14.c4 Nf4 15.Be3 Bxd5 16.cxd5 Be7 17.a4 bxa4 18.Nf5 Qd7 19.Bxf4 gxf4 20.Rxa4 Qb5 21.Re1 Nd7 Szajbely,Z (2187)-Kovacs,A (2074) Hungary 2014 1-0 (31)]
[RR 7.Be3 e6 8.Be2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.f4 Nc6 11.Bf3 Qc7 12.Qe1 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 e5 14.Be3 b5 15.Qg3 Kh7 16.a3 Bb7 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Qf2 Qc4 19.Be2 Qc8 20.Nd5 Nxe4 21.Qf3 Nf6 Ortiz Lopera,M (2010)-Velandia,W (1761) Manizales 2025 0-1 (58)]
[RR 7.Bd3 e5 8.Nde2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ng3 Be6 11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 Nc6 13.Qd2 Ne5 14.Bxh6 gxh6 15.Qxh6 Ne8 16.Nf5 Bg5 17.Qh5 Ng7 18.Qe2 Re8 19.Kh1 Rc8 20.Qf2 Ng6 21.Nd5 Bxd5 Paravyan,D (2589)-Maghsoodloo,P (2695) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (31)]
[RR 7.f4 e5 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.Be3 b5 10.a3 Bb7 11.Bd3 Be7 12.Qe2 Qc7 13.0-0-0 exf4 14.Bxf4 Ne5 15.Nd4 g6 16.Rhf1 Nfd7 17.Kb1 Nc5 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 0-0-0 20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.Nc6 f5 Ntagasigumwami,D (1720)-Naser Eldean,A (1906) Batumi 2018 0-1 (60)]

7...e5 Magnus prefers to fix the pawn structure.
[Another decent option was 7...e6!? 8.Be3 Be7 9.a5 0-0 10.Bd3 A complex, double-edged struggle is ahead.]

8.Nde2 Be7 I am not sure if this was the best moment to develop the dark-squared bishop.
[Somewhat more flexible is 8...Nc6!? 9.g4 Be6 10.Bg2 Rc8 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Ne7⇄ White's setup on the k-side is somewhat exposed, so Black aims to transfer his knight to h4.]

9.g3 For some reason Parham deviates from the usual expansion on the k-side.
[In my opinion, 9.g4! was much better as the Ne2 can be successfully re-located: Be6 10.Bg2 Nc6 11.Nd5 0-0 12.Ng3±]

9...b6 On his turn Magnus also handles the position somewhat passively.
[It was essential to play 9...Nc6! 10.Bg2 Nb4 11.0-0 Be6= the drawbacks of an early a2-a4 are becoming obvious: the Nb4 is very well placed, so ...d6-d5 is to follow soon.]

10.Bg2 Bb7 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Nd5 Parham decides to exchange his queen's knight in order to make its square vacant for the other.
[As earlier, more promising was 12.g4! Nc5 13.Ng3 0-0 14.Be3 Rc8 15.Qd2± Black hardly has adequate compensation for his weak Pd6.]

12...Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.f4
[14.c4 can be traditionally met by a5! 15.Nc3 Nc5∓]

14...b5 A decent move - Black prevents White from extending on the q-side and isolates the Pd5. **15.fxe5 dxe5!?** An ambitious and somewhat provocative choice.
[15...Nxe5 16.Nd4 Bg5 17.Bxg5 Qxg5= would have kept the position equal.]

16.d6 Of course, White's main hopes are connected to a strong d-passer.

16...Bf6 The position is still balanced, but the play is much sharper now.
[16...Bg5 17.Bxb7 Qb6+ 18.Kh2 Qxb7 19.Bxg5 hxg5 is about equal

as well.]
17.Bxb7 Qb6+ 18.Kh2 Qxb7 19.Nc3! Eventually White manages to activate his knight. **19...Rac8 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nd5** This aggressive choice doesn't really bother Black.
[It made sense to develop the bishop and take control of the a7-square: 21.Be3!? Qc6 22.Ra7 Rfd8 23.Qg4 h5 24.Qxh5 Qxd6= Still, Black should be fine here.]
21...Rc5! This precise move practically forces White to sac the exchange. **22.Nxf6+ Nxf6 23.Rxf6 gxf6 24.Qg4+ Kh8**
[24...Kh7 25.Qf5+ Kg7 26.Qg4+=]
25.Qf5= Qc8 By making this move Carlsen avoids a repetition. **26.Qxf6+ Kg8 27.c3** Luckily for Parham, White can afford to spend a tempo on this quiet move. **27...Qe6 28.Qxe6 fxe6 29.Bxh6 Rd8 30.Ra6**
[30.h4 Rxd6 31.Kh3 is equally good. The k-side passers provide White with sufficient counterplay.]
30...Rd5 31.h4 R8xd6 32.Ra8+ Rd8 33.Ra6 R8d6
[33...Kf7!?]
34.Ra8+ Kh7 35.Bg5 e4 Magnus continues to push for a win, but it's not realistic here.
[35...b4 36.cxb4 Rb6 37.Be7=]
36.Kh3 Rxg5 The last try.
[Black achieves nothing with 36...Rd3 37.h5 R6d5 38.Kg4]
37.hxg5 e3 38.Ra1 Rd2 39.Re1 White easily neutralizes the e-passer. **39...e2 40.b4 Kg6 41.Kg4 e5** The further liquidation of material is unavoidable. **42.Kf3 Rd3+ 43.Ke4 Rxc3 44.Rxe2 Rc4+ 45.Kxe5 Rxb4 46.Re4 Rxe4+ 47.Kxe4 Kxg5 48.Kd4 Kg4 49.Kc5 Kxg3 50.Kxb5**
½-½

310 **D70**
□ **Cheparinov,Ivan** **2686**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**
Capechecs Online Trophy rapid (3.2)
[Flear,Glenn, TA]*

1.d4 Fischer,Johannes **1...Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3** So, Cheparinov sticks to his own recommendation from his new book (Cheparinov's 1.d4! Vol 1 King's Indian & Grünfeld)! **3...d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Qd6**
[RR 9...f5 10.e5 Nb4 11.Nh3 Qe8 12.Kb1 a5 13.Be2 c6 14.Rc1 Kh8 15.Ka1 Be6 16.Nf4 Qf7 17.h4 Bxa2 18.h5 Kg8 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.g4 Bb3 21.Bd1 a4 22.Qh2 Rfd8 23.Qh7+ Kf8 24.d5]
10.Kb1 Rd8 11.Nb5 Qd7 12.d5 a6 13.Nc3 Na5
[For the more popular 13...Qe8 see Ding Liren - Nepomniachtchi, I Carlsen Invitation Online rapid 2020, in the archives.]
[I have already discussed the other knight leap 13...Ne5 in Wojtasezek, R - Areshchenko, A Polish league 2013, despite it being a rare choice. To counter this (instead of Wojtaszek's normal-looking choice of 14.Qc1) Cheparinov considers 14.Bxb6 to be very strong. It has been tested recently: cxb6 15.f4 Ng4 16.h3! (less convincing is *16.e5* due to *Bh6! 17.h3 Nxe5 18.g3 Nc6 19.Qe3 Na7 20.Nf3 Qd6∓* Vrolijk, L -Salimova, N Kragero 2020, and the loss of the e-pawn weighs on White's chances)

16...Bxc3 17.bxc3 Nf6 18.Bd3 "Very difficult for Black to find counterplay" (Cheparinov), but the following forcing sequence needs further investigation: Qa4 19.Bc2 Qa3 20.Ne2 Bd7 21.e5 Be6! 22.exf6 Rxd5 23.Qxd5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5 exf6± Wojnar, M - Falatowicz, P e-mail 2018, and Black held the game despite White having a fistful of wood for the queen.]

14.Qc1

[There are certain similarities between the game continuation and the following sequence: 14.Bd4 Nbc4 15.Bxc4 Nxc4 16.Qc1

A) better seems to be 16...Bxd4! 17.Rxd4 b5 18.Nge2 Qd6 19.h4 h5 20.Nd1 *(20.g4* is perhaps critical, but risky*)* 20...Bd7 21.Ne3 Ne5 Manninen, A - Rawlings, A e-mail 2016, with a certain solidity for Black;

B) 16...b5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.h4 as in Onischuk, V - Bagi, M Zalakaros 2015, see the archives for the details, but White was in the driving seat there.]

14...Nbc4

[Gelfand chose 14...Qd6 here, whereupon 15.h4 Qb4 *(* if *15...h5* Cheparinov suggests the 'route one' approach *16.g4 hxg4 17.h5)* 16.h5 Nac4 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Bxc4 Nxc4 19.Nge2 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 Qb6 occurred in Giri, A - Gelfand, B Tromso 2014. Now the Bulgarian expert on this line gives 21.Nd4N e5 22.Nc2 Qxe3 23.Nxe3± . Two knights (plus a key pawn wedge on d5) versus two bishops is often an interesting imbalance. Frankly, this doesn't look like much to me (bearing in mind that there is a risk of things opening up later), but the engines do indeed lean towards Cheparinov's view that White is for preference.]

15.Bd4 Bxd4 16.Rxd4 b5 17.Bxc4 This capture is usually employed at some point, even if not immediately.

[A couple of other seventeenth moves have been tried: 17.h4 e5 18.Rd1 b4! 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 20.Nce2 Qb5⇄ 21.h5 c6 0.5-0.5 Lercel, M - Nasuta, G London 2016. It would have been nice to see a few extra moves, but this tense position is fairly balanced it seems. If White were then to invade with 22.Qg5 Rd6 23.Qe7 cxd5 24.hxg6 then Black saves himself with Na3+! 25.Ka1 Nc2+=]

[17.Rd1 Qd6 18.Bxc4 Nxc4 19.Nge2 (this is dubious in my opinion) Qf6 (a bit sluggish) *(19...b4!⇄* (seems right as the attacked knight no longer has a retreat square) *20.Na4 Bd7!∓* and now the queenside will be the scene of action*)* 20.h4 e5 21.h5 Bb7 22.b3 Nb6± Plichta, K - Schmidt, W Poznan 2014. At the end, White has more chances of generating a quick attack, whereas Black will have to seek opening up the centre for counterplay.]

17...Nxc4 (and transposes back to the main game) has also occurred. **18.Nge2 Qd6**

[I don't like the bishop's development 18...Bb7 so much: 19.h4 *(*Cheparinov prefers *19.Rhd1* which stops Black countering in the same way as in this example. In this case, another plan is required, maybe *Qd6 20.h4 h5* but White has

enhanced attacking chances with the black bishop 'out of play' on b7*)* 19...e5 20.dxe6 *(20.Rd3 b4 21.Nd1 Qb5∞)* 20...Qxe6 21.Rhd1 Rxd4 22.Rxd4 Qe7= Lodici, L - Schmider, N Germany 2020, with ...Rd8 coming.]

19.h4 Qf6N A novelty that aims to slow down any attempts to open up the kingside.

[After 19...h5 the daring 20.g4! seems to be dangerous to the human eye, although engines are not particularly impressed: is perhaps critical, but risky Ne5 *(* Cheparinov points out *20...hxg4 21.f4!±* claiming that "White's attack is unstoppable". Is this really true after *Kg7* I wonder? Maybe, but he must be using more advanced technology than me!*;* RR *20...hxg4 21.f4 Kg7 22.h5 Rh8 23.Ng3 Bd7)* 21.gxh5 b4 22.Na4 Nxf3 23.hxg6 fxg6 24.h5!? Gunina, V - Muzychuk, M Batumi 2016, and Gunina's bloodthirsty attack was certainly become strong by now. Still, there might be ways to render Black's game palatable after 20...hxg4 etc. (if you spend lots of time on this line with your favourite engine).]

[RR 19...h5 20.g4 Ne5 21.gxh5 b4 22.Na4 Nxf3 23.hxg6 fxg6 24.h5 Nxd4 25.Nxd4 Qe5 *(*RR *25...Bd7 26.Rg1 Be8 27.Ne6)* 26.Nc6 Qxe4+ 27.Ka1 Bf5 28.Nc5 Qc2 29.Qh6 Qg2 30.hxg6 Bxg6 31.Qh8+ Kf7 32.Ne5# 1-0 (32) Gunina,V (2497)-Muzychuk,M (2561) Batumi 2016 CBM 172 [Fischer,Johannes]]

20.h5 g5 21.h6 Kh8 22.Rh5 Rg8 The Iranian's novel defensive fortress looks like a clever way to frustrate his opponent. So with the kingside closed up for now, the Bulgarian turns his attention to the central arena. **23.d6!?** Freeing up the d5-square whilst creating general mischief. **23...Be6 24.dxe7?!** Keeping life simple, but not really challenging the opponent that much.

[It was instead possible to grab a pawn with 24.dxc7 Rac8 25.Rd8! when a continuation such as Rcxd8 26.cxd8Q Rxd8 27.Qxg5 Qxg5 *(27...Rd2?!* is risky after *28.Qg3!)* 28.Rxg5 Rd2 29.b3 Ne3 is given by the engines as 'better for White'. Despite this assessment, Black's activity shouldn't be underestimated.]

24...Qxe7 25.Nd5 Bxd5 26.Rxd5 Rad8!? Maghsoodloo hurries to activate even at the cost of a pawn.

[The more straightforward 26...f6= holds onto the g-pawn and any consequent time loss seems to be insignificant.]

27.Rhxg5 Rxg5 28.Qxg5 Qxg5 29.Rxg5 Rd1+

[The sloppy 29...Rd2? is strongly met by 30.Rd5! when Black has to accept a miserable knight endgame a pawn down.]

30.Nc1 Rd2 31.b3 Na3+ 32.Ka1 Nc2+ 33.Kb2! Quite rightly avoiding the draw.

33...b4

[After 33...Ne1+ 34.Kb1 Nxg2 White penetrates with 35.Rg7**±**]

34.Rd5! This time the knight endgame isn't quite so bad for Black, but he still has to suffer to some extent. **34...Rxd5 35.exd5 Ne3**

[Maybe 35...Ne1!? to slow down the activation of both of White's pieces.]

36.Nd3 Nxd5 37.Nc5

[Another promising idea is 37.Kc2 a5 38.Ne5**±** intending to rapidly activate the king.]

37...a5 38.Nb7 f5 The Iranian decides that he just has to get his king into play as soon as possible. **39.Nxa5 Kg8 40.Nc6 Kf7 41.Kc2 Ke6 42.Kd3 Kd6 43.Nd4 Ke5 44.g3** White has a clear pawn to the good, but there doesn't seem to be an easy way forward on either wing, that is as long as Black stays active. **44...f4!? 45.g4 c5 46.Ne2**
[46.Nc6+! Kd6 47.Na5!+- looks odd (placing the knight on the rim), but it enables the white king to then have access to c4 or e4 with excellent winning chances.]
46...Ne3?
[Waiting with 46...Nb6 would have been more prudent.]
47.g5! Nf5
[47...Kf5? loses to 48.g6!]
48.Kc4
[The nice break 48.g6! Nxh6 49.gxh7 Nf7 50.Kc4+- would keep Black's knight occupied while the mopping up operation takes place.]
48...Nh4 49.Kxc5 Kf5 50.Nd4+ Ke5
[50...Kxg5 51.Kxb4+-]
51.Kxb4?? A tempting idea when time is short, but it doesn't work at all.
[An easy win was at hand after the patient move 51.Kc4! (producing a mini-Zugzwang) e.g. Ng6 52.Ne2 Kf5 53.Kxb4 and then the connected passed a-pawns would indeed be decisive.]
51...Kxd4 52.a4 Kd5?
[The draw was a question of careful calculation: 52...Nxf3! 53.g6 Ne5! 54.gxh7 *(54.g7?* even loses to *Nc6+ 55.Kb5 Ne7-+)* 54...Ng6 55.a5 f3 56.a6 f2 57.a7 f1Q 58.a8Q Qe1+=]
53.Kb5 Ke6 54.a5 Nxf3 55.g6 Ng5 56.g7 Kf7 57.Kc4?!
[A standard tempo-gaining theme wins i.e. 57.a6 f3 58.a7 f2 59.g8Q+!]
57...Ne6 58.b4?
[Again 58.a6! f3 59.a7 f2 60.g8Q+! was the way to success.]
58...f3 59.Kd3 Nd4 60.Ke3 Nc2+ 61.Kxf3 Nxb4 62.Ke4 Kg8 63.Ke3 Na6 64.Kd4 Nb4 65.Kc4 Na6 66.Kb5 Nc7+ 67.Kb6 Nd5+ 68.Kb7 Nb4 69.a6 Nxa6 70.Kxa6 Unfortunately for Cheparinov, the pawn endgame is only a draw. **70...Kf7 71.Kb6 Kg8 72.Kc6 Kf7 73.Kd6 Kg8 74.Ke7**
½-½

311 **C11**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**
■ **Edouard,Romain** **2645**
Capechecs Online Trophy A (10)
[Kitty Kat]*

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.a3 a6**
[9...b6 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.h4 f5 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.0-0-0 c4 14.Be2 b5 15.Ng5 Qd7 16.Nxb5 Rab8 17.Rde1 Bc8 18.Nc3 Qb7 19.Nd1 Bxa3 20.c3 h6 21.Qc2 Na5 22.Kb1 hxg5 23.hxg5 Ne4 24.Bf3 ½-½ Matinian,N (2415)-Acosta,P (2051) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (2)]
[RR 9...cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Nb8 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bf2 a6 14.0-0 f6 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Na4 b5 17.Nb6 Rb8 18.Nxc8 Qxc8 19.c3 g6 20.Qe2 Qd7 21.Rae1 e5 22.Bc5 Rf7 23.fxe5 Bxe5 24.Rxf7 Svidler,P (2748)-Short,N (2675) Caleta 2017 ½-½]
[RR 9...b6 10.h4 f5 11.h5 cxd4

12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Nc5 14.0-0-0 Bd7 15.Be2 Rc8 16.g4 fxg4 17.Be3 b5 18.Rhg1 a5 19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Rxg4 b4 21.Ne4 bxa3 22.Nxc5 axb2+ 23.Kb1 Rxc5 24.Rdg1 Maghsoodloo,P (2676)-Sankalp,G (2429) Chess.com INT 2020 1-0 (53)]

10.dxc5N

[10.h4 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.dxc5 Qa5 13.Ne2 Qc7 14.Qd3 Ne4 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.hxg5 g6 17.0-0-0 Ne7 18.Nc3 Rxf4 19.Kb1 Nf2 20.Bxf2 Rxf2 21.g4 Qxc5 22.Qh3 Rf7 23.Ne4 Qf2 24.Nxf2 1-0 Shirliyev,A (2207)-Anirudh,R (1888) Bhubaneswar op-A 15th 2024 (5)]

[10.Be2 b5 11.0-0 Qb6 12.b4 cxb4 13.axb4 Bxb4 14.Qd3 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 b4 16.Qe1 f5 17.Qh4 Qd8 18.Qh3 Nb6 19.Kh1 Nc4 20.Bf2 Ne7 21.Rg1 Ng6 22.Qg3 Bd7 ½-½ Bartel,M (2641)-Rausis,I (2589) Cesko 131/105 2016]

10...Bxc5 0.73/20

[10...Nxc5= 0.10/20 11.h4 b5]

11.Bxc5N White is better.

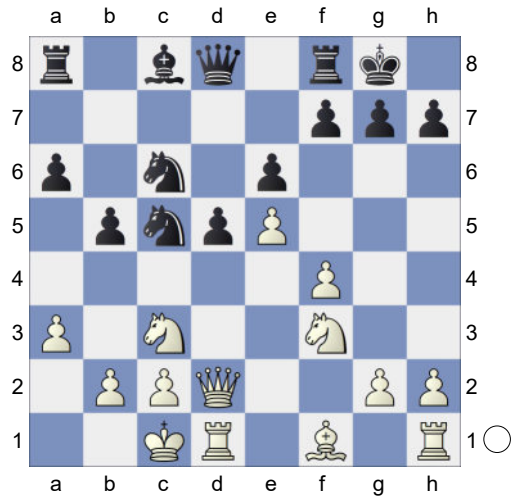
[RR 11.Bd3 d4 12.Bxh7+ Kxh7 13.Ng5+ Kg8 14.Qd3 g6 15.Nxe6 Qe7 16.Nxd4 Ndxe5 17.fxe5 Nxe5 18.Qe4 f5 19.Qd5+ Nf7 20.Nxf5 Bxf5 21.Qxc5 Qxc5 22.Bxc5 Rfe8+ 23.Kf2 Rad8 24.Rad1 Bxc2 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 Turzo,A (2303)-Igambergenov,A (2420) Chess.com INT 2020 0-1 (41)]

[RR 11.Nd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 f6 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Qxf6 Nxf6 16.Bd3 Bd7 17.0-0 Rac8 18.Rae1 Rc6 19.Ne2 Rfc8 20.Nd4 Rb6 21.b3 a5 22.a4 Rc3 23.Rf3 g6 24.h3 Kg7 25.Rfe3 Rc8 Gochelashvili,D (2257)-Thorhallsson,S (2223) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (58)]

11...Nxc5 12.0-0-0 0.01/19

[White should play 12.b4± 0.72/18 Nd7 13.Bd3]

12...b5=



13.f5! b4? 2.86/22

[13...exf5= -0.01/19 14.Nxd5 Be6]

[13...Qc7 14.Qg5]

14.axb4+- Nxb4 15.f6! h6 4.25/23 Prevents Qg5.

[⌓15...Nd7 2.83/21 16.Na4 gxf6]

16.Qf4 Qa5 17.Qg4? -0.01/20

[17.Kb1 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Qa2+ 19.Kc1 dxe4 20.Qxe4 Rb8 21.fxg7 Re8∓ *(21...Qa1+ 22.Kd2=)*]

[17.Rd4!+- 2.94/21]

17...g6=

[17...Qa1+? 18.Kd2+-]

18.Qh4! Active counter play!

[18.Kb1 Rb8 19.Nd4 Bd7∓]

18...h5⇄ Black has counterplay

[18...Qa1+? 19.Kd2+-]

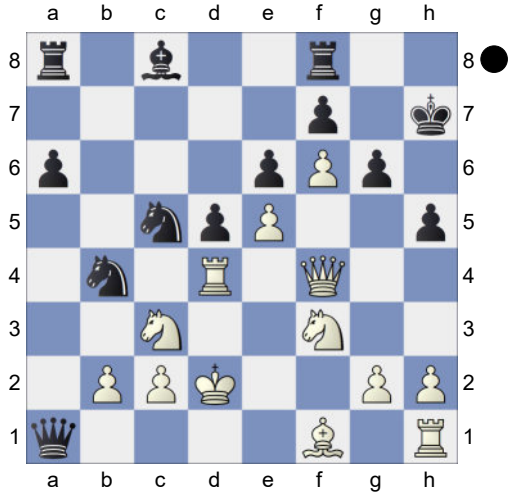
19.Qf4

[19.Kb1 Ne4 20.Qe1 Bb7∓]

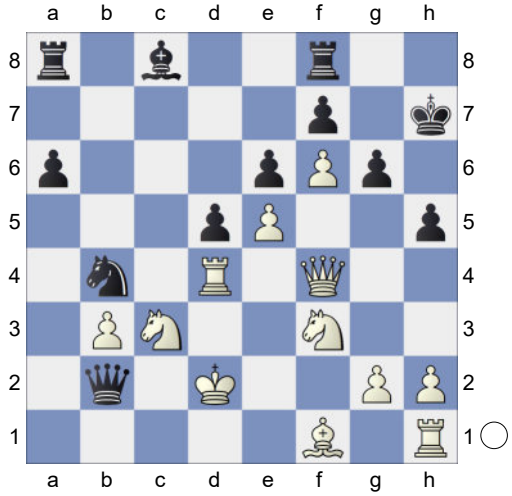
19...Kh7 20.Ng5+ Kg8 21.Nf3 Kh7 Repels Qh6+

[21...Qa1+ 22.Kd2+- Qxb2 23.Qh6 Qxc2+ 24.Ke3 d4+ *(24...Qxc3+ 25.Bd3 Nc2+ 26.Ke2)* 25.Rxd4 Qc1+ *(25...Qxc3+ 26.Ke2)* 26.Nd2

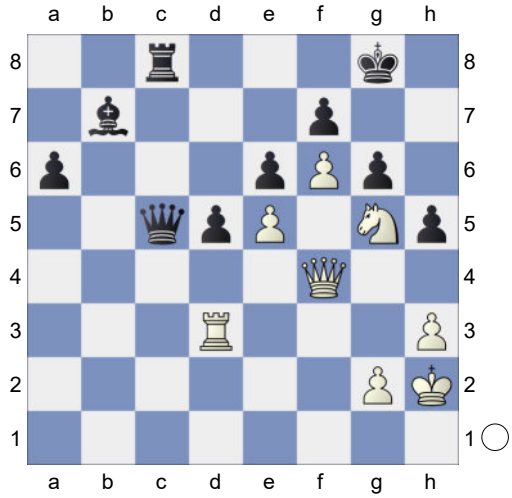
Qe1+ *(26...Qxc3+ 27.Ke2)* 27.Kf3]
22.Rd4 Qa1+ 23.Kd2



Nb3+ 1.29/21 **24.cxb3± Qxb2+**



25.Kd1! Qc2+ 26.Ke1 Qxc3+ 27.Kf2 Some like it hot **27...Nc6 28.Rd2 Qc5+ 29.Kg3 Rb8 30.h3** -0.01/17
[30.Qg5± 1.00/23]
30...Rxb3= And now ...g5! would win. **31.Bd3 Nb4 32.Rhd1** next Kh2 is good for White. **32...Bb7?** 2.46/26
[32...Rxd3= 0.01/25 and Black is okay. 33.Rxd3 Nxd3 34.Ng5+ Kg8 35.Rxd3 Bd7]
33.Kh2? 0.32/25
[33.Ng5++- 2.46/26 Kg8 34.Kh2 Rxd3 35.Rxd3 Nxd3 36.Rxd3]
33...Nxd3!± 34.Rxd3 Rxd3 5.29/28
[34...Qc4!± 0.47/23 35.Ng5+ Kg8]
35.Rxd3+- and Ng5+ should not be overlooked **35...Rc8** 11.51/27
[⌓35...Qc4 4.28/20 36.Ng5+ Kg8=]
36.Ng5+ Kg8



37.Nxe6! Qc1 38.Qxc1? 0.51/25
[White has to play 38.Re3+- 9.03/23 White threatens Qh6! and mate. fxe6 39.Qh6]
38...Rxc1± 39.Ng5 h4? 6.98/24
[39...Rc8± 0.52/21]
40.e6+- d4 41.Rxd4 Rc8 42.exf7+ Kf8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.98 **43.Rxh4**
1-0

312 **A09**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**
■ **Praggnanandhaa R** **2608**
chess.com Junior Speed blitz (1.23)
[Kitty Kat]*

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.h3**
[5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 8.Nd3 Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5

Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/ↀ/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42)]

5...h6 6.e3N

[6.d3 c5 7.bxc5 e5 8.g3 Ne7 9.Bg2 Nbc6 10.Nbd2 f5 11.0-0 Be6 12.Ne1 h5 13.e3 Ng6 14.exd4 exd4 15.Qe2 Kf7 16.Nef3 Bf6 17.Rab1 Rb8 18.Rfe1 Qd7 19.Nb3 Rbe8 20.Qd2 Qd8 Mirkovic,S (2241)-Rajkovic,M (2275) Srbija 130/5 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic,Slobodan] 1-0 (37) 21.Nbxd4 Bxd4 22.Bxd4 Nxd4 23.Rxb7+ Re7 24.Nxg5+ Kf6 25.Nxe6 Rxe6 26.Rxe6+ Nxe6 27.Bd5 Ne5 28.Qe3 Re8 29.Qh6+ Ng6 30.Bxe6 Re7 31.Rxe7 Qxe7 32.Bd5 Qxc5 33.Qxh5 Qe7 34.h4 Qe1+ 35.Kg2 Qd2 Chapter A00-Games Game 5 (37)]

[6.e4 e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8 Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warszawa 130/(5) 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic,Slobodan]]

6...e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.exd4 Black is slightly better. **8...exd4 9.Be2 0-0**

[9...a5!?]

10.Nbd2N

[RR 10.0-0 Ng6 11.Nbd2 a5 12.a3 a4 13.Re1 Nc6 14.Bf1 Nf4 15.Ne4 Bf5 16.Qd2 b6 17.Kh2 Qd7 18.Ng3 Be6 19.Ne2 Nxe2 20.Qxe2 Rfe8 21.Qd2 Ne7 22.g3 Ng6 23.Bg2 Rad8 24.Ng1 f5 Fan,J (1709)-Mohamed,A (2428) Abu Dhabi 2025 0-1 (36)]

10...a5 11.b5 a4 -0.08/26

[11...c5∓ -0.57/22 is superior.]

12.0-0 a3 13.Bc1 f5 14.Nb3 Ng6 15.Nfd2 -0.93/19

[15.Ne1= 0.00/22]

15...Nf4 -0.02/21 &Nero is more active.

[15...Nd7∓ -0.93/19]

16.Re1!= g4 0.74/22

[16...Nd7= 0.08/23 remains equal.]

17.Bf1 -0.23/22

[17.Nf1!± 0.74/22 Nxe2+ 18.Qxe2]

17...gxh3 0.72/21

[17...Qh4 18.Nb1 *(18.hxg4 fxg4 19.Ne4 Ng6=)* 18...Nh5 19.Bxa3 gxh3 20.Qf3 *(20.gxh3 Rf6=; 20.Bxf8 h2+ 21.Kh1 Qxf2=)* 20...hxg2 21.Bxg2 *(21.Qxg2 Rxa3 22.Nxa3 Nd7±)* 21...Rxa3 22.Nxa3= *(22.Qd5+? Kh8-+)*]

[17...Nd7= -0.23/22]

18.g3!± Ng2 19.Bxg2 hxg2 20.Qh5 0.37/24

[20.Kxg2 f4±]

[20.Nf3!± 1.46/22]

20...b6? 2.16/21

[20...f4 21.Ne4 fxg3 22.fxg3+-]

[20...Qg5!± 0.37/24 21.Qf3 *(21.Qxg5 hxg5 22.Nf3 f4=)* 21...Qg4]

21.Nf3!+- White has strong compensation.

[21.Kxg2?! Qf6±]

21...Bb7? 4.26/21

[21...Qf6 2.33/19 22.Ne5 *(22.Kxg2 Nd7±)* 22...Nd7]

22.Bf4 Nd7 23.Nh4 Qf6 24.Re2! Qf7 2.85/22

[24...c5 1.93/23 was necessary. 25.Rae1 Qf7 26.Qxf7+ Rxf7]

25.Qxf7+ Rxf7 26.Rae1? 0.72/18

[26.Bxc7+- 2.48/21 and the rest is easy. aiming for Rae1. Be4 27.Rd1 *(27.dxe4 d3+-)*]

26...Bf6? 3.74/21

[26...c6± 0.72/18]

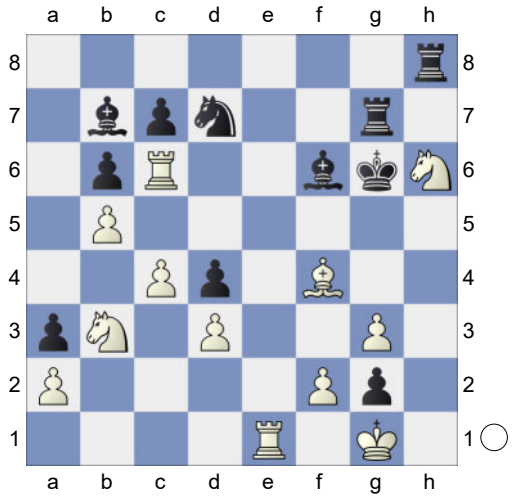
27.Nxf5 Kh7 28.Nxh6 Pair of Knights!

28...Rg7 29.Re6 2.01/19

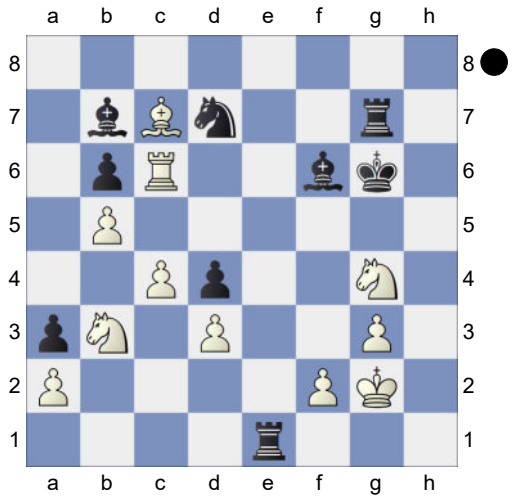
[⌓29.Nf5 3.59/22]

29...Rh8 30.Rc6? 0.34/23 **Kg6** 1.82/25

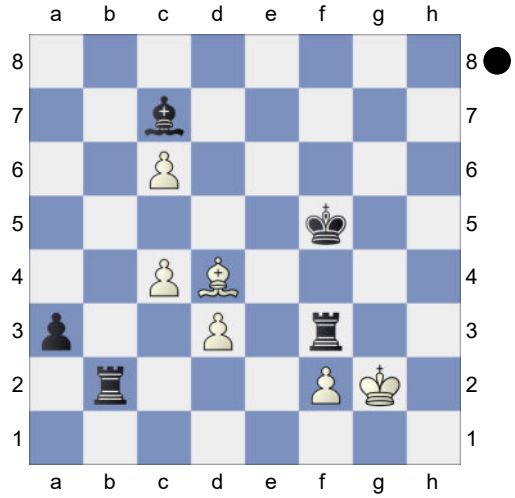
[30...Bxc6± 0.34/23 31.bxc6 Nc5 32.Nxc5 bxc5]



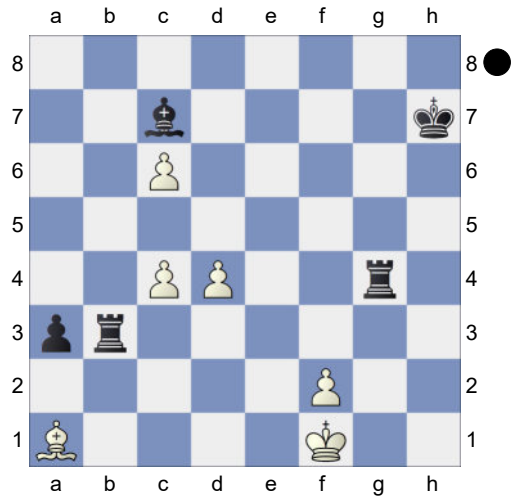
31.Ng4?? -5.27/21
[Not 31.Kxg2 Rxh6 32.Bxh6 Kxh6=]
[But not 31.Rxc7? Ne5 32.Bxe5 *(32.Rxg7+? Bxg7 33.Nxd4 Bxh6-+)* 32...Rxc7 33.Bxf6 *(33.Bxc7?* is the wrong capture. *Rxh6 34.Re4 Rh1+ 35.Kxg2 Rb1-+)* 33...Kxf6 34.Nxd4 Bc8 35.Kxg2 Rxh6-+]
[31.Ree6!+- 1.82/25 and life is good for White. Bxc6 32.bxc6]
31...Rh1+-+ Skewer **32.Kxg2 Rxe1 33.Bxc7**



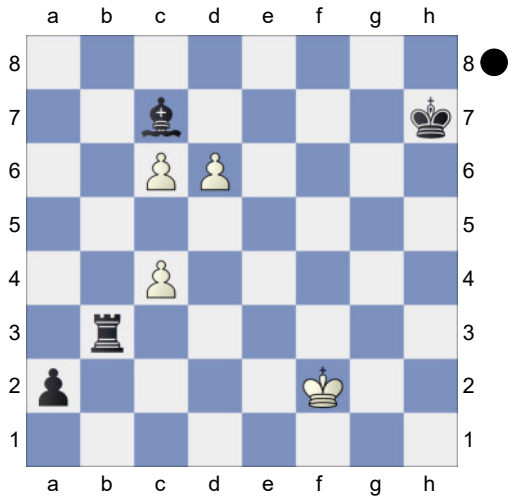
Nc5! 34.Nxc5 bxc5 35.Bf4 Bxc6+ 36.bxc6 Bd8 37.Ne5+ Kf5 38.Nd7 Re2 39.Nxc5 Rxa2 Strongly threatening ...Bc7. **40.Nb3 Rb2 41.Nxd4+ Kf6 42.Nf3 Bc7** (→ ...Bxf4) **43.Be3 Rb3** -8.05/19
[⌓43...Rxg3+ -250.00/15 44.Kf1 Rxf3 45.Bd4+ Kf5 46.Kg2



Rfxf2+!! 47.Bxf2 a2 48.Kf3 a1Q 49.Bg3 Qf1+ 50.Ke3 Qg1+ 51.Kf3 Qxg3#]
44.Bd4+ Kg6 45.Nh4+ Kh7 ...Rf7 is the strong threat. **46.Ba1 Rf7 47.Nf5 Rxf5** Black mates. **48.g4 Rf4 49.d4 Rxg4+ 50.Kf1**



Rg1+!! 51.Ke2
[51.Kxg1 Rb1+]
51...Rxa1 52.d5 Ra2+ 53.Kf1 Rxf2+ 54.Kxf2 a2 55.d6



a1Q! 56.c5
[56.dxc7 Qa2+]
56...Qa2+ 57.Kf1 Rb1# Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/Black=0.56
0-1

313 **D85**
□ **Liang,Awonder** **2592**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**
PNWCC Super Rising Stars (2.2) 13.7.20
[TA]*

1.d4 Rogozenco,Dorian **1...Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bd2 Bg7 6.e4 Nb6 7.Be3 0-0 8.Bb5 Be6**
[RR 8...a6 9.Be2 Nc6 10.d5 Ne5 11.Bd4 c5 12.Bxc5 Nec4 13.Qb3 Nxb2 14.Bxb6 Bxc3+ 15.Kf1 Qd6 16.Rb1]
9.h4
[RR 9.Nge2 c6 *(RR 9...Nc4 10.Bc1 c6 11.Ba4; RR 9...Bc4 10.0-0 Bxb5 11.Nxb5)* 10.Bd3 Nc4 11.Bxc4 Bxc4 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Qd2 Qa5 14.Rfd1 Rad8 15.Bh6 *(RR 15.b3 Ba6 16.Bh6)* 15...Bxe2
A) RR 16.Bxg7 Bxd1 *(RR 16...Kxg7 17.Qxe2)* 17.Bxf8 Nxf8 18.Rxd1 Ne6 19.d5 Nc7 *(RR 19...cxd5 20.Nxd5 Qxd2 21.Rxd2 Kg7 22.Rc2 Nf4 23.Ne3)* 20.h4 cxd5 21.exd5 h5 22.Qg5;
B) 16.Nxe2 Qxd2 17.Bxd2 Nb6 18.Bc3 Rd7 19.b3 f5 20.f3 Rfd8 21.Re1 fxe4 22.fxe4 e5 23.dxe5 Rd3 Wang,Y (2752)-Carlsen,M (2813) Medias 2010 CBM 137 [Rogozenco,Dorian] 0-1 (47)RR 24.Bb2 Rd2 *(RR 24...g5)* 25.Bc3 Rc2 26.Rac1 Rxa2 27.Ra1 Rxa1 28.Rxa1 Ra8 29.Bd4 Nd7 30.Rxa7 Rxa7 31.Bxa7]
[RR 9.Nf3 Bc4 10.Bxc4 Nxc4 11.Qb3 Nxe3 12.fxe3 b6 13.h4 c5 14.0-0-0 Qc8 15.h5 Nc6 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.e5 cxd4 18.exd4 Qf5 19.Qc2 Qxc2+ 20.Kxc2 f6 21.e6 f5 22.Ne2 Nb4+ 23.Kb3 Nd5 Roebers,E (2381)-Calvo Gonzalez,J (2218) Roquetas de Mar 2025 1-0 (37)]
[RR 9.Nf3 Nc4 10.Bxc4 Bxc4 11.Qa4 Ba6 12.h4 h6 13.h5 g5 14.Nxg5 c5 15.Nf3 b5 16.Qd1 b4 17.Ne2 Nc6 18.d5 Na5 19.b3 Bxe2 20.Kxe2 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qd6 22.Nh4 f6 23.Nf5 Qa6+ Korobov,A (2664)-Maghsoodloo,P (2594) Moscow 2018 1-0 (41)]
9...Bc4N
[RR 9...c6 10.Be2 Nc4 11.Bxc4 Bxc4 12.h5 e5 13.Nf3 exd4 14.Nxd4 Nd7 15.Nf3 Qa5 16.Bd4 Nc5 17.Bxg7 Nd3+ 18.Qxd3 Bxd3 19.Bxf8 Rxf8 20.0-0-0 Bc4 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.e5 f6 23.Rh4 Bd5 24.Nxd5 Anand,N (2025)-Rohan,A (2389) Abu Dhabi 2015 0-1 (37)]
[RR 9...Nc4 10.Bxc4 Bxc4 11.h5 Nc6 12.Nge2 e5 13.d5 Ne7 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Qa4 Ba6 16.Qb3 Qd6

17.Nb5 Bxb5 18.Qxb5 b6 19.Qb3 Rf7 20.Rd1 Bf8 21.f3 Nc8 22.Nc3 a6 23.Ne2 Qd7 24.Ng3 Budyi,D (2071)-Mattenberger,M (2285) Montesilvano 2023 ½-½ (41)]

10.h5 Bxb5 11.Nxb5 Nc4 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.Qg4 Nxe3 14.fxe3 c5 15.Qh4 Qa5+ 16.Nc3 Rd8 17.e5 cxd4 18.exd4 Nc6 19.Nge2 Rac8 20.Qh7+ Kf8 21.0-0 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Qb6 # 23.Nce2?

[23.Rxf7+ Kxf7 24.e6+! Kf6 #

A) 25.Qh4+ Ke5 *(25...g5)* 26.Qe4+ Kd6 27.Ncb5+ Kc5 28.Rc1+ Kb4 29.Qe1+ Ka4 30.b3#;

B) 25.Rf1+ Ke5 *(25...Kg5 26.Ne4+ Kg4 27.Qh3#)* 26.Qxg7+ Kd6 27.Ncb5+]

23...Rxd4 24.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 25.Kh1 Qxe5 26.Qxg6 Bf6 27.Qh6+ Bg7 28.Qg6 Bf6 29.Qh6+ Bg7 30.Qh3 Rc6 31.Rac1 Qc7 32.Rxc6 Qxc6 33.Rd1 Ke8 34.Qh2 Qh6 35.Qxh6 Bxh6 36.g4 Bf4 37.Kg2 a5 38.Kf3 Bd6 39.Ke4 b6 40.a4 Bc5 41.Kd5 e6+ 42.Ke4 Kf8 # 43.Rd8+?

[43.g5? Kg7 44.Kf4 Bf2 45.Kg4 Kg6! # 46.Rh1 f5+!? *(46...Bc5 47.b3 Bb4 48.Rh8 Bc5 49.Rh6+ Kg7 50.Kh5 Be7 51.g6 fxg6+ 52.Rxg6+ Kf7 # 53.Rg2 Kf6 54.Rg5 Bc5 55.Rg8 Ke5 56.Rd8 Kf4)*]

[# 43.Kf4!! Be7 *(43...Kg7 44.Kg5! -- 45.Kh5; 43...Ke7 44.Kg5 Bf2 45.Kh5 e5 46.g5 e4 47.Kg4 Bc5 48.Kf4 e3 49.Kf5!)* 44.Rd7 Bc5 45.Kg5 Ke8 46.Rb7! Kf8 *(46...e5 47.Kf6 Bd4 48.Re7+)* 47.Kh5 #

A) 47...Ke8 48.g5 Kf8 49.g6 fxg6+ 50.Kxg6 Bd4 51.b3 Ke8 52.Kg5 Kd8 53.Kf4 Kc8 54.Re7 e5+ 55.Ke4 Kd8 56.Rh7 Kc8 57.Kd5 Kb8 58.Kc6 Bc5 59.Rh8+ Ka7 60.Re8 Bd4;

B) 47...e5 48.Kg5 e4 49.Rd7 Ke8 *(49...e3 50.Kf6!)* 50.Rd5 e3 51.Kf6 Be7+ 52.Kf5 Bc5 53.Re5+ # Kd7! *(53...Kf8 54.Re4 Kg7 55.g5 Kg8 56.Kf6 Kf8 57.g6 fxg6 58.Kxg6)* 54.b3 *(54.Ke4?? Bd6)* 54...Kc6 55.Re4 Kd5 56.Kf4 Kd6 57.Kf3 Kd5 58.Re8 Kd6 59.Ke2 Kd7 60.Re4 Kd6 61.Kd3 Kd5 62.Rf4 Ke6 63.Rf5 # Ke7 64.b4! Bxb4 *(64...axb4 65.a5)* 65.Kxe3 Bc5+ 66.Kd3 f6 67.Rd5 Ke6 68.Ke4 Bg1 *(68...Bb4 69.Rd1 Bd6 70.Rc1 Bc5 71.Rc2)* 69.Rd2 Bc5 # 70.Rc2! Kd6 71.Kf5 Bd4 72.Rd2 Kd5 73.Rd1 Kc5 74.Ke4 Bf2 *(74...Be5 75.g5!)* 75.Rc1+ # Kb4 *(75...Kd6 76.Rf1 Bh4)* 76.Rc6 Bh4 77.Rxb6+ Kxa4 78.Kd3 Ka3 79.Kc4 a4 80.Ra6 #;

C) 47...--]

½-½

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■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**

33rd GM 2020 (1.4) 11.07.2020

[Flear,Glenn, TA]*

C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 c6 9.Qc2 h6

[9...Na6]

10.Re1

[10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Qxe4 Re8 12.Qd3 *(12.Qc2 Bg4 13.Nbd2 Na6)* 12...Na6 13.a3 *(13.Be3 Nc5 14.Qd1*

Ne4; 13.Be3!?) 13...Bg4]

10...Be6 11.cxd5! Hoping to disrupt Black's natural deployment by pressing along the a3-f8 diagonal.

[11.h3]

11...cxd5 White has an edge. **12.Bxe4 dxe4** This looks sensible. **13.Qxe4 Bd5!** This 'invests' rather than 'costs' time, as White's g5-knight will soon be invited to retreat. **14.Qg4 Qd7 15.Qxd7** This forces the knight back, but I don't think that Nakamura was unduly concerned. **15...Nxd7 16.Nc3 Bxf3** This plan seems ideal with the opposing bishop on a3 and pawn on b4. **17.gxf3 Bb4!** A sign that Black's previous move wasn't just for prophylactic purposes.

[17...Rfd8 18.Be3 Nf8 19.Red1 Ng6 20.Rac1 Rac8 21.Ne4 Rxc1 *(21...Bb8)* 22.Rxc1 Bb8 23.Nc5! b6 24.Nb7!]

[RR 17...Rac8 18.Be3 f5 19.Rac1 Kf7 20.Rc2 a6 21.Rec1 Rcd8 22.Na4 Rfe8 23.Bd2 b5 24.Nc5 Bxc5 25.dxc5 Nxc5 26.Bxh6 Ne6 27.Be3 f4 28.Bb6 Rd6 29.Rc6 Rd2 30.R6c2 Rd6 31.Rc6 Rd2 32.R1c2 Gurel,E (2652)-Moussard,J (2584) Samarkand 2025 ½-½ (36)]

18.Bd2N

[18.a3 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Rfc8

A) 20.Re7 Nb6 21.Bd2 *(21.Rxb7 Rxc3 22.Kg2 Rd3)* 21...Rab8 22.Rb1 Kf8 23.Re4 Nd5 24.Rb3 b6 25.Re5 Ne7 26.Kf1 Nc6 27.Rd5 Na5;

B) 20.Bd2 Nb6 21.a4 Nc4 22.Bf4 Nb6! 23.Bd2 Nc4! 24.Be3! b6 0.65/19 *(24...Nb6=* 0.25/19 *)*]

[18.Be3 Nb6 19.Rac1 *(19.Rab1 Rfd8 20.Kg2 Rd7)* 19...Rac8 20.Kf1 Rfd8 21.a3 Bf8 22.Ne4 Nd5 23.Ke2 f5 24.Nc3 Nb6 25.f4!]

[18.Kf1 Nb6 19.Be3 Rac8 20.Rec1 Bxc3 21.Rxc3 Nd5 22.Rc5 Rcd8 23.Rac1 Rfe8 24.Ke2 Kh7 25.a3 Nf4+ 26.Kd2 Ne6 27.R5c4 b5 28.R4c3 Nxd4 29.Bxd4 Rxd4+ 30.Rd3 Rh4 31.Re3 Rd8+ 32.Ke2 Rd7 ½-½ (54) Anand,V (2753)-Aronian,L (2773) Online Olym KO Stage 2020 rapid (2.11)]

[RR 18.Re2 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Rfc8 20.Bd2 Nb6 21.Re7 Nd5 22.Rxb7 Nxc3 23.Re1 Nd5 24.Re5 Rd8 25.Kf1 a6 26.Ke2 Rd6 27.Bb4 Nf4+ 28.Ke3 Nd5+ 29.Kd3 Nxb4+ 30.Rxb4 Rf6 31.Ke3 Rc8 32.Rb3 Rc1 Saric,I (2646)-Delchev,A (2543) Chess.com INT 2020 1-0 (42)]

[RR 18.Kf1 Nb6 19.Be3 Rac8 20.Rec1 Bxc3 21.Rxc3 Nd5 22.Rc5 Rcd8 23.Rac1 Rfe8 24.Ke2 Kh7 25.a3 Nf4+ 26.Kd2 Ne6 27.R5c4 b5 28.R4c3 Nxd4 29.Bxd4 Rxd4+ 30.Rd3 Rh4 31.Re3 Rd8+ 32.Ke2 Rd7 Anand,V (2753)-Aronian,L (2773) Chess.com INT 2020 ½-½ (54)]

18...Rfd8 19.Ne4 -0.26/20

[19.a3 Bf8 20.Ne4 Nb6 21.Be3 Nd5]

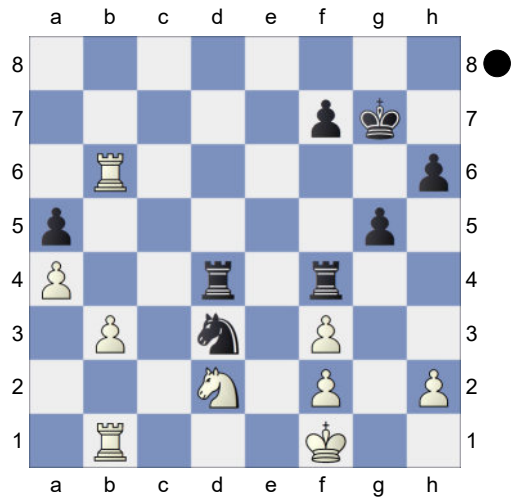
[19.a3± 0.55/20 Bxc3 20.bxc3 *(20.Bxc3 Nb6=)*]

19...Bxd2!= Although White seems to have redeployed his pieces to more appropriate squares Maghsoodloo's pawn advances on the queenside have given him the initiative. **20.Nxd2 Nf6** 0.21/22

[20...Nf8 21.Nb3 *(21.Re7* -0.93/21 21.Nb3 -0.35 *Rxd4 22.Nb3 Rb4 23.Rd1 Rc8)* 21...Ne6 22.Rad1 Rd6 23.Nc5 Nxd4 24.Kf1 *(24.Nxb7* -1.51/22 24.Kf1 -0.40 *Nxf3+ 25.Kh1 Rb6 26.Re3 Nxh2)* 24...b6 25.Nb3

Nf5 26.Rxd6 Nxd6]
[20...Nf8 -0.26/21]
21.Nb3 -0.23/20
[21.Ne4 Nd5 22.Nc3 Rac8 23.Rac1! Nf4 24.Rcd1! Wards off Nd3 Rd7]
[21.Ne4 0.21/22 deserves consideration.]
21...b6 Black has compensation.
22.Rac1 Nd5 23.a3 -0.48/19
[23.Rc4= -0.10/20]
23...Rd6 24.Re4 This breaks up Black's queenside pawns and obtains messy play, but does involve a pawn sacrifice.
24...Rad8 25.Kf1 a5 26.a4 g5 27.Rc4
[27.Nd2 Nf6 28.Re7 Rxd4 29.Nc4 Nd5 30.Re4 Rd3 31.Ne5 Rd2 32.Nc4 Rc8 33.Ree1 Rd4 34.b3]
27...Kg7 28.Re1 Kg6 0.01/24
[28...Nf4]
[28...Nf4∓ -0.72/21]
29.Nd2! -0.64/22
[29.Nc1! Kg7 *(29...Nf4 30.Rd1!)* 30.Nd3 Nf6 31.Re7 Rxd4 32.Rxd4 Rxd4 33.Ne5]
[29.Nc1= 0.01/24]
29...Nb4∓ 30.Nb3 Nd3 31.Re2 Back in the game! **31...Nf4 32.Re1 Rf6** -0.35/22 It's sharp and there is no time left to work things out properly.. .
[32...Kh5 33.Rd1 Kh4 34.Na1 Kh3 35.Nc2 Kxh2 36.Ne3 h5]
[32...f6∓ -0.96/22]
33.Nd2
[33.Nc1]
33...Nd3 34.Rb1 Rf4? Bad (from your engine's point of view), but the 'roll the dice' option for a time scramble. Black has more active pieces. **35.Rc6+? Kg7 36.Rxb6 Rdxd4⩲** Did the game really end here? If so, it's because White lost on time in an unclear situation where all three results were possible.
[36...Rfxd4 37.Ne4∓]

Pinning the knight with **37.b3!±** -1.71/21
[37.b4 Nxb4 38.Nb3 Rd3 39.Nxa5 Nd5 40.R6b3 Rd2 41.Nb7 Rxa4 42.Nd6 Raa2 43.Ne4 Rdc2 44.Kg1 -1.07/19 *(White should play 44.Rb5∓* -0.50/21 *f5 45.Rxd5 fxe4 46.Rd6 Rxf2+ 47.Ke1 Rxf3 48.Rb7+ Rf7 49.Rxf7+ Kxf7 50.Rxh6)* 44...f5∓ 45.Ng3]
[37.Kg2∓ -1.23/22]

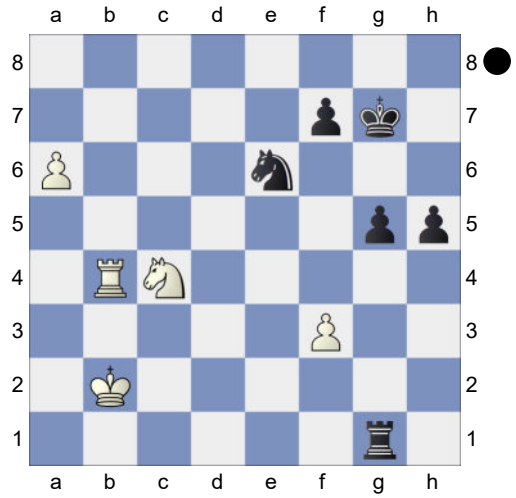


leaves Black with serious problems. Instead the miserable **37...Nxf2!-+** Discovered Attack **38.Ke2 Rh4 39.Nf1 Nd3**
[39...Nh3 40.Rb5= -2.45/22 Muha, S - Brilej, J Titled Tuesday Internet blitz 2020. *(40.Ne3∓* -1.49/20 is a better defense. *Nf4+ 41.Ke1 Nd3+ 42.Kf1)* Unpopular is 40...Rd8!-+ but although it doesn't look that appetizing, maybe it isn't so bad: 41.Rxa5 -3.05/22 *(⌓41.Ke1* -1.93/20 *)* 41...Rhd4!-+ 42.Re5 Prevents Re8. Nf4+ 43.Ke3 (now Black has too many awkwardly-placed pieces, so White can press on with his queenside play) R4d7 44.b4 Rc7 45.Re4 Rc3+ 46.Kf2! Agdestein, S - Mazi, L Lienz 2017, left

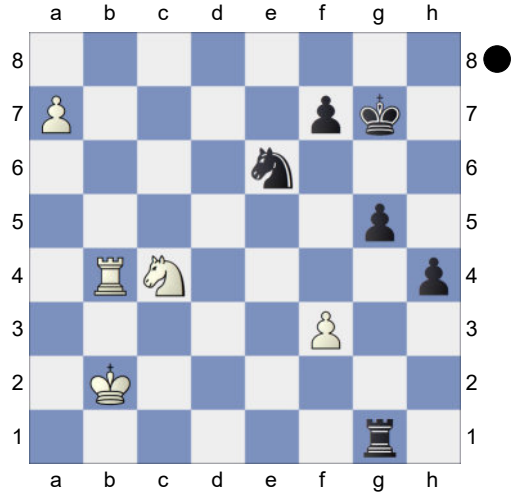
White with an initiative. I would suggest 46...Rc2+! with nothing worse than a slightly clumsy version of a regular set-up The main alternative 47.Kg1 is equally popular, but that's another story. After Nh3+! 48.Kh1 there have been many games where Black can decide between 'ceding the bishop pair, but getting easy development' or 'losing some time by holding onto the light-squared bishop'. For the rare 12.e3 see Caruana, F - Vachier-Lagrave, M Online rapid 2020, in the recent archives. Nf2+]

40.Rb5± would be easier for White to handle

[I suspect that 40.Rd1!? is more challenging i. e. Nf4+ 41.Ke1 which looks slightly annoying at first (Black seems to have the wrong rook on d8, but he can probably live with this inconvenient situation), but after Rxd1+!? there aren't any tricks down the d-file. True, White can always opt for the 'advantage' of the bishop pair, but we've seen so often in such positions that it isn't a big issue. Anyway, see what you think, but I can't help feeling that Komodo's 'clear advantage for White' is exaggerated. More forcing, but perhaps not as precise is 42.Kxd1 e.g. Rh3! 43.Nd2 Rxh2 44.b4 axb4 45.a5 Rh1+ Thakur, A - Peled, S e-mail 2017, and now 46.Kc2!? may not leave White with much to bite on. The less critical 46...Ra1 was played in Sarana, A - Pogosyan, S Euro online rapid 2020 (see the archives). Otherwise 47.Nc4 is worth considering: Ne6! 48.Rxb4 h5 49.Kb2 (leads to a quick opening of the centre, but Black is soon able to get himself ably reorganized) Rg1 50.a6



aiming for a7. h4! 51.a7



h3! (an important tempo gain) 52.a8Q h2]

40...Nf4+ **41.Kf2** is 'at least a draw for White', but it seems that there is no more than that. If **41...Rd3** -0.96/22 the g5-square is out of bounds for White's knight, but

[⌓41...Rd6 -1.42/21 and ...Re6 would now be decisive 42.Rxa5 Rd3]

Loses the game. **42.Re5∞** -2.90/23 then has to be considered.

[42.Rxa5∓ -0.96/22 Rh3 43.Kg1]

I suspect that **42...Rc3!-+** was rejected because of

[42...Rh3 43.Re3= Black has easy development and White has the most evident weakness on c4.]

43.Rxa5 Rh3 44.Rb5? -5.45/21 but this still seems favourable for Black after

[44.Kg1 -2.85/23]

44...Rhxf3+! for example **45.Kg1 Rc2 46.Rb6 Rff2!∓** Less combative is **47.a5∓** the idea being to re-emerge via c2 sooner rather than later. Even better is **47...Rg2+!** -7.74/5 avoiding White's next move.

[⌓47...Nh3+ -#5/12 48.Kh1 Rg2 49.Nd2 Rgxd2 *(49...Rcxd2? gets mated. 50.Rg6+ Kxg6 51.Rf1 Rxh2#)* 50.Rg6+ Kxg6 51.Rf1 Rxh2#]

Instead **48.Kh1-+** rather helps Black's development, as after

Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.42

48...Nh3

0-1

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■ **Sjugirov,S** **2675**

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[TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.g4 Nc6

[RR 7...0-0 8.g5 Nfd7 9.h4 Nc6 10.Be3 Nc5 11.Qd2 Ne6 12.Nb3 a5 13.a4 Nb4 14.h5 Bd7 15.h6 Bh8 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Nc7 18.Bd4 e5 19.dxe6 Nxe6 20.Bxh8 Kxh8 21.f4 Bc6 22.Rh3 Fedoseev,V (2687)-Karthik,V (2483) Lichess.org INT 2021 1-0 (32)]

8.Nb3 h5

[8...Be6 - 23/427]

[RR 8...Be6 9.h4 d5 10.g5 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.c3 Qxd1+ 13.Bxd1 0-0-0 14.Be3 Kb8 15.Bc2 Bd5 16.0-0-0 f5 17.gxf6 exf6 18.h5 f5 19.Bf4+ Be5 20.Bxe5+ Nxe5 21.hxg6 Bxb3 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.gxh7 Rodriguez,S (2252)-Swara,L (2216) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0]

9.g5 Nd7 10.h4N

[10.f4]

[10.Be3]

[RR 10.Be3 Nb6 11.f4 Bg4 12.h3 Nc4 13.Bc1 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 b5 16.a4 a6 17.Be3 0-0 18.Nd2 Qa5 19.Nxc4 Qxc3+ 20.Kf2 Qxc4 21.Qxc4 bxc4 22.a5 Rfc8 23.Rhb1 Kf8 24.Ra4 Na7 Cubas,J (2413)-Fernandes Filho,B (2114) Cuiaba 2015 1-0 (48)]

[RR 10.Be3 Nb6 11.f4 Be6 12.Qd2 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Bxc4 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.Kb1 a5 16.Nd4 a4 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Bd4 e5 19.Be3 Qa5 20.f5 Rfd8 21.a3 d5 22.Na2 Qxd2 23.Rxd2 gxf5 24.exf5 d4 Pewny,U (2228)-Kueppers,T (2061) Germany 2016 0-1 (49)]

10...Nb6 11.Be3 Ne5

[11...Bxc3+!? 12.bxc3 Be6∞]

12.Bd4 0-0 13.a4 Be6 14.f4 Ng4

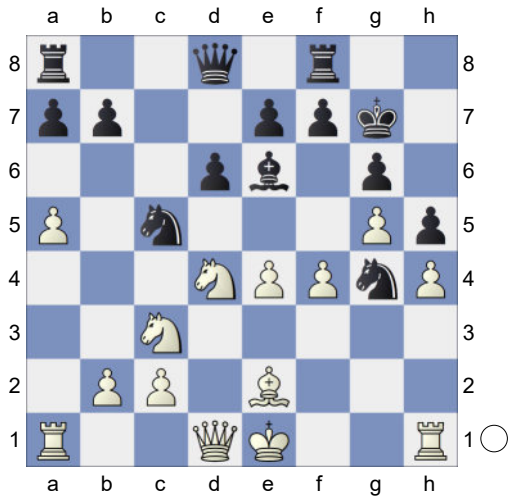
[⌓14...Bxb3 15.cxb3 Nc6 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.a5 Nd7 18.0-0↑]

15.a5?! Nd7?!

[15...Nc4 16.Bxc4 Bxc4 17.Bxg7 Bxb3 18.Bxf8 Ne3 19.Qd3 Nxc2+ 20.Kd2 Nxa1 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Rxa1 d5 23.exd5 Rd8=]

16.Bxg7 Kxg7 - 15.a5 **17.Nd4± Nc5** Diagram

[17...Rc8 18.Nxe6+ fxe6 19.Bxg4 hxg4 20.Qxg4 Rxc3 21.bxc3 Qc7 22.Qg3±]



18.Qd2
[18.f5! gxf5 *(18...Bd7 19.Bxg4 hxg4 20.h5+-)* 19.Nxf5+ Bxf5 20.exf5 Ne5 21.Qd4+-]
18...Rc8?!
[18...Bd7]
[18...Qc8]
19.0-0
[19.f5!]
19...Bd7 20.f5 e6?!
[20...Ne5]
[20...e5]
21.fxg6 fxg6 22.Rxf8
[22.b4! Na6 23.Ncb5 e5 24.Nxd6!+-]
22...Qxf8 23.Rf1 Qe7 24.Ndb5 Bxb5 25.Nxb5 Rd8 26.b4 Nd7 27.Qd4+
[27.Qxd6+-]
27...Nde5 28.Qxa7 Rd7
[28...Kh7!?]
29.Nd4 Kh7 30.b5? Diagram
[30.Bb5!+-]

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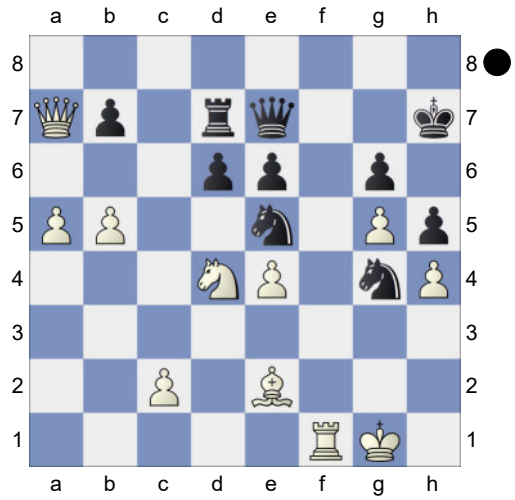

30...Qe8?!
[30...d5! (Δ Qd6) 31.Qb6 Qb4 32.Bxg4 hxg4 *(32...Nxg4 33.Nxe6 Qc3 34.Nf8+ Kh8 35.Rf3□ Qxf3 36.Nxd7=)* 33.Nxe6 Nf3+ 34.Kg2 Rf7 35.h5! Ne1+ 36.Kg1 Nf3+=]
31.a6 bxa6 32.Qxa6 Rf7?
[32...Ne3±]
33.Bxg4 Nxg4 34.Qxd6+- Rxf1+ 35.Kxf1 Qf7+?!
[35...e5]
36.Ke2 Qf2+ 37.Kd3 Qf1+ 38.Kc3 Qa1+ 39.Kb4 Qb2+ 40.Nb3
[40.Ka5!?]
40...Qxc2 41.Qxe6 Ne3 42.Qf7+ Kh8 43.Qf8+ Kh7 44.Qh6+ Kg8 45.Qxg6+ Kh8 46.Qxh5+ Kg8 47.Qg6+ Kh8 48.Qf6+ Kg8 49.Qd4
[49.Qe6+ Kg7 50.b6]
49...Qe2 50.Qd8+ Kg7 51.Qf6+ Kg8 52.Nd4 Qb2+ 53.Kc5 Qc3+ 54.Kd6 Nc4+ 55.Ke6 Qb4 56.Qd8+ Kh7 57.Nf5 Qxb5 58.Qe7+ Kg6 59.Qf7# #
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□ **Wagner,De** **2590**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2674**
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[GM Hungaski,TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 Bd7!? This move is frowned upon by theory, but it's actually not so bad. Instead of the standard Ragozin plan of taking on c4 and preparing to counter in the center with ... e6-e5, Black instead aims for play on the queenside and along light-squares in particular

[6...0-0]

7.Qc2 0-0 8.a3

[8.Bd2 a6?! Black should be careful not to mix up his plans, since including the move ...Bd7 slows down the standard ...dxc4 followed by ...e5 idea. Below are a couple of nice examples of how this can backfire for Black *(8...dxc4!? 9.Bxc4 a6 10.a3 Bd6∞; 8...Re8!? 9.a3 Bf8∞)* 9.Rd1 *(9.a3 Bd6 10.c5 Be7 11.b4±)* 1-0 (83) Jovanic,O (2469)-Kovacevic,V (2512) Solin 2005*)* 9...Qe7 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Ne4 12.Bd3 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 Rfe8 14.0-0 Rad8 15.b4 dxc4 16.Bxc4 e5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qxe5 19.Qxe5 Rxe5 20.Rd2± 1-0 (41) Mikhalchishin,A (2479) - Goessler,M (2209) Katowice 2017]

8...Bxc3+

[8...Bd6 9.c5 Be7 10.b4±]

9.Qxc3 a5 10.b3 Ne4?! A strange type of Stonewall position arises where Black has no dark-squared bishop and the knight on c6 is oddly placed

[Black's standard treatment of this position consists of undermining White's light-squares on the queenside with 10...a4 11.b4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Na7

A) 13.Bd3?! Bb5 14.e4 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Nd7 16.0-0 c6 17.Be3 Nb5∞;

B) 13.Ne5?! Bb5 14.Bb2 Bxc4 15.Qxc4 Qd5 16.Qxd5 *(16.Qxc7? Rac8-+)* 16...exd5 17.Rc1 Nb5∓ 0-1 (36) Blumin,B-Fine,R New York 1939;

C) 13.Qc2 Bb5=;

D) 13.Qd3!? White should not allow the exchange of light-squared bishops without a fight. Black otherwise gets a pleasant position, as the variations below illustrate 13...Nd5 *(13...Qe8!?)* 14.0-0 Nb6=]

11.Qc2 f5 12.Bd3 Be8 13.Bb2 Bg6?! Black's idea is to provide additional support to the knight on e4 in order to enable the ...f5-f4 push. However, White can easily prevent this and even if he doesn't, it's not clear that this pawn break will favor Black at all

[13...Bh5 14.Nd2 *(14.h3 Qf6 15.0-0-0∞)* 14...Qg5 15.0-0 Rf6 16.f4 Qh4 17.Nf3±]

14.0-0!

[14.g3 Bh5 15.Nh4 Ng5∞]

[The onyl case where Black's idea seems to work is after 14.0-0-0?! f4⇄]

14...f4 15.Rae1 Qe7 16.exf4 Rxf4 17.Nd2?! A careless move that allows Black to trade into a strategically risky middlegame for White. Now White is under serious risk of being left with a "bad" bishop

[17.cxd5! exd5 18.Nd2 Qd6 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Bxe4 Rxe4 21.Rxe4 dxe4 22.Qc4+! *(22.Qxe4±)* 22...Kh8 23.d5 Ne7 24.Qd4 Rg8

25.Rd1±]

17...Nxd2 18.Qxd2 Bxd3 19.Qxf4?!

[19.Qxd3 Qf7 20.f3∞ As long as White manages to keep the queens on the board, combined with the lack of a good outpost for the black knight, then he should be doing OK]

19...Qf7N

[RR 19...Qd7 20.Qg4 Bxf1 21.Rxf1 Rf8 22.Re1 Rf6 23.h4 Qd6 24.g3 Rf5 25.Qe2 Rf6 26.Qg4 Rg6 27.Qe2 Rf6 28.Qg4 Rg6 29.Qe2 ½-½ (30) Sammalvuo,T (2416)-Karttunen,M (2495) Finland 2023]

20.Qxf7+? This is a serious strategic blunder. Without queens on the board, Black is free to start chipping away at White's light-squares, followed by the the knight maneuvers towards the outpost.

[20.Qe3 dxc4 21.f3 Bxf1 22.Kxf1 cxb3 23.Qxb3 Nd8∓]

[20.Qc1 a4 21.cxd5 exd5 22.b4 Na7 23.Re5 Rf8 24.f3 Bxf1 25.Qxf1 c6∓]

20...Kxf7 21.cxd5 exd5 22.Re3 Bxf1 23.Kxf1 a4 24.b4 Na7∓ Black has a vicious clamp on the queenside. Now White must embark on a thankless defensive task **25.Rf3+ Kg8 26.Rf5 Rd8 27.Re5 Kf7 28.Ke2 g6 29.Kd3 h5 30.Bc1 Rd6 31.f3 Nb5 32.h3**

[White's only hope is to mobilize the kingside pawn majority. One way of doing so would be after 32.h4 c6 33.Re2 Re6 34.Rxe6 Kxe6 35.g4∓]

32...c6 33.Re2 h4 34.Re1

[34.Bg5 Re6 *(34...Nxa3 35.Re7+⇄)* 35.Rxe6 Kxe6 36.Bxh4 Kf5! *(36...Nxa3 37.Bg5 Nb5 38.Be3 a3 39.Kc2=* and White should hold*)* 37.Be1 Kf4 38.h4 Nxa3 39.Ke2 Nc4 40.g3+ Kf5 41.g4+ Kf6∓ Black's position is obviously better, but there is no clear win in sight]

34...Re6 35.Rxe6 Kxe6 An interesting endgame has arisen. At first sight it would seem White is completely busted, but we should not underestimate White's defensive chances. The lack of a second front (in fact, the h4-pawn is a liability for Black) makes it difficult for Black to make progress **36.Ke3 Kf5 37.Kd3 Nc7 38.Ke2 g5 39.Kf2 b6 40.g4+ hxg3+ 41.Kxg3 Nb5 42.Bb2 Nd6 43.Bc1 Nc4 44.Kf2 Kg6 45.Kg3 Nd6 46.f4 Nf5+ 47.Kg4 gxf4 48.Bb2 f3 49.Kxf3 Kg5 50.Bc1+ Kh4 51.Kf4??**

[51.Bb2 Kxh3

A) 52.Kf4 Nd6 53.Bc1 *(53.Ke5 Nc4+-+)* 53...Kg2 54.Ke5 Nb5-+ The black king is heading towards the queenside, while its white counterpart is unable to make progress;

B) 52.b5!! Taking away the critical b5-square from the knight. Without it Black will be unable to prevent the invasion of the white king 52...cxb5 53.Kf4 Nd6 54.Bc1 Nc4 55.Kf5=]

51...Nxd4 52.Ke5 Nb5 53.Ke6 Nxa3! 54.Kd6

[54.Bxa3 d4 55.Kd6 d3 56.Bc1 a3-+]

54...Nc4+ 55.Kxc6 a3 56.Bxa3 Nxa3 57.Kxd5 b5

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□ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2594**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2674**
Aeroflot Open A 2020 (2.2) 20.02.2020
[Kapnisis, S, TA]*

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 7.Nxb5 Nb6 8.Be2 Nc6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Be3

[10.Na3 is not particularly dangerous for Black. Bxa3 Black should be happy to spoil White's pawn structure while leaving White with the rather passive Bc1. 11.bxa3 Bb7 12.Be3 Ne7 *(12...Qd5!? 13.Qc2 Ne7 14.Rfc1 Rb8 15.Ne1 Ba6∞)* 13.Nd2

A) 13...Ned5 14.Bf3∞ 1/2 (41) Gajewski,G (2599)-Wojtaszek,R (2750) Warsaw POL 2018 *(14.Bxc4!? Nxe3 15.fxe3 0-0 16.Bd3!? Qg5 17.Qe2 c5 18.Be4±)*;

B) 13...Nf5!? 14.Nxc4 0-0 White's extra pawn is of no significance in this position.]

[10.Qc2 a6! Putting immediate pressure on d4 is the easiest way to get a good game. *(10...0-0 11.Qe4* 0-1 (70) Abdusattorov,N (2594)-Maghsoodloo,P (2656) Abu Dhabi UAE 2019 *)* 11.Na3 *(11.Nc3 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Bf3 Rb8⇄)* 11...Bxa3 12.bxa3 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Be3 *(14.Bb2 Qc5∞)* 14...Qxe5 15.Bf3 Rb8 16.Rfe1 Qf6∞]

[10.b3 cxb3 11.axb3 Bb7 12.Ba3?! Exchanging the dark-squared bishops is not enough to prove an advantage. *(12.Qd2 Nd5∞)* 12...0-0!?∞ *(12...a6* 0-1 (91) Faizrakhmanov,R (2414)-Sarana,A (2510) Sochi 2017 *)*]

[10.Qd2 (GM Robert Hungaski) was discussed in Zhang,Z (2432)-Sethuraman,S (2638) Tianjin 2020 - see archive GM Robert Hungaski: 'was discussed in Zhang,Z (2432)-Sethuraman,S (2638) Tianjin 2020 - see archive']

10...0-0 11.Nc3

[11.Qd2 (GM Robert Hungaski) was discussed in Wojtaszek-Duda, Polish Championship 2018 - see archive GM Robert Hungaski: 'was discussed in Wojtaszek-Duda, Polish Championship 2018 - see archive']

11...Rb8 GM Robert Hungaski: 'This is Black's most flexible move. The rook will go to this square in the majority of cases, while it's not so clear that the bishop will always go to b7. As the following lines illustrate, we see the bishop developed to a6 in order to support the c4-pawn (especially in the cases where White plays with Na4)' GM Robert Hungaski: 'This is Black's most flexible move. The rook will go to this square in the majority of cases, while it's not so clear that the bishop will always go to b7. As the following lines illustrate, we see the bishop developed to a6 in order to support the c4-pawn (especially in the cases where White plays with Na4)' Keeps Black's options open

[11...Bb7 is less accurate since Black should keep his options (b7 and a6) open for his bishop.

A) 12.a3 Na5 13.Qc2 Nd5 14.Rad1 Nxe3 15.fxe3 c5 GM Robert Hungaski: '⇄' '⇄' '⇄' '⇄' GM Robert Hungaski: '1/2-1/2 (48) Keymer,V (2491)-Kovalev,V (2664) Douglas 2018' 16.d5 exd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.e4 Bxe4 19.Qxe4 Qc8 20.Bxc4 *(20.Nd2!?)*

20...Nxc4 21.Qxc4 Rb8= 1/2 (48) Keymer,V (2491)-Kovalev,V (2664) Douglas ENG 2018 *(21...a5!?)*;

B) 12.Qb1!? is an interesting idea that could be tested more.

B1) 12...Rb8!? 13.Ne4 h6;

B2) 12...Nb4!? 13.Rd1 GM Robert Hungaski Rb8 14.Ne4 *(14.a3?! N4d5 15.Ne4 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Na4∓)* 14...Na4 15.Bxc4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Nxb2 17.Rdc1 Nxc4 18.Rxc4 Qd5 19.Qxd5 Nxd5=;

B3) 12...a5 13.Rd1 *(13.Qe4!?)* 13...Nb4 14.Nd2 *(14.Ne4!?)* 14...Ba6 15.a3 N4d5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Qc2 Bb5 18.f4 Rb8∞ 1/2 (59) Hendri Sevano,R (1837)-De,G (2271) ICCF 2018;

C) 12.Qd2 GM Robert Hungaski Nb4 13.Rac1;

D) 12.Na4 GM Robert Hungaski: '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?'makes more sense here than against 11...Rb8 12...Na5 *(12...Rc8!?; 12...Nb4* GM Robert Hungaski *13.Nxb6 axb6 14.Bxc4±)*

D1) 13.Bd2 Bc6 *(13...Nc6!?; 13...Qe8!?)* 14.Bxa5 Bxa4 15.Qd2 Qd5 16.Bb4 Bxb4 17.Qxb4∞ 1/2 (51) Sjugirov,S (2650)-Grachev,B (2654) Sochi RUS 2017 a5 GM Robert Hungaski 18.Qc3 Rfd8 19.Rfc1 Bb5 20.Qa3 h6 21.b3 c6= 1/2-1/2 (51) Sjugirov,S (2650)-Grachev,B (2654) Sochi 2017 GM Robert Hungaski: '1/2-1/2 (51) Sjugirov,S (2650)-Grachev,B (2654) Sochi 2017';

D2) 13.Nc5!? GM Robert Hungaski;

D3) 13.Qd2 Nxa4 14.Qxa5 Nxb2 *(14...Nb6!?)* 15.Rab1 c3 16.Qxc3 Na4 17.Qc2 Nb6 18.Rfc1 *(18.Bd3)* 18...Ba3 19.Ng5 g6 20.Rd1 Rb8 21.Ne4 *(21.Bd3!?±)* 21...Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Qe7? *(22...Nd5 23.Qd3±)* 23.Qd3 *(23.Bh6! Rfd8 24.Qe3! Nd5 25.Qg3±)* 23...Nd5± 0-1 (36) Xu,Y (2548)-Maghsoodloo,P (2665) Xingtai CHN 2019]

[11...Nb4 1/2 (36) Xu,Y (2565)-Kovalev,V (2661) Qingdao CHN 2019]

12.b3!? GM Robert Hungaski: 'N!' 'N!' 'N!' 'N!' GM Robert Hungaski: 'This is the "new" idea of the position. It is actually analogous to what was played in the Zhang-Sethuraman game (the annotated game can be found in the archive). However, this is a more favorable version since on that occasion White mixed the idea of Qd2-f4 with the opening of the queenside. It's not that this is necessarily the best move in the position, but it seems to be the best version of the b2-b3 idea' GM Robert Hungaski: 'This is the "new" idea of the position. It is actually analogous to what was played in the Zhang-Sethuraman game (the annotated game can be found in the archive). However, this is a more favorable version since on that occasion White mixed the idea of Qd2-f4 with the opening of the queenside. It's not that this is necessarily the best move in the position, but it seems to be the best version of the b2-b3 idea'An interesting idea especially now that Black has moved his rook from a8 and the pawn on a7 can be a potential target.

[GM Robert Hungaski: 'I'm generally

not a fan of weakening the b-file by means of a2-a3. However, some strong players have chosen this approach' GM Robert Hungaski: 'I'm generally not a fan of weakening the b-file by means of a2-a3. However, some strong players have chosen this approach' 12.a3 White covers b4 so that he can place his queen on c2. Bb7 13.Qc2 Na5 14.Rad1 *(14.Nd2 Qd7)*

A) 14...Qd7 Allowing ♘g5 is not something that should worry Black. 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 h6 17.Bc1 *(17.Be3 Nd5∞)* 17...Rfd8∞ *(17...Nc6 18.Qe4)*;

B) 14...h6 15.Nd2 Qd7 16.f4 White's approach is probably not the best *(16.Nde4!? Nd5)* 16...Nd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Qc3 *(18.f5 exf5 19.Rxf5 Qe6⇄* With the d4 pawn blocked White achieves nothing special from the opening of the f file.*)* 18...Rb5 GM Robert Hungaski: '⇄' ' ⇄' '⇄' '⇄' GM Robert Hungaski: 'was comfortable for Black in the game Mamedyarov,S (2801)-Caruana,F (2822) Saint Louis 2018 - see archive' GM Robert Hungaski: 'was comfortable for Black in the game Mamedyarov,S (2801)-Caruana,F (2822) Saint Louis 2018 - see archive' 19.Nxc4 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 Bxc4 21.Qxc4 Rxb2 22.d5 exd5 23.Rxd5 Qf5= ½-½ (61) Mamedyarov,S (2801)-Caruana,F (2822) Saint Louis 2018]

[GM Robert Hungaski: 'Another ill-fated attempt at the b2-b3 break went' 12.Rc1 Nb4

A) 13.Qd2 Bb7 *(13...Ba6!?)* 14.b3 cxb3 15.axb3 N6d5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5∞ 1/2 (40) Sarana,A (2641)-Alekseenko,K (2650) Yaroslavl RUS 2019;

B) 13.b3 (GM Robert Hungaski) if White is going to play this way, then it makes more sense to keep the rook on a1 GM Robert Hungaski: 'if White is going to play this way, then it makes more sense to keep the rook on a1' cxb3 14.axb3 Bb7 15.Nd2 N6d5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Ra1

B1) 17...c5!? 18.dxc5 Qc7∞;

B2) 17...a5!? 18.Rxa5 c5 19.Rxc5 *(19.Ra1? cxd4 20.Bxd4 Bxg2-+)* 19...Bxc5 20.dxc5 Qc7 21.Nc4 Nc6 22.f4 Rfd8 23.Nd6 Rxb3∓;

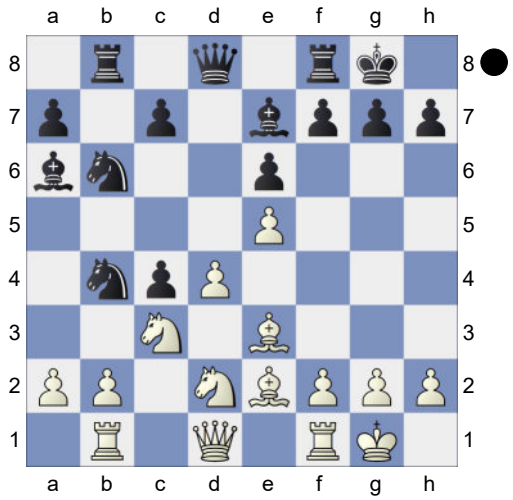
B3) 17...Rb7 18.Nc4 Qd7 19.Na5 Rbb8 20.Nc4 Qc6∞ 0-1 (76) Efremov,V (2137) - Schekachikhin,M (2400) St Petersburg 2019 GM Robert Hungaski: '0-1 (76) Efremov,V (2137) -Schekachikhin,M (2400) St Petersburg 2019';

C) 13.Nd2

C1) 13...Nd3 14.Rc2 *(14.Rb1!? Ba6* GM Robert Hungaski: '∞' '∞' '∞' ' ∞ ' *15.b3)* 14...Nb4 15.Rc1 Nd3 16.Rc2 Nb4 17.Rc1 Nd3 1/2 (17) Zhou Jianchao (2608)-Anton Guijarro,D (2678) Changsha CHN 2019 GM Robert Hungaski: '1/2-1/2 (17) Zhou,J (2608)-Anton Guijarro,D (2678) Changsha 2019' GM Robert Hungaski: '1/2-1/2 (17) Zhou,J (2608)-Anton Guijarro,D (2678) Changsha 2019';

C2) 13...Ba6 14.Rb1 *(14.b3 cxb3 15.Bxa6 b2!? 16.Rb1 Nxa6 17.Qg4 Kh8 18.Rxb2*

c5∞)



14...N6d5! Sacrificing the pawn on c4 is once again the correct way to play. 15.Nxd5 *(15.Nxc4 Nxe3 16.fxe3 c5⩱; 15.Bxc4 Nxe3 16.fxe3 c5⩱; 15.Nde4 Nxe3 16.fxe3 c5! 17.dxc5 Qc7∓)* 15...exd5 *(15...Qxd5!? 16.a3 Nd3∞)* 16.a3 *(16.b3? c3 17.Bxa6 c2∓* 0-1 (47) Dam,J (2028)-Binas,J (2175) ICCF 2019 *)* 16...Nd3 17.b3 c5∞]

[12.Na4 Ba6 13.Rc1 *(13.Nc5? Bxc5 14.dxc5 Qxd1 15.Rfxd1 Nd5∓)*

A) 13...Nxa4 14.Qxa4 Bb5 15.Qc2 1/2 (44) Maki Uuro,M (2331)-Svane,R (2597) Zurich SUI 2019 *(15.Qd1!?)* 15...Nb4 GM Robert Hungaski 16.Qe4 Qd5 *(16...Nxa2!? 17.Ra1 Nb4 18.Rxa7 Nd5∞)* 17.Qg4 f5 *(17...Kh8!?)* 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Ne5 Nd3 20.Bf3 *(20.Nxd3 cxd3 21.Bf3 Qxa2 22.Rxc7↑)* 20...Nxe5 21.Bxd5 Nxg4 22.Bxe6+ Kh8 23.Bxg4 c3⇄ 1/2-1/2 (44) Maki Uuro,M (2331)-Svane,R (2597) Zurich SUI 2019;

B) 13...Nb4!? GM Robert Hungaski: 'does not allow the white queen to swing over to the kingside so easily' GM Robert Hungaski: 'does not allow the white queen to swing over to the kingside so easily' is a possible improvement. 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.Bxc4 Bxc4 16.Rxc4 b5! Black is fine]

[12.Qb1 Nd5!?

A) 13.Bd2 Ba6∞ *(13...f5!?)*;

B) 13.Nxd5 exd5∞]

[If White is going to play for a2-a3, then the queen usually goes to c2 GM Robert Hungaski: 'If White is going to play for a2-a3, then the queen usually goes to c2' 12.Qd2 GM Robert Hungaski Bb7

A) 13.Rac1 Nb4 14.Rfd1 GM Robert Hungaski: '- 11...Rb8' N4d5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Qc2 Qc8 17.Nd2 Qb7 18.f3 Rfc8 19.Ne4

A1) 19...Nd7!? 20.Bxc4 *(20.Rd2 c5⇄)* 20...Bxc4 21.Qxc4 Qxb2=;

A2) 19...Bc6 20.Rb1 Nd5 21.Bd2 Qb6∓ 1/2-1/2 (28) Krstulovic,A (2324)-Stoyanov,T (2377) Corum TUR 2019;

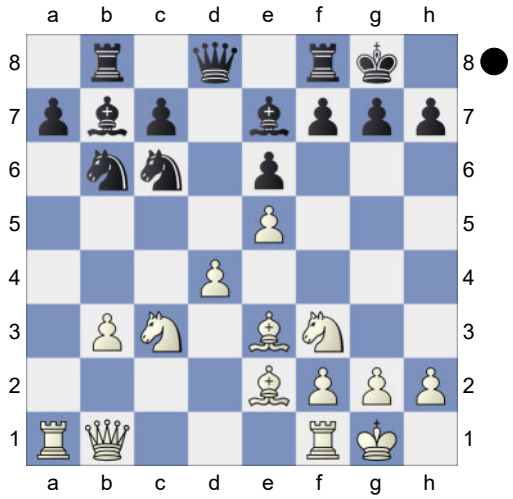
B) 13.a3 Na5 14.Rad1

B1) Black can also try the dynamic approach based on ...f7-f5, but this is not without risks GM Robert Hungaski: 'Black can also try the dynamic approach based on ...f7-f5, but this is not without risks' 14...Kh8 15.Qc2 f5 16.exf6 gxf6 17.Nd2 Rg8 *(17...f5!?)* 18.Bf3 Bxf3 19.Nxf3 Qe8 20.Bf4 Qc6 21.Bg3 Nd5 22.Rfe1± 1-0 (38) Storey,C (2282)-Duran Vega,S (2387) Barcelona 2019;

B2) 14...Qd7 15.Qc2 Nd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Nd2 Qc6⇄

following in Caruana's footsteps would have given Black nothing to complain about thanks to the pressure on White's backward pawn on b2 GM Robert Hungaski: 'following in Caruana's footsteps would have given Black nothing to complain about thanks to the pressure on White's backward pawn on b2']

12...cxb3 13.axb3 Bb7 14.Qb1 GM Robert Hungaski: 'Here we encounter another interesting way of swinging the queen over to the kingside. White has achieved good harmony in his position and now proceeds to play on both sides of the board' GM Robert Hungaski: 'Here we encounter another interesting way of swinging the queen over to the kingside. White has achieved good harmony in his position and now proceeds to play on both sides of the board'



14...Ra8? An instructive mistake. Black loses a vital tempo to protect a7 so that he can play ♘b4. Certainly, it was better to sacrifice the pawn.

[GM Robert Hungaski: 'It's always wise to consider moves that prevent the white queen from joining the kingside. Even at the cost of a pawn...' GM Robert Hungaski: 'It's always wise to consider moves that prevent the white queen from joining the kingside. Even at the cost of a pawn...' 14...Nb4!

A) 15.Rxa7 N6d5

A1) 16.Bd2 c5⩱;

A2) 16.Ne4 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Qd5!? *(17...Bd5⩱)* 18.Nc3 *(18.Nfd2* GM Robert Hungaski *c5 19.Bf3 Qd8 20.Nxc5 Bxc5 21.Rxb7 Bxd4! 22.exd4 Qxd4+ 23.Rf2 Nd3∓)* 18...Qd7 19.e4 Rfd8⩱;

A3) 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Ra1 *(17.Nd2* GM Robert Hungaski *Ra8 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.f3 Qa7 20.Rc1 Ra8⩱)* 17...Qd7⩱ Black's active pieces provide adequate compensation. *(17...Qc8!?)*;

B) 15.Ne4 is a more challenging move. 15...h6

B1) 16.Rxa7 Bd5⩱ *(16...Nc6!?)*;

B2) 16.Rc1 a5!?

B2a) 17.Rxa5 Ra8 18.Rxa8 Qxa8

B2a1) 19.Nc5 Na2 *(19...Bxc5 20.Rxc5 Be4 21.Qd1 N6d5⩱)* 20.Rc2 Nb4 21.Rd2 Bxc5 22.dxc5 N6d5⩱;

B2a2) 19.Ng3 Rc8⩱;

B2b) 17.Nc5 Bd5 *(17...Bxc5 18.Rxc5 N6d5 19.Raxa5 Ne7±)* 18.Rxa5 Nd7⩱]

[14...a5 15.Qe4 Nb4 16.Qg4 Kh8 is playable as well]

15.Qe4! Qd7 16.Rfd1

[16.Qg4 GM Robert Hungaski Kh8 *(16...Rfd8 17.Bh6 g6 18.Rfd1 Nb4*

19.Ng5 N6d5 20.Nce4) 17.Qh5 *(17.Rac1 Nb4 18.Rfd1; 17.Bd3 Nb4 18.Bb1 f5 19.exf6 gxf6 20.Qh3 f5 21.Ne5 Qe8)* 17...f5 18.exf6 gxf6 19.Bd3 *(19.Nh4 Rg8 20.Bf3 Qe8 21.Qxe8 Rgxe8 22.Nb5±)*]

16...Nd5 GM Robert Hungaski: 'Black takes extreme measures to keep the white queen in check'Allowing 17.♘xd5 exd5 is a sign that things haven't gone great for Black in the opening.

[16...Rfd8 17.Bd3 g6 18.Ng5 White's attack on the kingside seems unstoppable.]

17.Bd3

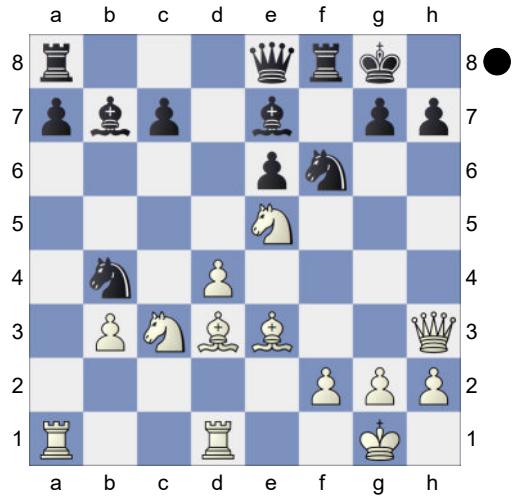
[GM Robert Hungaski: 'White could have also changed the pawn structure in a favorable way after' 17.Nxd5!? exd5 *(17...Qxd5* GM Robert Hungaski *18.Qg4→)* 18.Qf4± White has attacking prospects on the kingside while Black has problems finding any source of counterplay. Bc8 GM Robert Hungaski 19.Rac1 Nb4 20.Bd2 c6 21.Qg3 a5 *(21...Qg4 22.Bxb4 Qxg3 23.hxg3 Bxb4 24.Rxc6±)* 22.h3±]

17...f5 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Qh4 Nb4 20.Ne5 Qe8 21.Qh3 GM Robert Hungaski: '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' GM Robert Hungaski: 'Giving up the light-squared bishop can hardly be the best way of keeping the initiative on the kingside, even if this does win a pawn' GM Robert Hungaski: 'Giving up the light-squared bishop can hardly be the best way of keeping the initiative on the kingside, even if this does win a pawn'

[21.Bg5 Nxd3 22.Rxd3 Bd6 23.Re1!?± *(23.Rh3 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Qc6 25.Rg3±)*]

[21.Bb5!? c6 *(21...Qh5* GM Robert Hungaski *22.Qxh5 Nxh5 23.Bc4 Bd5 24.Nxd5 exd5 25.Be2±)* 22.Bc4 Nfd5 23.Qg3 Nxc3 24.Bh6 Bf6 25.Qxc3 is another good choice for White, but difficult to find during the game.]

[21.Bb1!? GM Robert Hungaski Qh5 22.Qxh5 Nxh5 23.g3±]



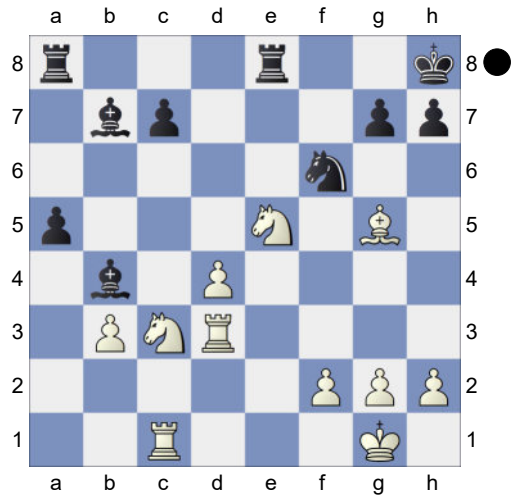
21...Nxd3! Black correctly sacrifices the pawn on e6 to get the bishop pair.

[21...Bd6 22.Bb5±]

22.Qxe6+ Kh8 23.Rxd3 a5

[23...Bb4 24.Qxe8 Rfxe8±]

24.Bg5 Bb4 25.Qxe8 Rfxe8 26.Rc1



Bxc3? GM Robert Hungaski: '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' GM Robert Hungaski: 'Black returns the favor and willingly surrenders the

bishop pair, when it is precisely this that gives him good compensation in the endgame' GM Robert Hungaski: 'Black returns the favor and willingly surrenders the bishop pair, when it is precisely this that gives him good compensation in the endgame' A mistake based probably on miscalculation. Black should have kept his dark-squared bishop and exchanged knights with ♘e4.

[26...Ne4 27.Nxe4 Bxe4 28.Rg3 *(28.Rdd1 Bd5⩱)* 28...h6 29.Be3 Rac8± Black's bishop pair gives him good drawing chances.]

27.Rdxc3 Ne4

[27...Nd5 28.Rc5±]

28.Rxc7 Bd5 29.Be7

[29.Bf4!? Bxb3 30.Nd7!± The presense of opposite-coloured bishops gives White the chance to organise an attack against the black king.]

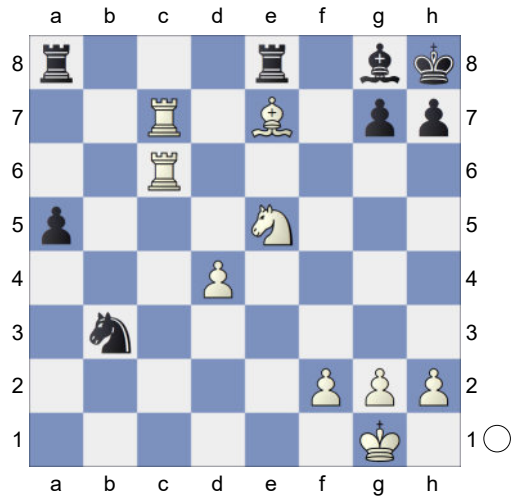
29...Bxb3?! GM Robert Hungaski: 'Black must have placed all his hopes on the outside passer. However, after White's next move Black is forced to embrace a bad trade that lands him in a hopelessly passive position' GM Robert Hungaski: 'Black must have placed all his hopes on the outside passer. However, after White's next move Black is forced to embrace a bad trade that lands him in a hopelessly passive position'

[29...Nd2! was more stubborn 30.R1c5!

A) 30...Bg8 31.R5c6!

A1) 31...Bxb3 32.f3+- *(32.d5 Bxd5 33.Rd6 Rab8 34.f3 Rb5 35.Ng4! a4 36.Bf6+-)* 32...a4 33.Bb4! Nb1 34.Rc1+-;

A2) 31...Nxb3



32.Rh6!+- A beautiful picture;

B) 30...Bxb3 31.d5 a4 32.d6+-]

30.f3! Nf6

[30...Nd2 31.Bg5+-]

31.Bxf6 gxf6 32.Nd7 GM Robert Hungaski: '+-' '+-' '+-' '+-' GM Robert Hungaski: 'The knights creates numerous threats that prevent Black from ever pushing his passed pawn' GM Robert Hungaski: 'The knights creates numerous threats that prevent Black from ever pushing his passed pawn'

32...Ra6

[32...a4 GM Robert Hungaski 33.Nxf6+-]

33.Nc5 Rb6 34.Rb1 Re3

[34...a4 GM Robert Hungaski 35.Nxa4+-]

35.d5! f5 36.Rxb3 Rexb3 37.Nxb3 A very nice and accurate game by the young Armenian grandmaster.

37...Rxb3N GM Robert Hungaski **38.d6 Rd3 39.d7+-** 1-0 (39) Sargsyan,S (2594)-Maghsoodloo,P (2674) Moscow 2020 CBM 199 [Kapnisis, Spryidon]

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318 **B06**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2770**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2674**
Gibraltar Masters 18th (10) 30.01.2020
[Krasenkow,M, TA]

1.d4 d6 2.e4 g6 3.c3 Nd7
[RR 3...b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.Nf3 Nd7 6.0-0 e5 7.Re1 Ngf6 8.Nbd2 Bg7 9.a4 a6 10.Nc4 Qe7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 0-0 13.Qc2 Rfe8 14.Ne3 Qf8 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.f3 Rae8 18.Bc4 Dreev,A (2689)-Berry,J (2255) Playchess.com INT 2004 ½-½ (39)]
[RR 3...Nf6 4.Bd3 c6 5.Nf3 b5 6.a4 bxa4 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Re1 0-0 9.h3 Ba6 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.Qxa4 Nb8 12.e5 Nd5 13.exd6 exd6 14.Bg5 Qc8 15.Nbd2 Nd7 16.Qa3 c5 17.Nc4 Qc6 18.Na5 Quirke,J (1992)-Goh,Z (2306) Chess.com INT 2024 ½-½ (102)]
4.Bb5N
[RR 4.Be3 e5 5.dxe5 dxe5 6.Bc4 Ngf6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Nbd2 h6 9.h3 Qe7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 Kh8 12.Nh2 Nh5 13.Nb3 Nf4 14.Kh1 h5 15.Bxf4 exf4 16.Nd4 Ne5 17.Be2 c5 18.Ndf3 Nxf3 Van Rahden,A-Wuttig, M Friedersdorf 1995 ½-½ (48)]
[RR 4.f4 e5 5.Nf3 exf4 6.Bxf4 Bg7 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bb3 Nf6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.0-0 Qe8 11.Qe1 Nh5 12.Be3 h6 13.Qf2 a5 14.a3 a4 15.Ba2 Nf6 16.Qh4 Ng4 17.Bf4 h5 18.Bg5 Kh8 Fodre,S (2279)-Mate,B (2218) Hungary 2000 1-0]
4...a6 5.Ba4 b5 6.Bc2 Bg7 7.Ne2 e5 8.0-0 Ngf6 9.a4 bxa4 About this line - see CBM 182, annotations to Ding Liren - Aronian by GM Alex Yermolinsky. **10.Nd2!?N** A new idea **10...0-0** Black decides to reply in the same manner as after 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3; however, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave plays differently. **11.Bxa4 Bb7 12.Bc2! Re8 13.f3**
[13.d5]
13...Nb6 14.Nb3 Nh5 15.Na5 Qc8 This position could have happened in Ding-Aronian, too - see above. **16.g4 Nf6?!** Too humble. **17.Be3 d5 18.dxe5±** White's double pawns is an insufficient compensation for Black's material deficit although it requires a lot of work from White to convert his extra pawn. **18...Rxe5 19.Bd4 Re8 20.Bxb6**
[20.Ng3]
20...cxb6 21.Nxb7! Qxb7 22.g5 Nh5 An attempt to keep the position closed but almost all Black's pawns are now on light squares, which is a good news for White's light-squared bishop. **23.exd5**
[23.Bb3 dxe4 24.fxe4]
23...Rad8
[23...Qe7! 24.Be4 Qxg5+ 25.Kh1 Nf6]
24.Bb3!?
[24.Be4]
24...Qe7 25.Rf2?! Qxg5+?! 26.Kf1! White must create weaknesses in Black's camp. **26...a5 27.Ra4 Bf8 28.Rg4 Qe7 29.Re4 Qd7 30.Ng3**
[30.Nd4]
30...Qh3+?! 31.Ke2
[31.Rg2 Rxe4 32.fxe4 *(32.Nxe4 Nf4 33.Ke1 Qxg2)*]
31...Nxg3+ 32.hxg3 Qxg3? This move, weakening the c6 square, worsens Black's position. **33.Qh1**
[33.Qd3]
33...Bc5 34.Rh2 Rxe4+ Black decides to wait but it doesn't help anymore. **35.fxe4 Qe3+ 36.Kd1** Probably premature. **36...Qd3+ 37.Ke1 Qb1+**

[37...Bd6 38.Rh3 Bg3+ 39.Rxg3 Qxg3++- 40.Kd1!? a4!?]
38.Bd1 Re8 39.Re2 Qd3?! Another passive move.
[39...Bd6 40.Qf3 was much simpler. b5]
40.Bc2 Qg3+ 41.Kd1 h5 42.Qe1 Qg4 43.Bd3 h4 44.Kc2 g5
[44...Bd6]
45.e5 Qa4+ 46.Kb1 b5 Too late.
[46...Qf4]
47.Re4 b4 48.Qe2 Qd7 49.Bb5 Qe7
[49...Qd8 50.Qh5 bxc3 51.Bxe8 Qxd5
A) 52.Qxg5+ Kf8 53.Bc6 *(53.Qxh4+- Qd3+ 54.Ka2 Qd2 55.Qh8+ Ke7 56.Qf6+ Kxe8 57.Qc6+ Kd8)*
A1) 53...Qxc6 54.Rxh4 *(54.Qxh4 Qb6 55.Qh8+ Ke7+-* or *56.Qf6+ Qxf6 57.exf6+!* (the key move, cutting off Black's king) *Kxf6)* 54...Ke8 55.bxc3;
A2) 53...Qd1+ 54.Ka2 c2;
B) 52.Bxf7+ Qxf7 53.Qxg5+ Qg7]
50.Bxe8
[50.d6 Qe6 51.Bxe8 Qxe8 52.Qg4]
50...Qxe8 51.Qh5 Qe7 52.e6
[52.cxb4 Bxb4 53.Re2]
52...f6
[52...Qf6 53.exf7+ Kg7]
53.Qg6+ Kf8
[53...Kh8]
54.Qh6+
[54.Rc4 Qg7 55.Qh5]
54...Ke8 55.Qh8+
[55.cxb4 axb4 56.Rc4]
55...Qf8 56.Qh7 Qe7 57.Qg6+
[57.Qg8+ Qf8 58.Qg6+ Kd8 59.cxb4 axb4 *(59...Bxb4 60.Rc4 Qd6 61.Qxf6+ Qe7 62.Qd4)* 60.Rc4]
57...Kd8
[57...Kf8 58.Rc4 Qg7]
58.Qg8+ Qf8 59.e7+ Bxe7 60.Qe6 f5
[60...Bd6 61.Rc4 Bc5]
61.Rc4 Bc5 62.Qc6 Bd6
[62...Qd6 63.Rxc5 Qxc6
A) 64.Rxc6 bxc3 65.Rf6 *(65.Rxc3 g4)* 65...f4;
B) 64.dxc6 White wins the d5 pawn and the game, although it takes over 30 more moves. 64...h3
B1) 65.Rxa5 g4 66.Ra8+ *(66.cxb4 h2 67.Ra8+ Kc7)* 66...Kc7;
B2) 65.Rxf5 g4]
63.Qc8+ Under time pressure White fails to calculate **63...Ke7 64.Qe6+ Kd8 65.Rc8#**
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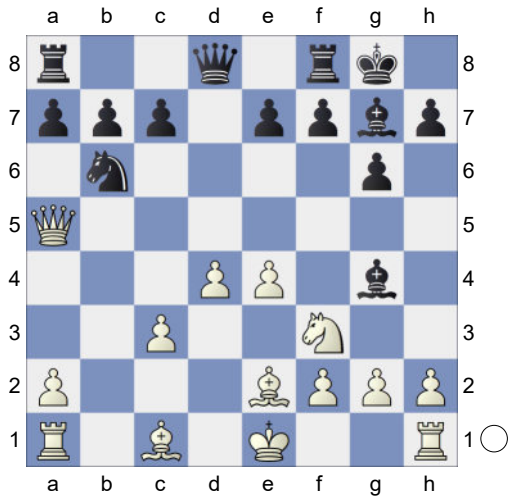
319 **D85**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2674**
■ **Paravyan,D** **2629**
Gibraltar Masters 2020 (6.2) 26.01.2020
[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Qa4+ Nd7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Be2 Nb6 10.Qa5
[RR 10.Qb4 Qd6 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Be3 Qxb4 13.cxb4 Bc6 14.Nd2 f5 15.f3 Rfd8 16.b5 Be8 17.Nb3 Bf7 18.Rac1 fxe4 19.fxe4 Bxb3 20.axb3 Bxd4 21.Bxd4 Rxd4 22.Rxc7 Rxe4 23.Bf3 Re3 24.b4 Rf8 Yu,Y (2763)-Wei,Y (2721) Khanty-Mansiysk 2019 ½-½ (36)]
10...Bg4 Diagram
[10...Bd7 - 134/(153)]

(Diagram)



11.0-0N

[11.Qg5 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 e5 13.Qxd8 Rfxd8 14.Bg5 Rd6 15.d5 c6∓]

[11.Bg5 Qe8 12.Rb1 e5 13.dxe5 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qxe5 15.Qxe5 Bxe5=]

11...Qc8N

[11...e5!?

A) 12.dxe5 Bxf3 13.gxf3 *(13.Bxf3 Re8=)* 13...Qh4 14.Qc5 Rfe8 15.f4 Bh6 16.Qe3 Rxe5∞;

B) 12.d5

B1) 12...f5 13.Bd1! Nc4 *(13...h6 14.Nd2 Bxd1 15.Rxd1 Rf7 16.Ba3±; 13...fxe4 14.Ng5 Bxd1 15.Rxd1±)* 14.Qb4 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Nd6;

B2) 12...Nc8 13.h3

B2a) 13...b6 14.Qa4 Bd7 15.Bb5 *(15.Qc2 Nd6 16.Bd3 f5∞)* 15...Bxb5 16.Qxb5 Nd6 17.Qe2 Qd7 18.a4±;

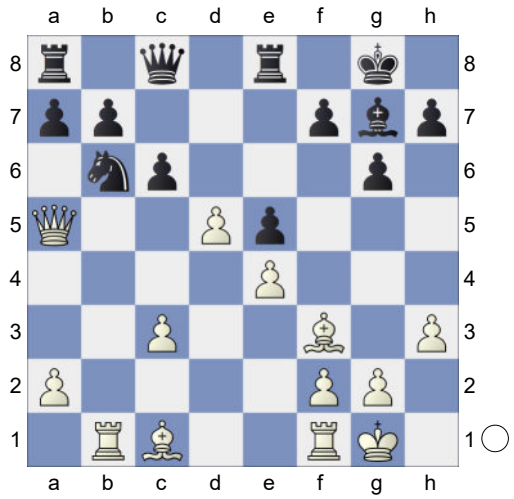
B2b) 13...Bd7 14.c4 b6 15.Qc3 Nd6 16.Nd2 f5 17.Ba3±]

[RR 11...c5 12.Qxc5 Na4 13.Qb4 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Nxc3 15.e5 Rc8 16.Ba3 b5 17.Bg4 Rc4 18.Qxe7 Qxd4 19.Bd1 b4 20.Bb2 Bxe5 21.Bxc3 bxc3 22.Bb3 Rc7 23.Qa3 c2 24.Rac1 Rfc8 25.g3 Bg7 26.Kg2 Aravindakshan,S (2003)-Nasta,K (2148) New York 2024 0-1 (42)]

[RR 11...e5 12.dxe5 Re8 13.Rd1 Qc8 14.Bf4 Bxf3 15.gxf3 c5 16.Bg3 Bxe5 17.Rab1 h5 18.Kg2 Re6 19.Rd2 Qf8 20.Rbd1 Qe7 21.h4 g5 22.hxg5 Rg6 23.f4 Bxf4 24.Bxf4 Qxe4+ 25.Kg3 h4+ 26.Kh3 Sarana,A (2691)-Donchenko,A (2616) Samarkand 2025 ½-½ (36)]

12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 e5 14.d5 c6 15.Rb1± Re8 Diagram

[15...cxd5 16.exd5 Rd8 17.Bg5 Rd7 18.Rfd1±]



16.d6?!

[16.Bg4! f5 17.Be2 *(17.exf5 gxf5 18.Bh5 Rd8 19.dxc6 Qxc6 20.Bg5 Rd5 21.Qb4±)* 17...cxd5 18.exd5 e4 19.d6 Qxc3 20.Qxc3 Bxc3 21.Rd1 Bf6 22.d7 Red8 23.Bb5± Kf7 *(23...a6?! 24.Be3 axb5 25.Bxb6 Rf8 26.Bc5 Rfd8 27.Rxb5+-)* 24.Be3±]

16...Bf8 17.Bg4 Qd8 18.d7 Nxd7 19.Qxd8 Raxd8 20.Rxb7

[⌓20.Bg5 f6 21.Rfd1 Nc5 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Bxf6 Re8 24.Bd1 b6 25.Bc2 Kf7 26.Bg5 Ne6 27.Bb3 Be7=]

20...Nc5 21.Rc7 Nxe4 22.Rxc6 h5

[⌓22...Rd3 23.Re1 Nxc3 *(23...Rxc3 24.Rxc3 Nxc3 25.Bd2 Nxa2 26.Ra1 Nb4 27.Rxa7 Nd3∓)* 24.Re3 Rxe3 25.Bxe3 Nxa2 26.Bxa7 Nb4∓]

23.Bf3 Nd2= 24.Re1 Nxf3+ 25.gxf3 Rc8 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Rxe5 Bg7 28.Ra5 Bxc3 29.Ra6 Bd4 30.Be3 Bxe3 31.fxe3

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320 **B06**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2664**

■ **Chigaev,Maksim** **2644**

FIDE World Cup 2019 (1.2) 11.09.2019

[Justin Tan,TA]

I've often wondered about the silly question: what is the best way to deal with the 'hippopotamus'? Iranian prodigy, Parham Maghsoodloo may have answered my question... **1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.Bf4**

[RR 6.0-0 Ne7 7.Bg5 h6 8.Be3 b6 9.a4 a5 10.Qd2 Bb7 11.Ne1 f5 12.f3 Nf6 13.Bb5+ Bc6 14.Bxc6+ Nxc6 15.d5 exd5 16.Nxd5 Ne7 17.c4 Kf7 18.Nd3 Qd7 19.Nxf6 Bxf6 20.Bxh6 Nc6 Karpov,A (2720)-Spassky,B (2625) Hamburg 1982 1-0]

[RR 6.Be3 Ne7 7.Qd2 h6 8.h3 a6 9.0-0 b6 10.Rfe1 Bb7 11.Rad1 f5 12.exf5 Nxf5 13.Bf4 0-0 14.Be3 Qf6 15.Nh2 Kh7 16.Bf3 d5 17.Ne2 ½-½ (17) Belin,A (1891)-Zweschper,E (1999) Germany 2024]

6...Ne7 7.Qd2 h6 8.h4 b6N

[RR 8...a6 9.a4 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Rfe1 Kf8 12.Rad1 Kg8 13.Bd3 Nc6 14.e5 dxe5 15.dxe5 Nc5 16.Qe3 Qe7 17.Be4 a5 18.b3 Rf8 19.Rd2 f5 20.exf6 Qxf6 21.Bxc6 Bxc6 22.Be5 Qe7 23.Bxg7 Estrada Nieto,J (2329)-Tobar,J (2016) Cali 2010 1-0 (32)]

[RR 8...a6 9.a4 b6 10.e5 d5 11.Nd1 c5 12.c3 Nc6 13.Ne3 Bb7 14.Bd3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Qe7 16.Nc2 Na5 17.Qe2 Rc8 18.0-0 0-0 19.Qe3 Nc4 20.Qc1 Kh7 21.h5 Rc7 22.g4 Rfc8 23.Kg2 Potkin,V (2552)-Azimi,R (2144) Warsaw 2005 1-0]

9.0-0 Bb7 10.Rad1 a6 11.Rfe1 Qb8?

It's astonishing that such dubious chess would feature in the classical portion of any of the World Cup matches. Black surely had better ways to play for a win than to play for a loss?!

[11...Kf8?! is sometimes employed as a way to artificially castle. White may as well pre-empt this with 12.Bd3 Kg8 13.Ne2 Kh7 14.h5 Rf8 15.hxg6+ fxg6 *(15...Nxg6?! 16.Ng3)* 16.Bg3 e5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Qc3± Once the position opens up in the centre, Black is usually struggling.]

[11...Nf6 is provocative, but perhaps best. 12.e5 *(12.Bd3 Nh5* 1-0 (57) Oliveira,D (2105)-Wallach,N (2165) WC-2017-Q-00001 2014 *13.Bh2* is likely to transpose, albeit with even more shuffling. *0-0 14.Qe2 Nf6 15.e5 Ng4 16.Bf4 Nf5 17.h5 g5 18.Bc1)* 12...Ng4 Now logical is to shuffle the pieces around a little. Note that in closed positions, loss of tempi is not a huge deal. 13.Bd3 0-0 14.Qe2 Nf5 15.h5 g5 16.Bc1 Black now must go in for Nxd4! 17.Nxd4 Nxe5 18.Be4 *(18.Ne4↑)* 18...d5 19.Nf3 Nc6 *(19...Nd7 20.Nxd5! exd5 21.Bxd5+-)* 20.Bd3 Re8 21.Qd2 when it is understandable that Black doesn't

have quite enough compensation. Then again you can easily imagine the tables turning after f5 ...Qf6, and so on.]

12.a4 Qa7 White has optimised his position. What next? **13.e5!** In light of White's forthcoming knight manoeuvre, this change in structure is favourable one. **13...d5 14.Bf1 Qb8 15.Ne2 c5 16.c3 c4 17.Ng3 Qc7 18.Nh2!** The key manoeuvre in White's game plan, loading up several pieces against the weak h6-pawn. **18...Nf5?!** After this anti-positional move, Black's king was not safe on any part of the board.

[The issue is that 18...Nc6 19.Ng4 also looks grim.]

[18...h5 feels cooperative, although it was possibly the most tenacious out of Black's options. 19.Bg5 Nc6 20.Ne2 (hinting at g4 one day) Nf8!? and Black is still kicking as ...Nh7 will force the bishop off its desired course.]

19.Nxf5 gxf5 20.Be2 0-0-0 21.Nf1+- After having fulfilled its job on h2, the knight proceeds to eye-up the newly-created weakness on h5. **21...Rdg8 22.Ng3 Qd8 23.b3!** My old coach used to assert that one should 'crack from both sides', particularly the case in closed positions. **23...cxb3 24.c4** This should be close to winning and is definitely natural however my engine somewhat dislikes it.

[24.Rb1+-]

[24.Bh5]

24...dxc4 25.Bxc4 Kb8

[25...Bf8 26.d5 Nc5 27.d6 Rg4 28.Be2 *(28.f3 Rxh4 29.Nxf5 Rxf4 30.Qxf4 Qg5 31.Qxg5 hxg5 32.Nd4±)* 28...Rxh4 29.a5+-]

26.d5 Nc5 27.Qe3 Qxh4

[27...exd5 28.Nxf5 Ne6 29.Bxb3+-]

28.a5 Bf8?!

[28...Rc8 29.axb6 h5 30.Be2±]

29.Nxf5! Qg4

[29...exf5 30.e6+ Ka7 *(30...Ka8 31.exf7+-)* 31.axb6+ Kxb6 32.Rb1+-]

30.Ng3 b5

[30...h5 is also hopeless: 31.axb6 h4 32.dxe6 fxe6 33.Rd8+ Bc8 34.b7 Nxb7 35.Rxc8+ Kxc8 36.Bxa6 hxg3 37.Bxb7+ Kb8 38.Bf3+-]

31.Be2 Qh4 32.d6 Na4 33.Rc1! Rg4 34.Rc7 Power play! **34...Rxf4 35.Rec1 Rc4 36.R1xc4 bxc4 37.Bf3**

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321 **C16**

□ **Wagner,De** **2579**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2656**

Josef Kupper Mem 2019 (7.2) 18.08.19

[John Watson,TA]*

C16: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5: Lines without ...c5 **1.d4** John Watson John Watson **1...e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Qd7 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 b6 7.a4** 0.38/22 A little slow, but it does open up the idea of Ba3, prevent ..Qa4, and prepare a5. John Watson: 'A little slow, but it does open up the idea of Ba3, prevent ..Qa4, and prepare a5.'

[7.Qg4 f5 was last seen in the Archives game Jacobson-Abrahamyan, and this month we see it in the game Iruzubieta Villaluenga - Nieves Cabanes. John Watson: 'was last seen in the Archives game Jacobson-Abrahamyan, and this month we see it in the game Iruzubieta Villaluenga - Nieves Cabanes.']

[7.Qg4± 0.76/21 f5 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qg5]

7...Nc6!? 0.88/22

[7...Ba6 is the usual move here, e.g.,

A) 8.Bd3 0.15/23 8.Bxa6 0.82 Bxd3 9.cxd3 Ne7 10.Qg4!? *(10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 h6 12.Ba3)* 10...Nf5 11.Nf3 Nc6= Zhigalko,S (2665)-Kuzubov,Y (2633) Kharkov 2010 John Watson: 'Zhigalko,S (2665)-Kuzubov,Y (2633) Kharkov 2010' John Watson: 'Zhigalko,S (2665)-Kuzubov,Y (2633) Kharkov 2010';

B) 8.Bxa6 Nxa6

B1) 9.Qg4 f5 10.Qg3 *(10.Qh5+ g6 11.Qe2 Nb8 12.h4 h6 13.Nh3 Ne7 14.Nf4 Nbc6 15.Ba3 Rg8 16.Bb4 Kf7 17.0-0 Nxb4 18.cxb4 Qc6 19.Ra3 Qc4 20.Qxc4 dxc4 21.Rc3 Nd5 22.Nxd5 exd5 23.f4 c6 24.Kf2 a5* Sokolov,A (2600)-Vaganian,R (2595) URS-ch55 Moscow 1988 (9) 1/2-1/2*)* 10...Nb8 11.a5! Nc6 12.axb6 cxb6 13.Ba3 Na5∞;

B2) 9.Qd3 Nb8

B2a) 10.Qg3 f5 *(10...f6 11.Ne2 Nc6 12.0-0 fxe5 13.dxe5 Qf7 14.Nd4 Nge7 15.f4 0-0 16.Ba3 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Nf5 18.Qd3 Rfc8 19.g4 Qg6 20.h3 h5 21.g5 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.Rab1 c4 24.Qd2 c3 25.Qd3* Stoehr,H (2014)-Omelja,A (2439) Pfarrkirchen GER 2018 (5.3) 0-1 *)* 11.Ne2! Nc6 12.Nf4 And now Nxe6! would win. 0-0-0!? *(12...Kf7* 1.34/21 1 2 . . . 0 - 0 - 0 0 . 5 3 *13.Nh5)* 13.a5!? 0.08/22 *(13.0-0!± 0.53/22)* 13...Nxa5= 14.Rxa5 bxa5 15.Nd3! with attacking chances for the material, Fedorowicz,J (2520)-Seirawan, Y (2610) USA 1988 John Watson: 'with attacking chances for the material, Fedorowicz,J (2520)-Seirawan, Y (2610) USA 1988';

B2b) 10.a5 Ne7 11.Nf3 *(11.Nh3)* 11...Nbc6 12.axb6 cxb6 13.Ba3 Na5 *(13...h6 14.0-0 0-0=)* 14.Nd2 Rc8= Sutovsky,E (2673)-Antipov, M (2588) Caleta 2018 John Watson: 'Sutovsky,E (2673)-Antipov, M (2588) Caleta 2018']

[7...Ne7± 0.38/22]

[RR 7...Ba6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.cxd3 Ne7 10.Qg4 Nf5 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Qh5 Rg8 14.Bf4 0-0-0 15.g4 Nfe7 16.Bg3 Rdf8 17.0-0 Qe8 18.Qh3 Rh8 19.Rfe1 h5 20.gxh5 Nf5 21.Qg4 Rfg8 22.Kf1 Zhigalko,S (2665)-Kuzubov,Y (2633) Kharkov 2010 0-1 (47)]

8.h4N Some other examples:

[8.Bd3 Bb7 9.Nh3 *(9.Qh5!? 0-0-0 10.Nf3)*

A) 9...0-0-0 10.Qg4 0.15/20 *(10.Ba3± 0.63/19)* 10...f6!;

B) 9...0-0-0± 0.53/21 is superior.;

C) 9...Na5?! 0.92/21

C1) 10.Qg4! f5 1.51/20 *(⌓10...g6 0.84/22)* 11.Qh5+!± g6 12.Qh4±;

C2) 10.Nf4 0-0-0 11.0-0 Kb8 12.Qe2 Bc6 *(12...Nc4)* 13.Ba3 0.46/20 *(13.Rd1± 0.83/19)* 13...Bxa4? 1.66/21 *(13...Nc4!± 0.46/20)* 14.Bb4+- Nb7 1.83/21 *(14...Nc4±* 1.42/21 *)* 15.Ba6+-

Bc6 16.Ra2 g5 2.18/22 *(16...Ne7± 1.47/21* was worth a try. *17.Rfa1 Ng6)* 17.Nh5 Qe8 2.89/21 *(⌓17...f5 1.67/20 18.Rfa1 h6 19.Bxb7 Bxb7 20.Rxa7 Qe8)* 18.Rfa1 Kc8? 3.98/23 *(18...f6 2.39/20* keeps fighting. *19.exf6 Nd6)* 19.Qf3 h6 20.Bxb7+ Bxb7 21.Rxa7 Bc6? 7.74/22 *(21...Qc6 3.08/21 22.Qxf7 Qd7)* 22.Ng7+- Qd7 23.Qd3 b5 24.Qf1 f5 13.37/21 *(⌓24...Rh7* 5.06/19 *25.R1a6 Rxg7)* 25.R7a6 5.25/21 *(⌓25.R1a6* 13.37/21 Qa1! would kill now. *Bb7 26.Nxe6 Bxa6 27.Rxa6)* 25...Bb7 26.Nxe6 White threatens Nc5 and mate. Bxa6 27.Rxa6 1-0 Perez Mitjans, O (2457)-Gonzalez Rodriguez,J (2418) Barcelona 2011 John Watson: '1-0 Perez Mitjans,O (2457)-Gonzalez Rodriguez,J (2418) Barcelona 2011']

[8.Bb5!? Bb7 *(8...a6 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.Qg4 f5 11.Qh5+ Qf7 12.Qe2 Nge7 13.h4 Na5 14.Nh3 Kd7 15.h5 Rhe8 16.Ng5 Qg8 17.h6 g6 18.0-0 Kc8 19.Rb1 Nec6 20.Ba3 Kb8 21.Rb2 Ka7 22.Rfb1 Rac8 23.Bb4 Rcd8 24.Ra2 Ra8* Fuchs,R-Szilagyi, G 4/409 Debrecen 1967 0-1*)* 9.Ba3 0.53/21 *(9.Nh3; 9.Nh3±* 0.90/20 *)* 9...a6± 10.Bd3 0-0-0 11.Qe2 a5 12.Bb5 Nge7

A) 13.Qf3

A1) 13...Rdf8 14.Nh3 0.18/21 *(14.Qe3±* 0.70/19 *)* 14...f6= 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Qe2±;

A2) 13...Nf5 14.Ne2 Kb8 15.h4 h5 16.Nf4±;

B) 13.Nf3!? f5

B1) 14.exf6 gxf6 15.0-0-0;

B2) 14.0-0 0.22/20 14.h4 0.68 h6 15.Rad1± g5?! 0.72/19 *(15...Qe8!=* 0.13/20 remains equal. *)* 16.c4!;

B3) 14.c4 dxc4

B3a) 15.Qxc4 Qd5 16.0-0± -0.33/19 *(16.c3±* 0.35/20 *)*;

B3b) 15.c3 h6 16.0-0-0!? aiming for d5. Nd5 0.27/21 *(⌓16...Qe8* -0.16/20 *)* 17.Qxc4= g5 18.Ne1± Lei,T (2468)-Abrahamyan,T (2361) Batumi 2018 *(18.g3±)*]

8...Bb7 9.h5 0-0-0 White is slightly better.

[RR 9...h6 10.Qg4 f5 11.Qg6+ Qf7 12.Nh3 Nge7 13.Qxf7+ Kxf7 14.Nf4 Na5 15.Ba3 Nec6 16.g4 fxg4 17.Rg1 Nc4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Rxg4 Rhg8 20.Ng6 Ke8 21.Ke2 Nd8 22.Ke3 Nf7 23.f4 a5 24.Ne7 Leiva Rodriguez,J (2387)-Klepek,W (2253) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (36)]

10.Nf3N

[RR 10.Bb5 a6 11.Bd3 Kb8 12.Nf3 f6 13.Qe2 Ka7 14.a5 Nxa5 15.Rxa5 bxa5 16.Ba3 Qc6 17.Bc5+ Ka8 18.h6 g6 19.exf6 Nxf6 20.Ne5 Qa4 21.0-0 Nd7 22.Bxa6 Nxe5 23.Rb1 Bc6 24.Qxe5 Rb8 Friedrich,R (2214)-Kramer,C (2042) Mittelfranken 2023 1-0]

10...Na5

[10...f6 11.h6! 0.38/19 with the idea *(11.Bd3±* 0.84/17 *)* 11...fxe5? 1.78/21 *(11...Rf8±* 0.38/19 *)* 12.Bb5!]

[10...h6]

11.Bd3 0.53/19

[11.Bb5!? Bc6! 12.Qd3]

[11.Bb5± 0.92/21 Bc6 12.Qe2]

11...h6± 12.Nh4 0.31/21

[White should play 12.Bb5 0.70/18

Bc6 13.Qe2]
12...Ne7 13.Rh3 Rdg8
[13...Nc4∞]
14.Rg3 Qe8 15.Qe2 -0.43/20
[White should try 15.Nf3= 0.25/19]
15...Kb8 0.15/20
[15...g5∓ -0.43/20 16.hxg6 fxg6]
16.Ba3 -0.32/21
[16.Nf3= 0.15/20]
16...Nc4 17.Bxc4?! -0.44/22
[17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Nf3]
[17.Bxe7= 0.01/21 Qxe7 18.Rg4]
17...dxc4∓ 18.Qxc4
[18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Nf3 g6! 20.hxg6 Rxg6 21.Rxg6 fxg6 22.Qxc4 -1.24/21 *(22.a5!∓* -0.58/21 *)* 22...g5!∓]
18...Nd5 19.Qb3 -1.06/23
[19.Qb5!∓ -0.51/19 Qd8 20.Nf3]
19...g5!?
[19...Nf4!]
20.hxg6 fxg6 21.c4 Nf4 22.Nf3 g5 23.a5 Qc6?! -0.23/20
[23...g4! 24.Ng1 -2.11/21 *(24.Nh4∓* -1.13/19 *)* 24...Nxg2+ 25.Kd2 -2.17/19 *(⩲25.Kf1* -1.61/20 *Nh4 26.axb6 axb6 27.Rc3)* 25...Qf7∓]
[23...bxa5 24.Rb1 Qc6 25.d5 exd5 26.Nd4+-]
[23...g4∓ -1.02/21 24.axb6 axb6]
24.axb6 axb6 Threatens to win with ... Qe4+. **25.Be7?** -1.72/22
[25.c5 -0.93/20 25.0-0-0 -0.38 Nxg2+! 26.Rxg2 Hoping for cxb6! Qxf3 27.Qxf3 Bxf3 28.Rh2]
[25.0-0-0!= -0.16/22]
25...Qe4+-+ 26.Qe3 -2.49/22
[26.Kf1∓ -1.47/21]
26...Qxc2 27.Bf6

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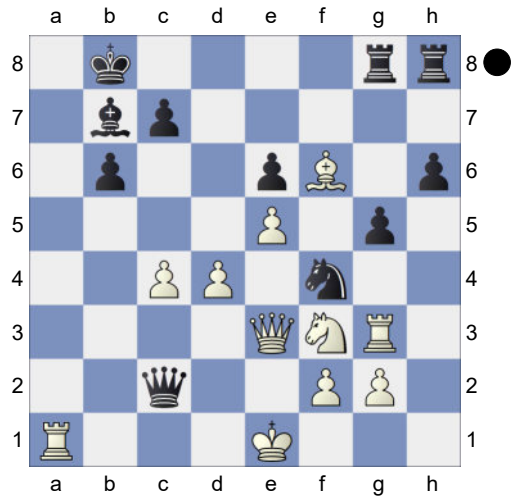

Repels h5 **27...Nh5?** -0.66/23
[27...Qxc4! John Watson 28.Bxh8 Rxh8-+ White won't survive.]
28.Bxh8 -1.12/23
[28.Rc1∓ -0.66/23 Qb2 29.Rg4]
28...Nxg3∓ 29.Rc1 Qb2 Some like it hot. Black has more active pieces. **30.fxg3 Qxg2 31.Qf2 Qxf2+ 32.Kxf2 Rxh8** Endgame. A pawn ahead. Black's technique proves exemplary. KRB-KRN John Watson: ' ∓' '∓' **33.Ke3 Kc8 34.Ra1 Kd7 35.Ra7** -2.37/25
[35.g4∓ -1.48/22]
35...Ra8-+ 36.Rxa8 Bxa8 KB-KN **37.Ne1 h5 38.Nd3 Bg2 39.Nb4 c5!?** -1.51/27
[Better is 39...Bf1-+ -3.00/26 40.c5 b5]
40.dxc5∓ bxc5 41.Nd3 Kc6 42.Ne1? -4.24/34
[42.Nb2∓ -1.39/34]
42...Bh1 43.Nd3

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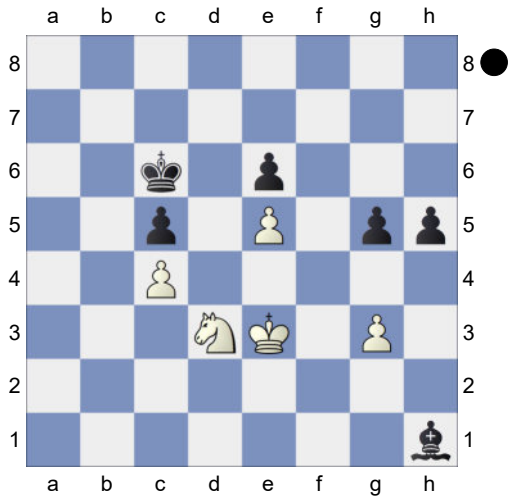
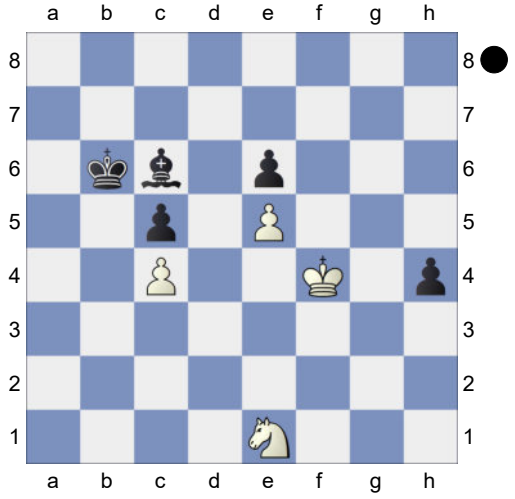


Kb6! 44.Ne1 -4.28/31
[44.Nb2 -2.78/34 was called for.]
44...Bb7 -2.25/34
[⌓44...h4 -4.28/31 ...h3 is the strong threat. 45.gxh4 gxh4]
45.Nd3-+ Bc6 46.Ne1 -3.72/32
[⌓46.Nb2 -2.24/32]
46...h4 47.gxh4 gxh4 48.Kf4

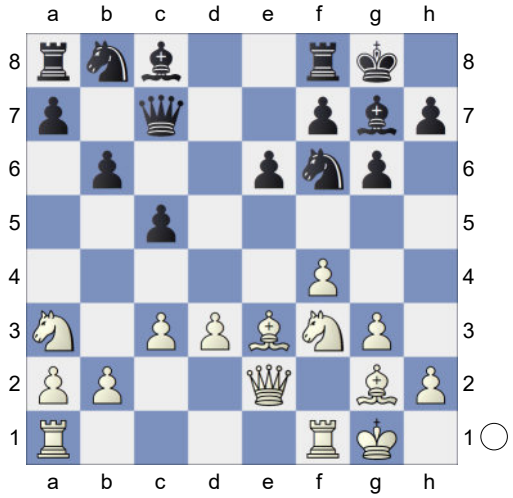


Bg2! 49.Kg4
[49.Nxg2? is the wrong capture. h3 50.Nh4 h2-+]
49...h3 50.Kg3 Bf1 51.Nf3 Bxc4 52.Kxh3 Bd5 53.Ne1 -18.83/33
[53.Ng1 -3.56/26]
53...Be4 54.Kg3 Kc6 55.Kf4 Kd5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.28 (precise)
0-1

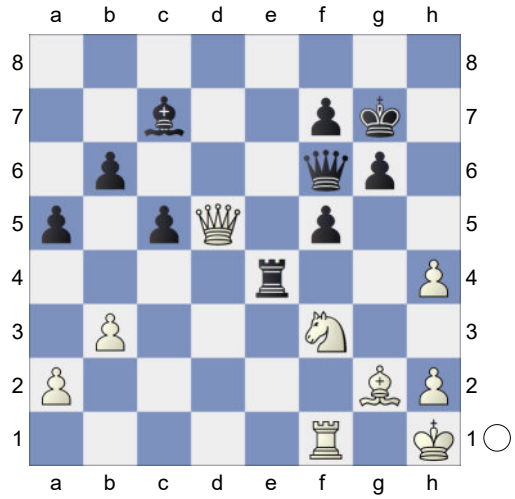
322 **A03**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2656**
■ **Aleksandrov,A** **2571**
26th Abu Dhabi Masters (8.5) 09.08.2019
[Kitty Kat]*

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.c3**
[7.Ne5 b6 8.e4 Bb7 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qe2 Nc6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.e5 Nd7 13.Bd2 b5 14.Nd1 Qb6 15.Nf2 a5 16.g4 a4 17.g5 b4 18.Kh1 b3 19.cxb3 axb3 20.a3 Rfc8 21.Ng4 Bb5 0-1 Mecelica,E (2440)-Chigogidze,K (2577) Merida 2000 (8)]
7...d4 -0.04/17
[7...Nc6∓ -0.41/18]
[RR 7...b6 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Ba6 10.Re1 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Nc6 12.e5 Ng4 13.Ng5 Rfd8 14.Re1 Rac8 15.Na3 h6 16.Ne4 h5 17.h3 Nh6 18.Be3 f6 19.exf6 exf6 20.Rad1 Nf5 21.Bf2 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Danielsen,H (2526)-Schandorff,L (2551) Reykjavik 2001 0-1 (55)]
8.e4=
[8.Qe1 Nc6 9.Na3 Nd5 10.Bd2 b6 11.Nc2 Bb7 12.c4 Nc7 13.b4 Nxb4 14.Nxb4 cxb4 15.Bxb4 b5 16.cxb5 Nxb5 17.Qf2 a5 18.Bd2 Nc3 19.Ne5 Rb8 20.Bxb7 Rxb7 21.Nc4 a4 22.Qf3 Rb5 ½-½ Roscher,J (2501)-Vrublevskaya,O (2667) C2) 5. ♕c2_236701]
8...dxe3
[RR 8...Nc6 9.Qe2 Ne8 10.cxd4 cxd4 11.Na3 f6 12.Bd2 Nd6 13.Rfc1 ½-½ (13) Dietz,J (2122)-

Ahmels,V (2163) Germany 2024]
9.Bxe3 Qc7N The position is equal.
[9...Bf5 10.Bxc5 Bxd3 11.Re1 Nc6 12.Nd4 Bxb1 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Bxe7 7 Chapter-Game Chapter 1 Game]
10.Na3N
[RR 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nb6 13.Na3 Be6 14.Rc1 Qb8 15.b3 Nbd5 16.Bd2 Rc8 17.Qe2 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 a6 19.Rc5 Qd8 20.Kh1 Rc8 ½-½ (20) Tammela, K-Linqvist,G Tampere 1989]
[RR 10.Kh1 b6 11.Na3 Bb7 12.Qe2 Nc6 13.d4 cxd4 14.Nb5 d3 15.Qxd3 Rad8 16.Qxg6 hxg6 17.Nxc7 Ng4 18.Bg1 e5 19.h3 Nh6 20.fxe5 Nf5 21.Rfe1 Nxg3+ 22.Kh2 Nf5 23.e6 Nce7 24.exf7+ Rxf7 David,A (2250)-Hoerstmann,R (2227) Germany 2018 1-0]
10...e6 0.41/18
[10...Ng4= 0.02/17 11.Bd2 Bd7]
11.Qe2 b6 1.13/20
[11...Bd7= 0.29/17]

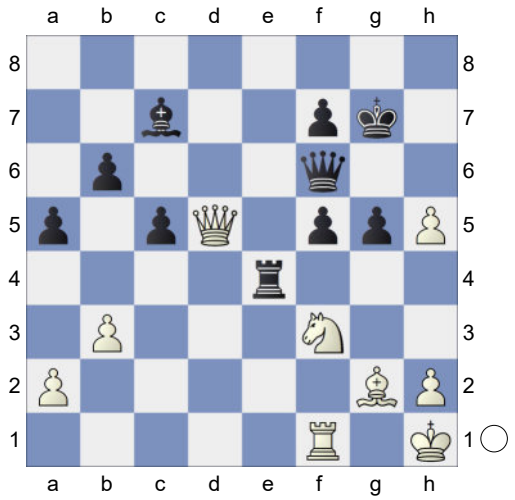


12.f5!± exf5 13.Bf4 Qd8 14.Ne1 0.57/19 White is more active.
[14.Ne5± 1.12/19]
14...Nd5!± ...Nb8-c6 would now be deadly. **15.c4! Bb7** 1.23/20 **16.cxd5 Bxd5 17.Nb5** Strongly threatening Nb5-c7. **17...Nc6 18.Nf3 Qd7 19.Qd2 Rad8 20.Nc3 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 Ne5 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Kh1 Bg7 24.Rd1 a6 25.Rff1 h5 26.Qc2** 0.94/19
[⌓26.Nd5 1.37/19]
26...Rfe8 27.Nd5 Re6 28.Nf4 0.71/20
[⌓28.Rde1 1.24/19]
28...Rd6± 29.Rde1 Bh6 30.Qc4 a5 31.b3 0.28/20
[31.Qa6± 0.65/19 might be stronger.]
31...Rd4 32.Qa6 Qd6 33.Qb7 h4 34.Ne2 Rxd3 35.gxh4 Bd2 36.Rd1 Kg7 1.10/20
[36...Rd7!± 0.55/19 37.Qa8+ Rd8]
37.Ng1 Qf6 38.Nf3 Bf4 39.Rxd3 Rxd3 40.Qa6 Re3 41.Qc4 Bc7 42.Qd5 0.67/21
[42.h5± 1.11/19]
42...Re4 1.41/19
[42...Qd6± 0.67/21 43.Qxd6 Bxd6]

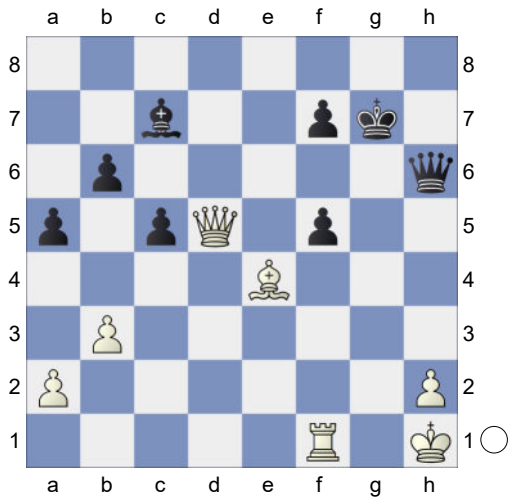


43.h5! g5? 3.17/20
[43...Re3± 1.40/19 is a better defense. 44.hxg6 fxg6]
[43...a4 44.hxg6]

(Diagram)

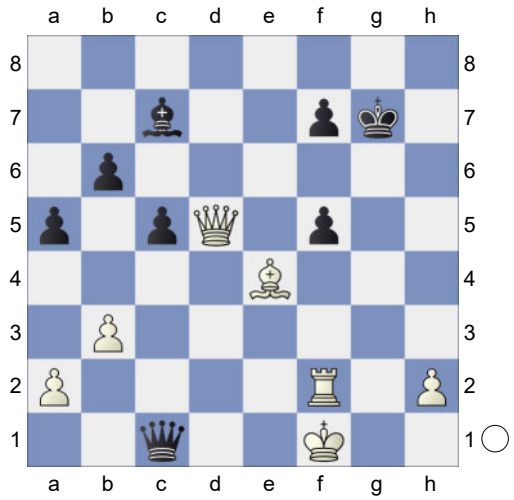


Loses the game. **44.Nxg5!+- Qxg5**
[44...Rf4 45.Nh3]
45.Bxe4 Pin **45...Qh4 46.h6+** 1.81/24
[46.Bxf5? Qxh2#]
[⌓46.Qd2 3.10/22 Qxe4+ 47.Qg2+ Qxg2+ 48.Kxg2]
46...Qxh6? 4.44/24
[46...Kf8 1.81/24 47.Kg2 *(47.Qxf5? Qxh2#; 47.Qa8+ Ke7=)* 47...Qxh2+ 48.Kf3 fxe4+ 49.Qxe4 Qxh6]



47.Rf2! White is clearly winning.
47...Qc1+ 48.Kg2 Qg5+ 49.Kf1 Qc1+

(Diagram)



50.Ke2! Qb2+ 51.Kf3 fxe4+ 9.39/23
[⌓51...Qe5 4.40/20 52.Qxe5+ Bxe5 53.Bxf5 Bd4]
52.Kg2
[52.Qxe4 Qf6+ 53.Ke2 Qb2+ 54.Kf1 Qc1+ 55.Qe1 Qxe1+ 56.Kxe1 b5 57.Rg2+ Kh6+-]
52...Qe5 53.Qxf7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.63
1-0

323 **A03**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2656**
■ **Bindrich,Falko** **2571**
Dresden Porzellan Cup rapid (8) 9.8.19
[GM Mihail Marin]

Finally, we will examine the plan after ...d5-d4 based on e2-e4, typically answered with ...dxe3. We usually reach this structure from the ...Nh6 systems with plenty of concrete examples. Now I will try to clarify the issue more abstractly, using a game from another line. GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'Finally, we will examine the plan after ...d5-d4 based on e2-e4, typically answered with ...dxe3. We usually reach this structure

from the ...Nh6 systems with plenty of concrete examples. Now I will try to clarify the issue more abstractly, using a game from another line. A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5' **1.f4** GM Mihail Marin, MH **1...d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.c3 d4** 0.01/19

[7...Nc6∓ -0.37/16 GM Mihail Marin, MH 8.Na3 Qc7 9.Qc2 e5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Nb5 Qb6 12.fxe5 Ng4 13.Na3 Be6 14.Qb3 Qxb3 15.axb3 Nxe5 16.Nb5 Nc6 17.Bf4 a6 18.Nc7 Rad8 19.Be3 d4 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Bd2 Bird's Opening-1 f4 d5 ChessPub Guide 2020 Flank Openings [ChessPublishing.com]]

[RR 7...b6 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Ba6 10.Re1 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Nc6 12.e5 Ng4 13.Ng5 Rfd8 14.Re1 Rac8 15.Na3 h6 16.Ne4 h5 17.h3 Nh6 18.Be3 f6 19.exf6 exf6 20.Rad1 Nf5 21.Bf2 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Danielsen,H (2526)-Schandorff,L (2551) Reykjavik 2001 0-1 (55)]

8.e4 GM Mihail Marin, MH: '=' **8...dxe3**

[RR 8...Nc6 9.Qe2 Ne8 10.cxd4 cxd4 11.Na3 f6 12.Bd2 Nd6 13.Rfc1 ½-½ (13) Dietz,J (2122)-Ahmels,V (2163) Germany 2024]

9.Bxe3 This is the aforementioned structure. With the pawn on f2 this would be a typical reversed King's Indian, but the extra tempo f2-f4 by itself is not enough to make the difference between a comfortable and a better position. We also need some sort of commitment by Black. ***In the systems from our repertoire, the slightly unnatural ...Nh6 does the work. If the knight stays there, White has h2-h3 and g3-g4 to keep it out of play. If it jumps to f5, White can gain time for his kingside attack with g3-g4 and f4-f5. ***In this position Black's main problem is his delayed queenside development. In the similar position with reversed colours White has the extra tempo Nc3, allowing him to react with b2-b3 or Qd3. But here Black has to make a concession. **9...Qc7?!** A curious mistake by such an experienced grandmaster. Moving with the queen in a moment when the whole queenside is undeveloped is a huge commitment. Black was probably dreaming of . ..b7-b6 followed by ...Bb7 and ...Nc6, reaching the most active setup, but this is impossible. GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'N' GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'A curious mistake by such an experienced grandmaster. Moving with the queen in a moment when the whole queenside is undeveloped is a huge commitment. Black was probably dreaming of . ..b7-b6 followed by ...Bb7 and ...Nc6, reaching the most active setup, but this is impossible. The position is equal.'

[Safer was 9...Nbd7 10.Na3 b6 when White could think of starting a positional attack with 11.Ng5 Rb8 12.f5]

[9...Bf5 GM Mihail Marin, MH 10.Bxc5 Bxd3 11.Re1 Nc6 12.Nd4 Bxb1 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Bxe7 7 Chapter 1-Game 7 Game]

10.Na3N

[RR 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nb6 13.Na3 Be6 14.Rc1 Qb8 15.b3 Nbd5 16.Bd2 Rc8 17.Qe2 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 a6 19.Rc5 Qd8 20.Kh1 Rc8 ½-½ (20) Tammela, K-Linqvist,G Tampere 1989]

[RR 10.Kh1 b6 11.Na3 Bb7 12.Qe2 Nc6 13.d4 cxd4 14.Nb5 d3 15.Qxd3 Rad8 16.Qxg6 hxg6 17.Nxc7 Ng4 18.Bg1 e5 19.h3 Nh6 20.fxe5 Nf5

21.Rfe1 Nxg3+ 22.Kh2 Nf5 23.e6 Nce7 24.exf7+ Rxf7 David,A (2250)-Hoerstmann,R (2227) Germany 2018 1-0]

10...e6 0.58/18

[The first concession provokes another one. Black spends another tempo on clearing the e7-square for the queen. If 10...b6 0.97/20 he obviously did not like GM Mihail Marin, MH: '10...Rf8-d8 0.12 he obviously did not like' 11.Nb5 GM Mihail Marin, MH: '!' Qd8 12.Ne5 After GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'After. Prevents Nf6-g4.' Nd5 the least White can do is win an exchange with 13. Bxd5 Qxd5 14.Nc7, but he could also play for a lead in development if he is not too keen on weakening the long diagonal: 13.Bf2 a6 14.Qb3 e6 15.Na3 GM Mihail Marin, MH: '!' GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'Threatens to win with c3-c4.' Ra7 16.Rad1 followed by d3-d4 soon. ***Black must have thought that his last move also takes measures against f4-f5, but he was wrong.]

[10...Be6= 0.15/18 GM Mihail Marin, MH]

11.Qe2 b6?! Consistent but bad. **12.f5!!** The only thing missing for a successful queen hunt was the dark-squared bishop's participation. By clearing the f4-square, White achieves that. GM Mihail Marin, MH: '!'

[12.Nb5 0.39/22 GM Mihail Marin, MH: '12.f4-f5 0.87' Qe7 GM Mihail Marin, MH: '!' 13.d4± would also have been good.]

[The "indifferent" 12.Rad1?! allows Black to reach the desired coordination: Bb7 13.Nc4 0.01/20 *(13.d4±* 0.57/21 GM Mihail Marin, MH *)* 13...Nc6 GM Mihail Marin, MH: '=' 14.Rfe1 Rad8 Both sides are doing fine here but in principle this would be a moral victory for Black.]

12...exf5

[Or if 12...gxf5 1.42/21 GM Mihail Marin, MH: '12...e6xf5 1.04' 13.Bf4 Qe7 3.93/22 GM Mihail Marin, MH: '?' *(* Black has to keep the queen on the seventh rank in order to allow ... Bb7 after the discovered attack along the long diagonal. But *13...Qd7* 4.36/21 runs into GM Mihail Marin, MH: '?' GM Mihail Marin, MH: '13...Qc7-d8 1.35 runs into' *14.Ne5; 13...Qd8±* 1.44/24 GM Mihail Marin, MH*)* 14.Nh4! GM Mihail Marin, MH: '+-!' GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'And now Nh4xf5 would win.' Bb7 6.18/22 *(⌓14...Qd7* 4.19/20 GM Mihail Marin, MH *15.Bxa8 Ba6)* 15.Nxf5! GM Mihail Marin, MH: '+-!' Qd7 16.Bxb7 Qxb7 17.Nxg7 Kxg7 18.Be5 GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'White wants to mate with Qe2-g4+.' Nbd7 19.Rxf6 GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'Intending Qe2-g4+ and mate.' Nxf6 20.Qg4+ , mating soon.]

13.Bf4 Qd8 Sadly, e7 is not available anymore. **14.Ne1** GM Mihail Marin, MH: '&Bianco is more active.' **14...Nd5 15.c4** White won a piece and later the game. GM Mihail Marin, MH: '!' **15...Bb7** 1.10/23

[15...Nc7 16.Bxc7]

16.cxd5 Bxd5 17.Nb5 GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'Strongly threatening Nb5-c7.' **17...Nc6 18.Nf3 Qd7 19.Qd2 Rad8 20.Nc3 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 Ne5 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Kh1 Bg7 24.Rd1 a6** 1.35/21

[⌓24...Rde8 1.03/22 GM Mihail Marin, MH 25.b3 Re7]

25.Rff1 1.03/21

[White should play 25.Rf2 1.35/21

GM Mihail Marin, MH]
25...h5 1.49/21
[⌓25...Qd4 1.03/21 GM Mihail Marin, MH]
26.Qc2 Rfe8 27.Nd5 Re6 28.Nf4 0.76/21
[White should try 28.Rde1 1.45/19 GM Mihail Marin, MH]
28...Rd6 GM Mihail Marin, MH: '±'
29.Rde1 0.41/22
[29.Rf3± 0.78/20 GM Mihail Marin, MH]
29...Bh6 GM Mihail Marin, MH: '±'
30.Qc4 a5 31.b3 Rd4 32.Qa6 Qd6 33.Qb7 h4 34.Ne2 Rxd3 0.86/23
[34...Rb4!± 0.45/21 GM Mihail Marin, MH]
35.gxh4 GM Mihail Marin, MH: '±'
35...Bd2 36.Rd1 Kg7 37.Ng1 Qf6 38.Nf3 Bf4 39.Rxd3 Rxd3 40.Qa6
[40.Ng5?! GM Mihail Marin, MH Bxg5 41.hxg5 Qd8=]
40...Re3 41.Qc4 Bc7 42.Qd5 0.62/21
[42.Qc2± 1.08/21 GM Mihail Marin, MH]
42...Re4 1.35/23
[42...Qd6± 0.62/21 GM Mihail Marin, MH 43.Qxd6 Bxd6]
43.h5 g5 2.38/24 GM Mihail Marin, MH: '
[43...Re3± 1.24/20 (GM Mihail Marin, MH) was worth a try.]

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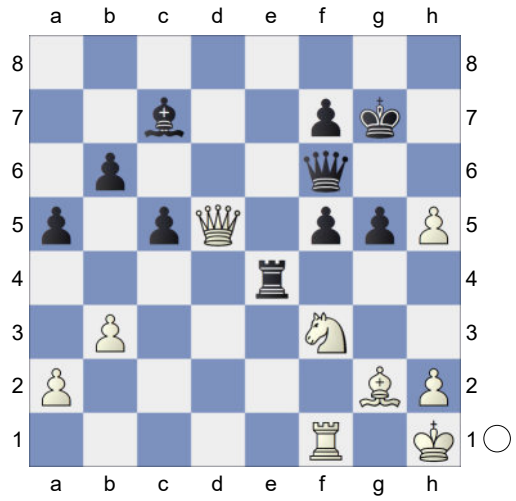
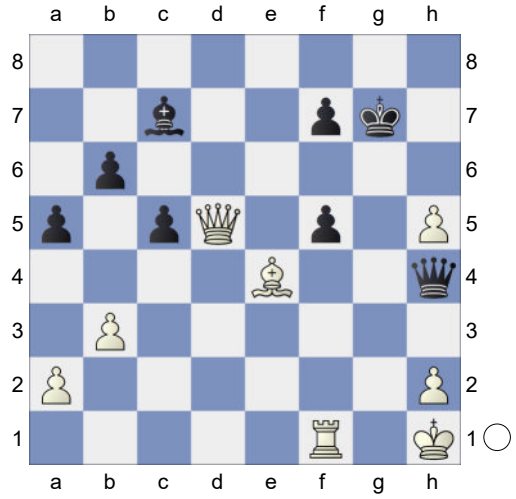
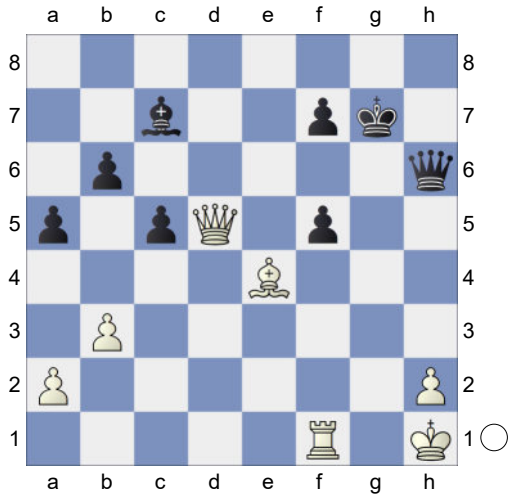


' **44.Nxg5** GM Mihail Marin, MH: '+-!'
44...Qxg5 45.Bxe4 GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'Pin' **45...Qh4** GM Mihail Marin, MH: '



' **46.h6+** 1.25/24
[Resist 46.Rg1+?! GM Mihail Marin, MH Kf8 47.Qd2 *(47.Qa8+ Ke7∓)* 47...Qxe4+ 48.Qg2 Qe6 49.Qa8+ *(49.h6 Qxh6 50.Qa8+ Ke7±)* 49...Ke7]
[46.Qd2!+- 2.46/28 GM Mihail Marin, MH Qxe4+ *(46...fxe4 47.Rg1+)* 47.Qg2+ Kf8 48.Qxe4 fxe4 49.Rf6]
46...Qxh6 5.61/25 GM Mihail Marin, MH: '?' GM Mihail Marin, MH: '
[46...Kf8± 1.25/24 (GM Mihail Marin, MH) is more resistant. 47.Qd2

(47.Qa8+ Ke7=) 47...fxe4]



A mistake that costs the game.' **47.Rf2** GM Mihail Marin, MH: '!' GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'White is clearly winning.' **47...Qc1+**
[47...Bxh2 GM Mihail Marin, MH 48.Rxf5]
48.Kg2 Qg5+ 49.Kf1 Qc1+ 50.Ke2 Qb2+ 51.Kf3 fxe4+ 52.Kg2 Qe5 53.Qxf7+ GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.32'
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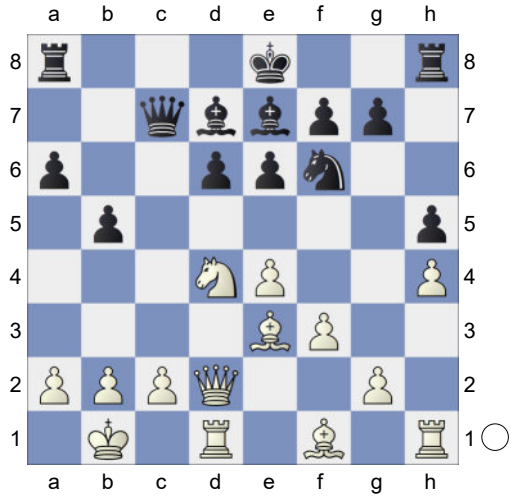
324 **B67**
□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2584**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2656**
26th Abu Dhabi Masters (6.1) 07.08.2019
[Perunovic,Milos]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.f3
[10.Qe1 - 101/149]
10...b5 11.Kb1 Be7 12.h4 h6 13.Be3 h5
[RR 13...b4 14.Ne2 d5 15.Nd4 Bb7 16.e5 Nd7 17.f4 Nc5 18.f5 Ne4 19.Qe1 0-0 20.Bd3 Qc8 21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.f6 gxf6 23.Qg3+ Kh7 24.Qf4 Rh8 25.exf6 Bf8 26.g4 Rg8 27.g5 Bd5 28.Rdg1 Musial,T (2168)-Goluch,P (2282) Krakow 2024 1-0 (57)]
14.Ne2 Qc7 15.Nd4 Bd7 Diagram



16.Rc1N
[16.Qf2 - 141/(55)]
[RR 16.Bg5 Rb8 17.Rc1 Qb6 18.c4 bxc4 19.Bxc4 a5 20.Be3 Qb7 21.Qe2 0-0 22.Ba6 Qa8 23.Rc7 Bd8 24.Rc3 e5 25.Nb3 a4 26.Nd2 Be6 27.Rhc1 Bb6 28.Bc4 d5 29.exd5 Nxd5 30.Bxd5 Qxd5 Nowak,L (2110)-Dionisi,T (2393) Warsaw 2014 0-1 (40)]
16...e5 17.Nb3 a5?!
[17...Be6! △18.c4 bxc4 19.Na5 d5 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Bxc4 Qd7 22.Rhd1 *(22.Qe2 0-0 23.Rhd1 Rac8∞)* 22...Bb4 Diagram

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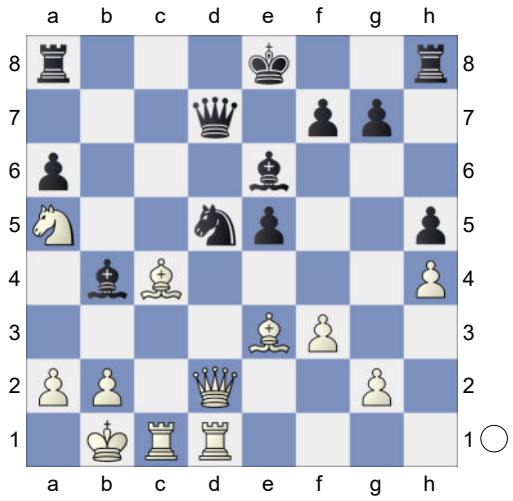


23.Qxd5!? Bxd5 24.Bxd5 0-0 25.Bxa8 Qb5 26.Bc6 Qxa5 27.Rd5 Qc7 28.Rd7 Qa5 29.Rd5=]

18.c4! a4

[18...bxc4 19.Bxc4 Qb8 20.Bg5±]

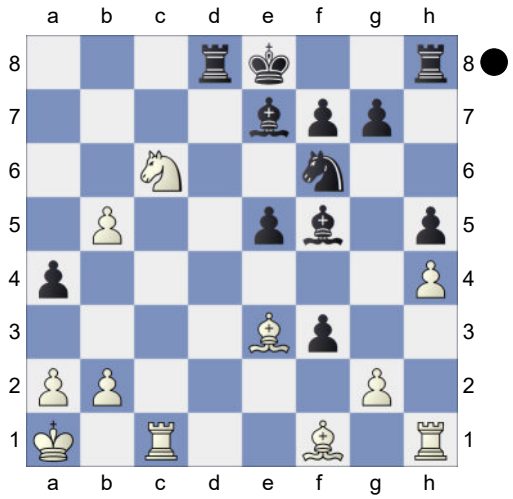
19.cxb5 Qd8 20.Na1 d5

[⌓20...a3 21.b3 d5 22.Nc2 dxe4 23.Qc3 exf3 24.gxf3±]

21.Nc2 dxe4 22.Nb4 Bf5

[22...exf3 23.Nc6 Bf5+ 24.Ka1 Qxd2 25.Bxd2 Be4 26.gxf3 Bxf3 27.Rh3 Bxc6 28.bxc6 0-0 29.b4! axb3 30.Rxb3±]

23.Qxd8+ Rxd8 24.Nc6 exf3+ 25.Ka1 Diagram



25...Nd5?

[25...Ng4! 26.Ba7 *(26.Nxe7?! Nxe3 27.Nxf5 Nxf5 28.gxf3 0-0∓; 26.Bb6 Rd2 27.Nxe7 Kxe7∞)* 26...Rd2 27.Nxe7 *(27.gxf3?? a3! 28.b3 Bf6 29.fxg4 hxg4-+)* 27...Kxe7 28.gxf3 *(28.Bc5+ Kf6 29.gxf3 Nh2∞)* 28...Rc8! 29.Bh3 Rh2! 30.b6 *(30.fxg4? Be4 31.Rhe1 Rxc1+ 32.Rxc1 Rxh3∓)* 30...Rxh3 31.b7 Rxh1 32.bxc8Q Bxc8 33.Rxh1 Bb7 34.Rh3 Nf6±]

26.Bf2 e4 27.Nxd8 e3

[27...Bxd8 28.Bc5+-]

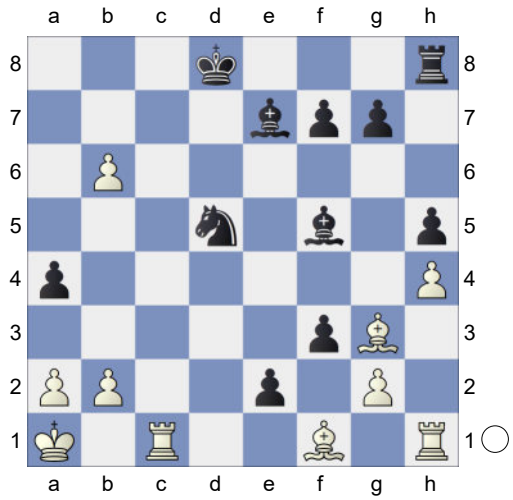
28.b6 Kxd8

[28...exf2 29.b7 Bd6 30.Nc6 Ne3

A) 31.gxf3? Nc2+ 32.Rxc2 Bxc2 33.Nd4 *(33.b8Q+?? Bxb8 34.Nxb8 0-0-+)* 33...Bh7∞;

B) 31.Nd4 0-0 32.gxf3+-]

29.Bg3 e2 Diagram



30.gxf3

[30.b7 Kd7 31.gxf3 exf1Q 32.Rhxf1 Bd6 33.Rfd1 Be6 *(33...Bxg3 34.Rxd5+ Ke6 35.Rc8 Kxd5 36.Rxh8+-)* 34.Rc8 Rxc8 35.bxc8Q+ Kxc8 36.Bxd6+-]

30...exf1Q 31.Rhxf1 Nxb6 32.Bc7+ Ke8 33.Bxb6 Bxh4

[33...Rh6 34.Bd4 Bxh4 35.Bxg7 Rg6 36.Rh1 Bg5 37.Rce1+ Be6 38.Bd4 h4+-]

34.Rc4 Bd8
[⌓34...Bg3 35.Rxa4 Rh6 36.Ra8+ Ke7 37.Bc5+ Kf6 38.Bd4+ Be5 39.Bxe5+ Kxe5 40.f4+ Ke4 41.Re8+ Re6 42.Rxe6+ Bxe6 43.b4+-]
35.Bxd8
[35.Re1+! Be6 36.Rc8 Ke7 37.Ra8 h4 38.Rd1 Bxb6 39.Rxh8+-]
35...Kxd8 36.Rxa4+- Ke7 37.Rd4 g5 38.b4 h4 39.b5 h3 40.a4 Bc8 41.a5 h2 42.Re1+ Kf6 43.Rd6+ Kf5 44.Rh1 Kf4 45.Rd2 Kg3 46.a6 f5
[46...Rh6 47.Kb1 f5 48.Rc2 Rb6 49.Rxc8 Rxb5+ 50.Kc1 Ra5 51.Rh8]
47.Rc2 Be6 48.Rhxh2 Rxh2 49.Rxh2 Kxh2 50.b6
1-0

325 **D03**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2656**
■ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2507**
26th Abu Dhabi Masters (2.2) 03.08.2019
[GM Ioannis Papaioannou]

Although Maghsoodloo is an extremely strong player, I've noticed that he is often not well-prepared theoretically. However, his deep tactical and strategic understanding often gives him the confidence to enter such positions. Very often, his opponents are not well-prepared enough to punish him. **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.Be2**
[6.c3 c5 Even in this case, when the knight is not on c6, White can still capture on c5. 7.dxc5 This move can only be played if White has already played c3 earlier, and not now after 6. Be2.]
6...c5 7.c3 Qb6 8.Qb3 Nc6 9.0-0 Bf5 10.h3 h6? Simply very bad... As so often, neither White nor Black is well-prepared in the Torre with g6!
[RR 10...Rfe8 11.Bf4 Ne4 12.g4 Nxd2 13.Nxd2 Bc8 14.Qxb6 axb6 15.Bc7 cxd4 16.exd4 e5 17.dxe5 Bxe5 18.Bxe5 Rxe5 19.Rfe1 Be6 20.a3 d4 21.Nf3 Re4 22.Nxd4 Nxd4 23.cxd4 Rxd4 24.Rad1 Rad8 25.Rxd4 Tomashevsky,E (2722)-Volokitin,A (2668) Novi Sad 2016 ½-½ (39)]
11.Bh4N
[11.Bxf6
A) 11...Qxb3
A1) 12.axb3 Bxf6 13.dxc5 And even this is good. Black doesn't have sufficient compensation. e5 14.b4 d4 What should White play? In situations like this, White should avoid opening the center when Black has the pair of bishops. *(14...e4 15.Nd4)* 15.e4 This is the correct move. Be6 16.Bc4 *(16.b5 dxc3 17.bxc3 Ne7)* 16...Bxc4 17.Nxc4 After the exchange of bishops, Black has no counterplay and still remains a pawn down.;
A2) 12.Nxb3 Bxf6 13.Nxc5+-;
B) 11...Bxf6 12.Qxd5 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qxb2 14.a4!! Rfd8 15.Qb5±]
[11.Bf4 As we know, White can play his standard plan.
A) Let's say Black plays a move like 11...Rac8 12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.Nd4 and if we're not sure about capturing on b7, we can even play this move instead. *(13.Qxb7)* 13...Nxd4 14.exd4 Qc6 15.Rfe1± As we already know, this position

is slightly better for White.;
B) 11...c4 12.Qa3 Rfe8 13.b3]
[RR 11.Bf4 c4 12.Qa3 Qd8 13.Ne5 g5 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Be5 Ne4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.b3 cxb3 19.axb3 Qd7 20.Qc5 Rfb8 21.b4 Rb7 22.Ra6 Rc7 23.f3 Bg6 24.e4 Rb8 25.Rfa1 Rbb7 Gvanceladze,A (2182)-Agrest,I (2281) Iasi 2021 ½-½ (40)]
[RR 11.Bf4 Nd7 12.g4 Be6 13.Rfe1 Rac8 14.Bf1 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.Bg2 Bf7 17.Kh2 Kh7 18.Rad1 Bf6 19.Bg3 Qxb3 20.axb3 a5 21.Ra1 b6 22.Bf1 e5 23.Ba6 Rce8 24.Bb5 Rc8 25.Bxc6 Rxc6 Tristan,L (2527)-Fiorenza,B (1934) Buenos Aires 2024 1-0 (43)]
[RR 11.Bf4 g5 12.Bh2 c4 13.Qa3 Qd8 14.b3 b5 15.bxc4 bxc4 16.Bd1 a6 17.Qb2 Bd3 18.Re1 Ne4 19.Be2 Qa5 20.Rac1 Qb5 21.Qa3 Qa5 22.Qb2 e5 23.Bxd3 cxd3 24.dxe5 Qb5 25.Qa3 Qa5 Kumar,P (2040)-Blom,V (2325) Amsterdam 2022 ½-½ (53)]

11...g5 12.Bg3 c4 13.Qa3 Qa5 14.Qxa5 Nxa5 15.Ne5±
[15.h4!?]
15...Rac8 16.f4 e6 17.fxg5 hxg5 18.h4 g4 19.Rxf5?! White sacrifices the rook and, after many complications, still manages to win the game.
[19.e4!?]
19...exf5 20.Rf1 Nh5 21.Kh2 Nc6 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Bd6 Rfd8 24.Ba3 Bh6 25.Rxf5 Ng7 26.Rf6 g3+ 27.Kxg3∓ Bxe3 28.Nf1 Bc1 29.Bg4 Re8 30.Kh2 Rb8 31.Rxc6 Rb6 32.Rxb6 axb6 33.Bf3 Nf5 34.Bxd5 b5 35.Kh3 Re1 36.Ng3 Ne3 37.Bf3 Nc2 38.Bc5 Bxb2 39.Ne4 b4 40.d5 Bxc3 41.Nxc3 bxc3 42.d6 Rb1 43.d7 Rb8 44.Be7 Ne3 45.Bg5 Nf5 46.d8Q+ Rxd8 47.Bxd8 c2 48.Bg5 Nd4 49.a4 c3 50.Be4 f6 51.Be3
1-0

326 **A40**
□ **Raja,Rithvik R** **2364**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2656**
26th Abu Dhabi Masters (1.4) 02.08.2019
[Flear,Glenn]

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Qc2 b6 5.e3 Bb7 6.f3 c5 7.d5!? The critical reaction.
[7.a3 was examined in Harsha, B - Sandipan, C Kolkata 2018, see the archives.]
7...exd5
[There are alternatives, but they haven't been investigated very much: 7...Na6 (I can't see any problem with this) 8.a3 *(*after the *8.e4* of Dambacher, M - Froeyman, H Belgian league 2012, I suggest *Bd6!* with dynamic play*)* 8...Nc7 9.e4 Bd6! (a great square for the bishop) 10.Bg5 h6 *(*also promising is *10...0-0* with a healthy lead in development*)* 11.Bh4 Qe7 12.0-0-0 g5 Standke, W - Poljak, D e-mail 2016, with ...0-0-0 to follow shortly, Black is sitting pretty.]
[Although 7...Qe7 gave Black a good position in the following, maybe it's just bluff: 8.Nh3 *(8.Nb5!* looks like the biggest test, when the engine then goes for *Qd8* hence my suspicion that 7...Qe7 isn't that great*)* 8...exd5 9.cxd5 Bxd5 10.Nf4 Bf7 11.Qxf5 g6 12.Qd3 Bg7 13.Nfd5 *(* the calm *13.Be2* can be met by the annoying *c4!?)* 13...Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Qe5 15.e4

0-0∓ Goossens, E - Horvath, J Belgian league 2013, and Black had the easier development.]

8.cxd5

[I'm not sure what to make of White's queen moves in the following: 8.Qxf5 dxc4 *(8...d4* is an engine suggestion*)* 9.Bxc4 Nc6 10.Nh3 Qe7 11.Nf4 Qe5 12.Qh3 (is the queen happy here?) 0-0-0 13.Nd3 Qe8∞ Grover, S - Girinath, P Kottayam 2014. I quite like Black here as his development looks more convincing.]

8...Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Bxd5 10.Qxf5 Be6

[A recent novel try is artificial and won't get many followers: 10...Qh4+? 11.g3 Qb4+ 12.Kf2 Be6 13.Qc2 (the black queen is awkwardly placed, so it needs an escape route, hence Black's next move) c4 14.Ne2 d5 15.Nf4 Qd6 16.b3± Atalik, E - Ovod, E Antalya 2019, and White had a significant advantage. Black's queen manoeuvre has just lost time and led to the compromising ...c4 advance.]

11.Qe4 Nc6 12.Bc4

[Previously 12.Bb5 had been played: Rc8 *(*alternatively the *12...Qc7 13.Ne2 Bd6= 14.Bc4* of Loginov, A - Driamin, D Saratov 1999, should be met with castling...either way!*)* 13.Ne2 Qe7 14.Bd2 g6 *(14...Bf7!?)* 15.Bc3 Bg7 16.Nf4 *(16.Rd1!±* keeps some pressure, as it's difficult for Black to liberate with ...d5 under satisfactory circumstances*)* 16...Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 Bf7 Bernasek, J - Gleizerov, E Brno 2012, with near equality as the hole on d5 is hardly significant.]

12...Qe7 13.Ne2

[The double trade on e6 is inoffensive, so following 13.Bxe6 Qxe6 14.Qxe6+ dxe6 15.Bd2 Be7 16.Bc3 Kf7 Black has no problems, despite having more pawn islands.]

13...Bg8!? A curious-looking move, but it obliges 'not unfavourable' exchanges.

14.Qxe7+ Bxe7 15.Bxg8 Rxg8 16.Nc3 Bf6 17.Nd5 White has an excellent knight on d5, but his other pieces are rather poor. So the young Iranian star plays on this fact. **17...Rc8 18.Ke2 Ne7 19.Rd1 c4 20.Rb1 Rc5** The outpost on d5 is about to go, but White at least has a choice of what to do with his knight. **21.Nxe7**

[After 21.Nxf6+ gxf6 22.Kf1 *(*worse is *22.Kf2 Nc6)* 22...Nc6∞ the knight is heading for d3.]

[Keeping the tension with 21.Nb4!? is all very well, but what's the plan?]

21...Kxe7 22.Bd2 Rb5 23.Bc3 This ensures near equality, but there is still a great deal of work to do to earn a draw.

[It might have been preferable to instead opt for 23.Rdc1 Rc8 24.Bc3= when he can always recapture on c3 with a rook.]

23...Bxc3 24.bxc3 Ra5 25.Rb2 Rc8 26.Rd4 Ra3 The split queenside pawns mean that White is going to find himself on the defensive. **27.Rc2 Rc5** When the opponent isn't doing very much, there's rarely any harm in improving one's pieces! **28.e4 Rca5 29.Rdd2**

[Correctly avoiding 29.Rxc4? Rxa2∓]

29...b5 30.Kf2 Ra6 31.Rb2 Rb6 32.Rbc2 Rd6! An exchange of rooks emphasizes the passivity of White's game. **33.Ke2 a5 34.h4 Rxd2+ 35.Kxd2 Kd6 36.Kc1 Kc5 37.Kb1**

[37.Kb2 just encourages b4]

37...d6 There is no rush! **38.Rd2?** Cracking too easily....but he wasn't yet

at move forty!

[He should have been more patient and continued defending the queenside whilst preparing for potential counterplay. So I would suggest 38.h5 h6 39.Kb2 b4 40.Rc1 and then temporizing with Rc1-c2-c1 until Black commits himself.]

38...Rxc3 39.Rd5+ Kc6 40.Rg5 g6 41.h5 gxh5 42.Rxh5 Re3 43.a4

[If 43.Rxh7 then Re1+ 44.Kc2 Re2+ 45.Kb1 Rxg2]

43...Re1+ 44.Kc2 b4! Two connected passed pawns are so strong they don't require the king's support. **45.Rxa5 b3+ 46.Kc3 Rc1+ 47.Kb2 Rc2+ 48.Kb1 Ra2** The threat is ...c4-c3-c2 etc. **49.Ra8** After **49...Kc5** it's of course hopeless: **50.Rb8N Rxg2 51.a5 Kd4 52.a6 Kc3** and mate ends the game.

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327 **B68**

□ **Shankland,Samuel L** **2713**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2656**

52nd Biel GM 2019 (4.2) 25.07.2019

[Roiz,M]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f4 Be7 10.Nf3 b5 11.a3 A new move for our PGN Archive. Undoubtedly it was analyzed by GM Shankland in detail during his home preparation.

[11.e5 b4 12.exf6 bxc3 13.Qxc3 gxf6 was covered on our site a long time ago in Heinemann,T (2468)-Chandler,M (2526) Solingen GER 2001 [John Fedorowicz]. Since then this complex position was deeply analyzed and tested at a high level, and still it seems acceptable for Black.]

[The relatively rare 11.Bd3 yielded White a memorable victory in Shirov,A (2636) -Le Quang Liem (2715) Douglas ENG 2018 [Roiz,M], but objectively it doesn't set Black serious problems.]

[The main 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Kb1 Qb6 is covered in Zou,C (2440)-Sethuraman,S (2630) Changsha CHN 2019 [Roiz,M]]

11...b4 The most aggressive and common response. Black is trying to exploit the drawbacks of the early a2-a3 by opening the b-file.

[Deserving serious attention is 11...h6!? 12.Bh4 *(*After *12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Qxd6 Be7 14.Qd2 Qc7*⩲ Black has sufficient compensation for a pawn, to say the least.*)* 12...Qa5 *(12...b4 13.axb4 Nxb4 14.Kb1* might transpose to text.*)* 13.Kb1 *(*Premature is *13.e5? b4 14.axb4 Nxb4*→ Antal,G - Toth,A Budapest 1998 *)* 13...Rd8 This interesting position was only tested in 2 correspondence games so far. At the moment, it looks like Black's chances are not worse. For instance, 14.e5 *(*After *14.Qe1 Rb8 15.e5 dxe5 16.Nxe5 b4 17.axb4 Qxb4 18.b3 Na5!* Black gained the upper hand in Kroes,F - Ulasevich,S email 2010*)* 14...dxe5 15.fxe5 Bc8 16.Bd3 This was Laureles,R - Dehaybe,A LSS email 2009 Black should have played Nd5 17.Nxd5 Qxd2 18.Nc7+ Kd7 19.Rxd2 Kxc7=]

12.axb4 Nxb4 13.Kb1 h6 As the route of this game proves, this is insufficient to reach equality.

[In my opinion, more challenging was 13...Bc6!? 14.Bc4
A) But not 14...0-0?! 15.e5! *(*Instead, *15.Rhe1 Qc7* was fine for Black in Vasiukov,E-Veid,R Moscow 1962*)* 15...dxe5 16.Qxd8 Bxd8 17.Nxe5 , and Black is doomed to passive defence.;
B) 14...Rb8 15.Rhe1 *(* White achieves nothing special after *15.e5 dxe5 16.Qxd8+ Rxd8 17.Rxd8+ Bxd8 18.Nxe5 Bxg2 19.Rg1 Bh3∞)* 15...h6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.f5 0-0 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.Bxe6+ Kh7⩱ The powerful bishops provide Black decent compensation for a pawn.]

14.Bh4 might transpose to text. **14...Rb8** This natural move is a novelty. However, most likely it was still covered by Sam before the game.

[The only preceding correspondence game saw 14...Qa5 15.Bc4 Bc6 16.Rhe1 *(* Deserving of serious attention is *16.Bxf6!? Bxf6 17.Na2 Rb8 18.Qxd6 Rb6 19.Nxb4 Qxb4 20.Bb3* , and Black struggles to show adequate compensation for a pawn.*)* 16...0-0 17.f5 e5 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.g4 Rab8⇄ Silva,M -Corti,H email 2012]

[In comparison to the above-mentioned note, now 14...Bc6 seems less effective in view of 15.f5! Rb8 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.Bc4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.Bxe7 Kxe7 20.Bb3↑ , and White's initiative overwhelms the pawn.]

15.e5 dxe5?! This natural move leads to a very unpleasant endgame.

[The lesser evil was 15...Nfd5 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.exd6 Qxd6 19.Qe3+ Kf8 20.Bd3⩲ , though then Black suffers from a weak isolated pawn.]

16.Nxe5N The pressure along the d-file and the weak Pa6 makes Black's position difficult.

[RR 16.fxe5 Nfd5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Ne4 0-0 19.c4 Ba4 20.Rc1 Rfc8 21.Nd6 Rc5 22.Nd4 Nc7 23.Qe3 Qg5 24.Qxg5 hxg5 25.Re1 Ne8 26.h4 Nxd6 27.exd6 g4 28.Be2 Rd8 29.b3 Rxd6 30.Rd1 e5 Jacobson,A (2276)-Sjugirov,S (2661) Chess.com INT 2021 ½-½ (62)]

16...Rb7

[16...Bc6 17.Qxd8+ Bxd8 18.Nxc6 Nxc6 19.Bxa6 0-0 20.Bf2±]

17.Bc4 Bb5? Parham fails to stand the pressure.

[The only way to put-up resistance was 17...Qc7 18.Rhe1 *(18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Qxd7+ Qxd7 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.Ne4 Rc7±)* 18...Bc8 19.f5 0-0 20.fxe6 Bxe6 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.Ng6 Nbd5! 23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.Nxe7+ Nxe7± The e6 and a6 pawns are very weak, but Black still has some counterplay.]

18.Qxd8+ Bxd8 19.Nxb5 axb5 20.Bxb5+! A simple, but beautiful tactical shot. **20...Rxb5 21.Rxd8+ Kxd8 22.Nxf7+ Ke7 23.Nxh8** White is 2 pawns up, while the Nh8 would soon be back in play. **23...g5 24.Ng6+ Kf7 25.Ne5+ Kg7 26.c4**

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328 **B68**
□ **Sarana,Alexey** **2636**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2671**
chess.com Junior Speed (2.4) 11.07.19
[Kitty Kat]

B68: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 Bd7 9 f4 Be7

Upon winning the Candidates Tournament in October of 1955, Olga was supposed to face the defending champion, Elisaveta Bykova. Instead, FIDE organized a triangular competition between the top 3 players of the world at that time. So, in addition to Olga and Bykova, former world champion Lyudmila Rudenko entered the arena. Their unusual tournament was held in Moscow in 1956 and involved 8-game mini-matches. These three ladies had several Moscow championships and Soviet championships under their belts. Just a few years earlier, Rudenko had bested both crowning herself world champion. Back then, Olga had been runner-up. Bykova, the youngest of the trio, had defeated Rudenko in a match and then successfully defended her title against a brilliant challenger, Kira Zvorykina. So Olga was likely the underdog, the only one of the three who had not clenched the world title. Olga eventually prevailed by scoring half a point more than Bykova in the overall table. The following game has our chapter's protagonist clashing with Rudenko, who was featured in the 3rd chapter of this course--see Lyudmila, the Second. [/course/102010/4] **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f4**

[9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.Qe1 h6 11.Bf4 Qb8 12.Nd5 Nd7 13.Kb1 b5 14.f3 Bb7 15.Ne3 Be7 16.h4 Qc7 17.Be2 Qc5 18.Rd3 Ne5 19.Rc3 Qb6 20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.Qg3 0-0 22.Ng4 b4 23.Rd3 Rac8 1-0 (60) Kaminski,V (2608)-Kurenny (2609) Sleipner International 1990]

9...Be7 10.Nxc6N

[10.Nf3 Qa5 11.e5 Nd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 exd5 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Rxd5 dxe5 16.Nxe5 Rhd8 17.Rxd7+ Rxd7 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 19.Bc4 f5 20.Re1 Re8 21.Rxe8 Kxe8 22.Bd5 Nd4 23.Kd2 b6 24.a4 Ke7 1-0 (28) 5) Olga The Fourth-Rubtsova,O Queens of the Chess Board 2023]

10...Bxc6 11.Bd3 -0.39/18

[11.Qe3= -0.03/17]

[RR 11.Qe1 Qc7 12.Bd3 0-0-0 13.Kb1 Kb8 14.Rf1 Rhe8 15.h3 h6 16.Bh4 Nd7 17.Bf2 d5 18.exd5 exd5 19.Qd2 Nc5 20.Bd4 Ne6 21.Ne2 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Bf6 23.Qb4 Ka8 24.g3 Qe7 25.Nxc6 bxc6 Corrales Jimenez,F (2536)-Mortimer,J (2820) Chess.com INT 2018 ½-½ (125)]

11...h6∓

[RR 11...0-0 12.Kb1 b5 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.g4 Qb6 15.g5 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 d5 17.Rhe1 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Rac8 20.Qd2 a5 21.Rd4 b4 22.h4 Qc5 23.h5 Qf5 24.h6 a4 25.hxg7 Kxg7 26.Rd3 Yildiz,S (2208)-Aslanov,U (2324) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (34)]

12.Bh4 Nd7N 0.63/20

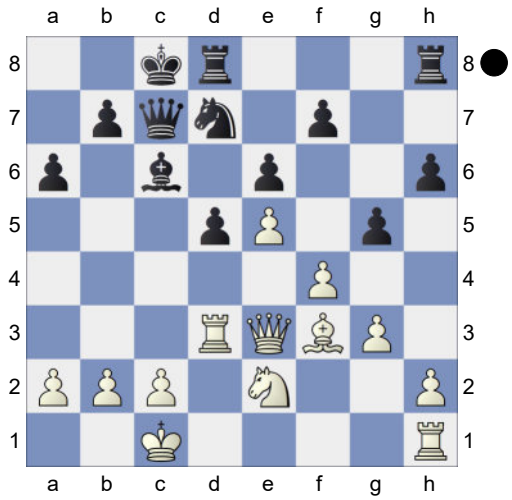
[12...b5= -0.22/16]

[RR 12...Qc7 13.Qe3 b5 14.Kb1 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bxh4 16.f5 e5 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Rc8 19.Qe4 Bf6 20.h4 h5 21.g3 Ke7 22.Rhf1

Qb6 23.Rd3 Rc5 24.Rfd1 a5 25.a3 Rhc8 26.R3d2 Qc7 27.Bb3 Hracek,Z (2480)-Pulkkinen,K (2265) Mlada Boleslav 1992 1-0 (54)]
[RR 12...g5 13.fxg5 Ng4 14.Kb1 Bxg5 15.Bxg5 Qxg5 16.Qe2 Ne5 17.Rd2 0-0-0 18.Rhd1 Qe7 19.Qf2 Kb8 20.Qd4 Nxd3 21.Rxd3 Rhg8 22.g3 Rg5 23.Qb4 Kc7 24.a4 b6 25.Ne2 a5 26.Qd4 Rc5 27.Nc3 Silman,J (2310)-Christiansen,L (2400) San Francisco 1976 ½-½ (37)]

13.Bxe7± Qxe7 White is better. **14.Be2 Nf6 15.Bf3**
[15.Qxd6 with more complications. Bxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qd4]

15...0-0-0 16.Qe3 Qc7 17.Rd3 d5 18.e5 Nd7 19.Ne2 g5 20.g3 -0.78/19
[20.Re1= 0.01/20]



20...Kb8? 0.81/18
[20...g4!∓ -0.78/19 21.Bg2 *(21.Bxg4 d4∓)* 21...d4]

21.Nd4±
[21.fxg5? Nxe5 *(21...Qxe5 22.gxh6 Qxe3+* Remove Defender *23.Rxe3=)* 22.Nd4 Nxd3+ 23.cxd3 Bd7+ 24.Kb1 hxg5 25.Qxg5 e5-+]

21...Rc8 22.Rc3↑ White is on the roll.
[22.fxg5?! hxg5 *(22...Qxe5 23.gxh6 Qf6 24.h7=)* 23.Qxg5 Nxe5= *(23...Qxe5 24.Qe3-+)*]

22...Qa5 23.Ra3 0.49/18
[White should play 23.Kb1± 0.94/18]

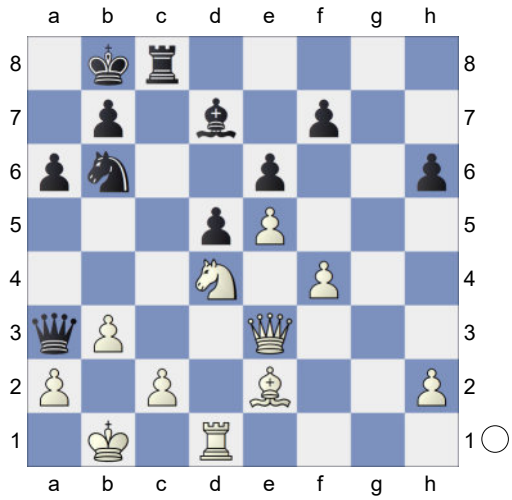
23...Qc7 24.Rd1 Nb6 25.Be2 Ba4 0.75/17
[25...Nc4± 0.39/18 is more appropriate. 26.Bxc4 dxc4]

26.Rc3
[26.fxg5 Bxc2 27.Rc3 Nc4 28.Rxc4 *(28.Kxc2? Nxe3+ 29.Kd2 Qxe5-+)* 28...dxc4 29.Kxc2 *(29.Nxc2 hxg5 30.Qc3 Rxh2∓)* 29...hxg5=]

26...Qe7 27.b3 Bd7 28.Kb1 gxf4 29.gxf4
[29.Rxc8+ simplifies Nxc8 30.Qxf4 Be8 31.h4]

29...Qa3 1.30/17
[Better is 29...Rhg8 0.72/19]

30.Rxc8+ Rxc8



This costs White the game. **31.Nf5?** -3.60/22 **Rc5-+ 32.Qd4**
[32.Nxh6? is the wrong capture. Na4 33.Qd4 Nc3+-+]

32...exf5 33.Rg1 Be6 34.Rg3 Rc6 35.Rh3 Qf8 36.a4 Nd7 37.Qf2? -6.20/18
[37.Kb2 -3.47/19]

37...Nc5 38.Qh4? -7.02/18
[38.Kb2 -3.99/22]

38...Ne4 39.Bd3 Qc5 40.Qxh6 Nf2 White must now prevent ...Nxd3!. **41.Qh8+ Rc8 42.Qh6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.92/ Black=0.51 **42...Nxd3** Remove Defender **0-1**

329 **B67**
□ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2684**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2656**
32nd Leon GM 2019 rapid (2.4) 07.07.19
[Rahal,Michael]

Ivanchuk ''Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'Ivanchuk was trailing 2-1 at this point, so his only chance was to go all in to tie the match and try his luck with the tiebreaks.''' ' was trailing 2-1 at this point, so his only chance was to go all in to tie the match and try his luck with the tiebreaks .Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'Ivanchuk was trailing 2-1 at this point, so his only chance was to go all in to tie the match and try his luck with the tiebreaks.'' **1.e4** Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M'' **1...c5 2.Nf3**
[2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 0-1 (54)'Roiz,M: '0-1 (54) Karthik,V (2519)-Maghsoodloo,P (2649) Manavgat 2018'' Karthik,V (2519)-Maghsoodloo,P (2649) Manavgat 2018Roiz,M: '0-1 (54) Karthik,V (2519)-Maghsoodloo,P (2649) Manavgat 2018']
2...Nc6
[2...d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 0-1 (41)'Roiz,M: '0-1 (41) Kuipers,S (2470)-Maghsoodloo,P (2679) Wijk aan Zee 2019'' Kuipers,S (2470)-Maghsoodloo,P (2679) Wijk aan Zee 2019 Roiz,M: '0-1 (41) Kuipers,S (2470)-Maghsoodloo,P (2679) Wijk aan Zee 2019']
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[7.Bb5 Bd7 8.Qd3 h6 9.Bh4 Be7 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.f4 Rc8 13.Rhe1 a6 14.Nxc6 Rxc6 15.e5 Ne8 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Kb1 b5 18.Ne4 d5 19.Ng3 b4 20.Ne2 Nc7 21.Nd4 Rc4 22.f5 Nb5 23.Qg3 Qg5 24.Qxg5 hxg5 25.Nf3 g4 26.Ng5 exf5 27.Rxd5 Re8 28.Red1 Rc7 29.Rd8 Rce7 30.a4 bxa3 31.c4 Nc7 32.R1d7 Rxd7 33.Rxd7 Ne6 34.Nxe6 Rxe6 35.c5 axb2 36.Kxb2 Rxe5 37.c6 Rc5 38.c7 Kh7 39.Rxf7 Kg6 40.Rd7 Kf6 41.g3 g5 42.Kb3 a5 43.Ka4 f4 44.gxf4 gxf4 45.Rd6+ Ke5 46.Rd7 f3 47.Rg7 Kf4 48.Rf7+ Ke3 49.Re7+ Kf2 50.Rg7 Ke2

0-1 (50)'Roiz,M: '0-1 (50) Sandipan,C (2534)-Maghsoodloo,P (2673) Sharjah 2019'' Sandipan,C (2534)-Maghsoodloo,P (2673) Sharjah 2019 Roiz,M: '0-1 (50) Sandipan,C (2534)-Maghsoodloo,P (2673) Sharjah 2019']

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9...Be7 10.Kb1 Both 10.h''Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'Both 10.h4 and 10. ♗e3 are decent and more played alternatives. The game has more or less transposed to the famous English Attack against the Najdorf/Scheveningen, in which both players castle on opposite sides of the board: an ideal situation for a must-win game.''' ' 4 and 10. ♗e3 are decent and more played alternatives. The game has more or less transposed to the famous English Attack against the Najdorf/Scheveningen, in which both players castle on opposite sides of the board: an ideal situation for a must-win game. Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'Both 10.h4 and 10. ♗e3 are decent and more played alternatives. The game has more or less transposed to the famous English Attack against the Najdorf/Scheveningen, in which both players castle on opposite sides of the board: an ideal situation for a must-win game.''

[10.h4 h6 11.Be3 h5 12.Kb1 b5 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Ne2 Qc7 15.Nd4 Bd7 16.Bg5 Rb8 17.Nb3 e5 18.g3 Be6 19.Bh3 Rd8 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Rhe1 0-0 22.Qe2 Rc8 23.Rd3 a5 24.Rc3 Qb6 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Nc1 b4 27.f4 exf4 28.gxf4 Qc7 29.Nd3 Ng4 30.Rc1 Bxg5 31.hxg5 Qf7 32.Rf1 g6 33.b3 Rf8 34.Rd1 Qe7 35.Rf1 e5 36.fxe5 Rxf1+ 37.Qxf1 dxe5 38.Qc1 Kg7 39.Qd2 Qd8 40.Qc1 h4 41.Qg1 Qxg5 42.Nc5 Kf7 43.Qf1+ Qf6 44.Qe2 Nh6 45.Qd2 Kg7 46.Qd7+ Nf7 47.Ne6+ Kh6 48.Nf8 Ng5 49.Qe8 Qf7 0-1 (49)'Roiz,M: '0-1 (49) Hossain,E (2473)-Maghsoodloo,P (2636) Hamedan 2018'' Hossain,E (2473)-Maghsoodloo,P (2636) Hamedan 2018 Roiz,M: '0-1 (49) Hossain,E (2473)-Maghsoodloo,P (2636) Hamedan 2018']

10...0-0

[Somewhat problematic for Black is 10...Qc7 11.h4 h6 12.Be3 h5 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Bg5 , as in So,W (2667)-Sasikiran,K (2676) New Delhi 2011 [Richard Palliser]', as in So,W

(2667)-Sasikiran,K (2676) New Delhi 2011 [Richard Palliser] Roiz,M: ', as in So,W (2667)-Sasikiran,K (2676) New Delhi 2011 [Richard Palliser] Rahal,Michael: ', as in So,W (2667)-Sasikiran,K (2676) New Delhi 2011 [Richard Palliser]" Roiz,M: ', as in So, W (2667)-Sasikiran,K (2676) New Delhi 2011 0-1 [Richard Palliser]"]

11.Be3 'This retreat is new to our PGN Archive.'Roiz,M: 'This retreat is new to our PGN Archive.''This retreat is new to our PGN Archive. Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz, M: 'This retreat is new to our PGN Archive.'" ' '

['The more aggressive Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: 'The more aggressive'" 11.h4 Roiz,M: '!?''Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: '!?' '!?' '!?'"

A) 11...Qb8 12.g4 Rc8 took place in Shabalov,A (2608) - Kozul,Z (2640) Calvia ESP 2004 [John Fedorowicz]. As mentioned in the notes to this game,'took place in Shabalov,A (2608) -Kozul,Z (2640) Calvia ESP 2004 [John Fedorowicz]. As mentioned in the notes to this game, Roiz,M: 'took place in Shabalov,A (2608) -Kozul, Z (2640) Calvia ESP 2004 [John Fedorowicz]. As mentioned in the notes to this game, Rahal,Michael: 'took place in Shabalov,A (2608) - Kozul,Z (2640) Calvia ESP 2004 [John Fedorowicz]. As mentioned in the notes to this game,'" *(12...Ne5* doesn't really makes Black's setup more attractive: *13.Qg2 b5 14.Bc1* , and White's attack is very strong.*)* 13.Nxc6! Bxc6 14.Bf4 Ne8 15.g5 seems annoying for Black, whose pieces are awkwardly posted on the back rank.'seems annoying for Black, whose pieces are awkwardly posted on the back rank. Roiz,M: 'seems annoying for Black, whose pieces are awkwardly posted on the back rank. Rahal,Michael: 'seems annoying for Black, whose pieces are awkwardly posted on the back rank.'";

B) 11...b5 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Ne2 with the'Roiz,M: 'with the idea ♘d4-g4 with an attack is more to the point." idea ♘d4-g4 with an attack is more to the point.Roiz,M: 'with the idea ♘d4-g4 with an attack is more to the point.']

11...b5 12.g4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4

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13...Bc6 'This is the most flexible - the d7-spot is now vacant for the knight.

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[Another typical idea is 13...b4 14.Ne2 e5 15.Be3 Be6 , intending to advance the a-passer. However, after 16.g5 Nd7 17.h4 Nb6 18.Bxb6 Qxb6 19.f4 Black didn't manage to solve his problems in Akhayan,R - Le Quang,K Charleroi 2008'Black didn't manage to solve his problems in Akhayan,R - Le Quang,K Charleroi 2008 Roiz,M: 'Black didn't manage to solve his problems in Akhayan,R - Le Quang,K Charleroi 2008 Rahal, Michael: 'Black didn't manage to solve his problems in Akhayan,R - Le Quang,K Charleroi 2008'"]

14.g5 Nd7 15.h4 b4 16.Ne2 d5N Protecting the b4 pawn with the bishop and either opening up the center for the light-square bishop or, as in the game, shutting down the act'Parham employs a dubious novelty that takes the game into French paths and offers White easy play on the k-side. Rahal,Michael: '!?''Roiz,M: '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' Roiz,M: 'Parham employs a dubious novelty that takes the game into French paths and offers White easy play on the k-side. ''Parham employs a dubious novelty that takes the game into French paths and offers White easy play on the k-side. Rahal,Michael: '!?' Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz, M: '?!' Roiz,M: 'Parham employs a dubious novelty that takes the game into French paths and offers White easy play on the k-side.' Protecting the b4 pawn with the bishop and either opening up the center for the light-square bishop or, as in the game, shutting down the activity of both bishops (c6 but also d4). After the game Maghsoodloo mentioned that his team-mate iranian GM Tabatabei had analysed this position and found it playable.'' ' ' ivity of both bishops (c6 but also d4). After the game Maghsoodloo mentioned that his team-mate iranian GM Tabatabei had analysed this position and found it playable. Roiz,M: '?!'Roiz,M: 'Rahal, Michael: 'Protecting the b4 pawn with the bishop and either opening up the center for the light-square bishop or, as in the game, shutting down the activity of both bishops (c6 but also d4). After the game Maghsoodloo mentioned that his team-mate iranian GM Tabatabei had analysed this position and found it playable.''

[The previously played 16...Ne5 looks more in the spirit of the system and leads to a very complex, double-edged struggle:'looks more in the spirit of the system and leads to a very complex, double-edged struggle: Roiz,M: 'looks more in the spirit of the system and leads to a very complex, double-edged struggle: Rahal, Michael: 'looks more in the spirit of the system and leads to a very complex, double-edged struggle:'" 17.Rh3 *(17.Bg2? Nc4 18.Qxb4 d5 19.Qe1 Rb8* yielded Black a crushing attack in Palac,M - Jankovic,A Porec 2014*;* Nobody tried'Nobody tried Roiz, M: 'Nobody tried Rahal,Michael: 'Nobody tried'" *17.Qe3!? Qc7 18.Ng3* , followed by f3-f4. This might be White's best attempt to claim any superiority.', followed by f3-f4. This might be White's best attempt to

claim any superiority. Roiz,M: ', followed by f3-f4. This might be White's best attempt to claim any superiority. Rahal,Michael: ', followed by f3-f4. This might be White's best attempt to claim any superiority.'") 17...Nc4 18.Qe1 e5 19.Nc1?! This was Leko,P - Kozul,Z Doha 2016'This was Leko,P - Kozul,Z Doha 2016 Roiz,M: 'This was Leko,P - Kozul,Z Doha 2016 Rahal,Michael: 'This was Leko,P - Kozul,Z Doha 2016'" *(Better was 19.Bg1 Bd7 20.Rh2* , maintaining the tension.', maintaining the tension. Roiz,M: ', maintaining the tension. Rahal, Michael: ', maintaining the tension.'") Now Black should have played 19...Bd7! 20.Rh2 Na3+ 21.bxa3 exd4↑]

[RR 16...a5 17.Nc1 Qb8 18.h5 d5 19.g6 dxe4 20.h6 fxg6 21.hxg7 Rf4 22.Bc4 Nf6 23.Bxe6+ Kxg7 24.Ne2 e3 25.Qxe3 Bd6 26.Nxf4 Bxf4 27.Qf2 Be5 28.Rhe1 Bxd4 29.Qxd4 Qb7 30.f4 Re8 31.Bc4 Sirosh,I (2285)-Narva,M (2179) Tallinn 2015 1-0 (57)]

17.e5

[White achieves nothing special with 17.exd5?! Bxd5 18.Bg2 Qa5 19.b3 Rad8 20.Bb2 Bb7⇄]

17...a5 Roiz,M: '?"A careless move. Black can't afford to waste a tempo on counter-attacking measures.'Roiz,M: '?' '?' '?' '?' Roiz,M: 'A careless move. Black can't afford to waste a tempo on counter-attacking measures.'A careless move. Black can't afford to waste a tempo on counter-attacking measures. Rahal, Michael: 'Roiz,M: '?' Roiz,M: 'A careless move. Black can't afford to waste a tempo on counter-attacking measures.'" '

[Better was 17...Bb5 18.g6 hxg6 19.Nf4 Qc7 20.h5 g5 21.Nh3 , even though Black's position remains dangerous in this case as well.', even though Black's position remains dangerous in this case as well. Roiz,M: ', even though Black's position remains dangerous in this case as well. Rahal,Michael: ', even though Black's position remains dangerous in this case as well.'"]

18.f4 Roiz,M: '"Roiz,M: '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!"Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: '?!'" ' ' ?!'

[The comp'Roiz,M: 'The computer claims an advantage for White with'' uter claims an advantage for White with Roiz,M: 'The computer claims an advantage for White with' 18.Nf4!? followed'Roiz,M: 'followed by the pawn sacrifice 19.g6 and then 20.h5 opening lines for the heavy pieces.'' by the pawn sacrifice 19.g6 and then 20.h5 opening lines for the heavy pieces. Roiz,M: 'followed by the pawn sacrifice 19.g6 and then 20.h5 opening lines for the heavy pieces.']

[Alas, Vassily misses a golden opportunity to win the game in brilliant style:'Alas, Vassily misses a golden opportunity to win the game in brilliant style: Roiz,M: 'Alas, Vassily misses a golden opportunity to win the game in brilliant style: Rahal,Michael: 'Alas, Vassily misses a golden opportunity to win the game in brilliant style:'" 18.g6!

A) Equally bad is 18...fxg6 19.Bh3 Nc5 *(19...Rf5 20.h5 Rxh5 21.Bxe6+ Kh8 22.Rxh5 gxh5 23.Rg1+-)* 20.Qe3 Bb5 21.Bxc5 Bxc5 22.Qxc5 Bxe2 23.Bxe6+ Kh8 24.Rxd5+-;

B) 18...hxg6 19.Nf4 Qc7

*(*Nothing is changed by *19...Bc5 20.h5 g5 21.Bxc5 Nxc5 22.Nd3 Nxd3 23.Bxd3 f5 24.Rdg1+-* , and White's attack plays itself.', and White's attack plays itself. Roiz, M: ', and White's attack plays itself. Rahal,Michael: ', and White's attack plays itself.'"*)* 20.h5 g5 21.Qg2! Nxe5 22.Ng6 fxg6 23.Bxe5 Qxe5 24.hxg6+- with decisive threats.]

18...Nc5! The black knight heads towa'Rahal,Michael: '!''Roiz,M: 'Rahal, Michael: '!' Rahal,Michael: 'The black knight heads towards the e4 (or a4) squares.'" ' rds the e4 (or a4) squares. Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'The black knight heads towards the e4 (or a4) squares."

[A previo'Roiz,M: 'A previous game between Hracek,Z (2633) and Samsonkin,A (2409) in Khanty-Mansiysk 2010 had continued'' us game between Hracek,Z (2633) and Samsonkin,A (2409) in Khanty-Mansiysk 2010 had continued Roiz,M: 'A previous game between Hracek,Z (2633) and Samsonkin,A (2409) in Khanty-Mansiysk 2010 had continued' 18...a4 19.h5 b3 20.g6! Nc5 and now'Roiz,M: 'and now" Roiz,M: 'and now' 21.h6!? is equal'Roiz,M: 'is equal according to the computer but in my opinion anything but a draw can happen here!" according to the computer but in my opinion anything but a draw can happen here !Roiz,M: 'is equal according to the computer but in my opinion anything but a draw can happen here!']

19.Qe3 Ne4 20.Bh3!? Threatening ideas with maybe 21.f5 or even 21.g6!? followed by 22.h5'There was no reason to lock the h-file. Rahal,Michael: '!?''Roiz, M: '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' Roiz,M: 'There was no reason to lock the h-file.''There was no reason to lock the h-file. Rahal,Michael: '!?' Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: '?!' Roiz,M: 'There was no reason to lock the h-file.' Threatening ideas with maybe 21.f5 or even 21.g6!? followed by 22.h5.'' ' ' . Roiz, M: ' ? ! 'Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'Threatening ideas with maybe 21.f5 or even 21.g6!? followed by 22.h5."

['The natural'Roiz,M: 'The natural''The natural Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: 'The natural'" ' ' 20.Ng3 was probably a more solid option'was much stronger and still seems to pose Black serious problems after'Roiz,M: 'was much stronger and still seems to pose Black serious problems after''was much stronger and still seems to pose Black serious problems after Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: 'was much stronger and still seems to pose Black serious problems after' was probably a more solid option'' ' ' Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'was probably a more solid option" a4 21.Bd3±]

20...Bd7! Defending against f5 while at the same time opening t'Parham returns the favor. Rahal,Michael: '!''Roiz,M: '?' '?' '?' '?' Roiz,M: 'Parham returns the favor.''Parham returns the favor. Rahal, Michael: '!' Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: '?' Roiz,M: 'Parham returns the favor.' Defending against f5 while at the same time opening the c-file for an attack on c2.'' ' ' he c-file for an attack on c2. Roiz, M: ' ? 'Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'Defending against f5 while at the same time opening the c-file for an attack on c2."

[Correct was 20...Qc8! 21.Ng3 a4 22.Nxe4 dxe4⇄ with mutual

chances.]

21.Bg2! Ivanchuk wants to exchange 'Rahal,Michael: '!''Roiz,M: 'Rahal, Michael: '!' Rahal,Michael: 'Ivanchuk wants to exchange the strong knight on e4 but he does lose a tempi. The computer however agrees with his decision!'" ' the strong knight on e4 but he does lose a tempi. The computer however agrees with his decision! Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'Ivanchuk wants to exchange the strong knight on e4 but he does lose a tempi. The computer however agrees with his decision!'' **21...Qc7!** 'Rahal,Michael: '!"Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: '!"' '

[After 21...a4 22.c4! bxc3 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Nxc3 White manages to grab the pawn in a favorable situation.]

22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Ng3 It seems "Roiz, M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'It seems that White is doing well by attacking the e4 pawn and f5-h5 are on the line. However, Black also can attack with a4-b3 and also the light-squared bishop could now become very strong in some situations. At this point there was a lot of excitement in the playing hall as anything could happen.'" ' that White is doing well by attacking the e4 pawn and f5-h5 are on the line. However, Black also can attack with a4-b3 and also the light-squared bishop could now become very strong in some situations. At this point there was a lot of excitement in the playing hall as anything could happen. Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'It seems that White is doing well by attacking the e4 pawn and f5-h5 are on the line. However, Black also can attack with a4-b3 and also the light-squared bishop could now become very strong in some situations. At this point there was a lot of excitement in the playing hall as anything could happen."

[23.Qxe4? Bc6-+]

23...Rfc8 Attacking"Roiz,M: 'Rahal, Michael: 'Attacking c2.''' ' c2. Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'Attacking c2." **24.Rh2 a4 25.Nxe4** Roiz,M: '±"Now White is firmly in control.'Roiz,M: ' ±' '±' '±' '±' Roiz,M: 'Now White is firmly in cont'Now White is firmly in control. Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: ' ±' Roiz,M: 'Now White is firmly in control.'" rol." ' **25...b3** White has won a pawn but Black strikes first...'Black reasonably aims to complicate matters.'Roiz,M: 'Black reasonably aims to complicate matters. ''Black reasonably aims to complicate matters. Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: 'Black reasonably aims to complicate matters.' White has won a pawn but Black strikes first...'' ' 'Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'White has won a pawn but Black strikes first..." **26.cxb3?** The classical defensive approach in these types of position (cx'This suddenly gives Black a lot of play on the q-side.'Roiz,M: 'This suddenly gives Black a lot of play on the q-side.''This suddenly gives Black a lot of play on the q-side. Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: 'This suddenly gives Black a lot of play on the q-side.' The classical defensive approach in these types of position (cxb3 followed by a3 closing the queenside) will not work here.'' ' ' b3 followed by a3 closing the queenside) will not work here.Roiz,M: 'Rahal, Michael: 'The classical defensive approach in these types of position (cxb3 followed by a3 closing the queenside) will not work here."

[The key 'Roiz,M: 'The key move was" move was Roiz,M: 'The key move was' 26.Bc3! and now'Roiz,M: 'and

now" Roiz,M: 'and now' bxa2+ *(26...bxc2+ 27.Rxc2±; 26...a3 27.cxb3 axb2 28.Bxb2±)* 27.Ka1! Using th'Roiz,M: 'Using the black pawn as a shield'' e black pawn as a shield Roiz,M: 'Using the black pawn as a shield' a3 28.b3 and Whit'Roiz,M: 'and White is fully protected and can now counterattack on the kingside'' e is fully protected and can now counterattack on the kingside Roiz,M: 'and White is fully protected and can now counterattack on the kingside']

[Instead, the cold-blooded 26.c3 a3 27.axb3 axb2 28.Rxb2 would have offered White excellent winning chances - the king is relatively safe here.'would have offered White excellent winning chances - the king is relatively safe here. Roiz,M: 'would have offered White excellent winning chances - the king is relatively safe here. Rahal,Michael: 'would have offered White excellent winning chances - the king is relatively safe here.'"]

26...axb3 27.a3 Bc6! 'Black has full control of the light squares. Rahal,Michael: '!''Roiz,M: 'Black has full control of the light squares.''Black has full control of the light squares. Rahal,Michael: '!' Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: 'Black has full control of the light squares.'" ' ' **28.Rhd2**

[The idea'Roiz,M: 'The idea behind 27... ♗c6 can be seen in the line'' behind 27... ♗c6 can be seen in the line Roiz,M: 'The idea behind 27...♗c6 can be seen in the line' 28.h5 Bxe4+! 29.Qxe4 Ra4! Threaten'Roiz,M: 'Threatening all sorts of tactics based on White's back-rank weakness and the pawn on b3. The main threat is 30... ♖xd4 winning.'' ing all sorts of tactics based on White's back-rank weakness and the pawn on b3. The main threat is 30... ♖xd4 winning. Roiz,M: 'Threatening all sorts of tactics based on White's back-rank weakness and the pawn on b3. The main threat is 30...♖xd4 winning.']

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[28...Bb4! 29.Rh2 Ra4 would be very strong here and force White to play'would be very strong here and force White to play Roiz,M: 'would be very strong here and force White to play Rahal,Michael: 'would be very strong here and force White to play'" 30.Nd6 Bxd6 31.exd6 Qxd6 32.Rhd2 Rc4 with approximate equality.]

29.Nc3 Roiz,M: '?!''This is just too passive.'Roiz,M: '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' Roiz,M: 'This is just too passiv'This is just too passive. Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: '?!' Roiz,M: 'This is just too passive.'" e." '

[Returning''Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'Returning the pawn with'" ' the pawn with Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'Returning the pawn with'' 29.Nd6 Roiz,M: '"Roiz,M: '!' '!' '!' '!''Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: '!'" ' ' !' Bxd6 30.exd6 Qxd6

A) However,'Roiz,M: 'However,'' Roiz,M: 'However,' 31.Bxg7? loses to'Roiz,M: 'loses to'' Roiz,M: 'loses to' Be4+! 32.Qxe4 *(32.Ka1 Rxa3+ 33.bxa3 Qxa3+ 34.Ra2 Qxa2#)* 32...Qxd2! 33.Rxd2 Rxe4-+;

B) 31.h5 would still be very unclear. 'still looks annoying for Black.'Roiz,M: 'still looks annoying for Black.''still looks annoying for Black. Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: 'still looks annoying for Black.' would still be very unclear.'' ' 'Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'would still be very unclear."]

29...Rc4 'Black takes over the initiative. 'Roiz,M: 'Black takes over the initiative.''Black takes over the initiative. Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: 'Black takes over the initiative.'" ' ' **30.f5?** Ivanchuk, who up to now had played a ver'Desperation. Rahal,Michael: '?''Roiz,M: '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' Roiz,M: 'Desperation.''Desperation. Rahal,Michael: '?' Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: '?!' Roiz,M: 'Desperation.' Ivanchuk, who up to now had played a very decent game, loses his cool and opens up the position at a bad moment.'' ' ' y decent game, loses his cool and opens up the position at a bad moment. Roiz,M: '?!' Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'Ivanchuk, who up to now had played a very decent game, loses his cool and opens up the position at a bad moment."

[30.h5 Qb7 31.Rd3 and Black"Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'and Black has obvious compensation for the pawn but there's no clear way to break open White's castled king.'" ' has obvious compensation for the pawn but there's no clear way to break open White's castled king. Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'and Black has obvious compensation for the pawn but there's no clear way to break open White's castled king.'' Bf8 is close to equality, but White's practical task is much tougher.]

30...exf5 31.e6 Roiz,M: '"Roiz,M: '?' '?' '?' '?"Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: '?"' ' ?'

[The last chance to put-up resistance was 31.Bb6 Qb7 32.e6 Be4+ 33.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 34.Qxe4 Rxe4 35.Bd8∓]

31...Be4+! 'Rahal,Michael: '!"Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: '!"' '

[But not'Roiz,M: 'But not''Roiz,M: 'But not' 31...fxe6? 32.Qxe6+ Kh8 33.Bxg7+! Kxg7 34.Rd7! Bxd7 35.Qxe7+ Kg8 36.Rxd7 winning,'Roiz,M: 'winning, was one of the lines that I suspect Ivanchuk had calculated when he played 30.f5 but as I always say to my students "Long line, wrong line". It's not surprising that Black has the nice "zwischenzug" 31... ♗e4+ that leaves White on the ropes.'' was one of the lines that I suspect Ivanchuk had calculated when he played 30.f5 but as I always say to my students "Long line, wrong line". It's not surprising that Black has the nice "zwischenzug" 31... ♗e4+ that leaves White on the ropes. Roiz,M: 'winning, was one of the lines that I suspect Ivanchuk had calculated when he played 30.f5 but as I always say to my students "Long line, wrong line". It's not surprising that Black has the nice "zwischenzug" 31... ♗e4+ that leaves White on the ropes.']

32.Ka1

[32.Nxe4 Rc1+ 33.Rxc1 Qxc1#]

And White"Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'And White is busted. Ivanchuk played his

last card.'" ' is busted. Ivanchuk played his last card.Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'And White is busted. Ivanchuk played his last card.'' **32...fxe6** Roiz,M: '-+"The last few moves were painful.'Roiz,M: '-+' '-+' '-+' '-+' Roiz,M: 'The last few moves were painfu'The last few moves were painful. Rahal,Michael: 'Roiz,M: '-+' Roiz, M: 'The last few moves were painful.'" I.'' ' **33.Bxg7 Qa5!** 'Rahal,Michael: '!"Roiz, M: 'Rahal,Michael: '!'" '

[33...Kxg7 34.Rd7 Rxc3! 35.bxc3 b2+ 36.Kxb2 Rb8+ 37.Ka1 Rb1+! 38.Rxb1 Qxd7 is also 'Roiz,M: 'is also winning but as Sarin said in the commentary "there is no need to capture the bishop and Parham won't". He was right!'' winning but as Sarin said in the commentary "there is no need to capture the bishop and Parham won't". He was right! Roiz,M: 'is also winning but as Sarin said in the commentary "there is no need to capture the bishop and Parham won't". He was right!']

34.Bf6 Bxa3! 'Rahal,Michael: '!"Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: '!'" ' **35.Rd8+**

[35.bxa3 Qxa3+ 36.Na2 Qxa2+]

35...Bf8+ Blacking "Roiz,M: 'Rahal, Michael: 'Blacking a check and delivering mate at the same time is a very nice way to end the tournament!'' Roiz,M: '0-moves were painful. Bxg7 Qa5 Bf6 Bxa3 Rd8+ Bf8+ 0-" ' a check and delivering mate at the same time is a very nice way to end the tournament! Roiz,M: 'Rahal,Michael: 'Blacking a check and delivering mate at the same time is a very nice way to end the tournament!"

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2656**

■ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2684**

32nd Leon GM 2019 rapid (2.3) 07.07.19

[Kitty Kat]

A30: Symmetrical English: Double Fianchetto and Hedgehog

Inf 109/(48) Overprotecting the knight on c3 while bringing the rook to a good square and thereby facilitating Ba3, which won't be too easy for Black to meet. **1.Nf3 b6**

[1...d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.d3 Nbd7 5.0-0 e5 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 Bc5 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nb3 Be7 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.Ne1 a5 13.a4 Nc5 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.Nd3 Bg4 16.Bf3 (22) Alekseev,E (2691)-Inarkiev,E (2671) 109/(48) Russia 2010]

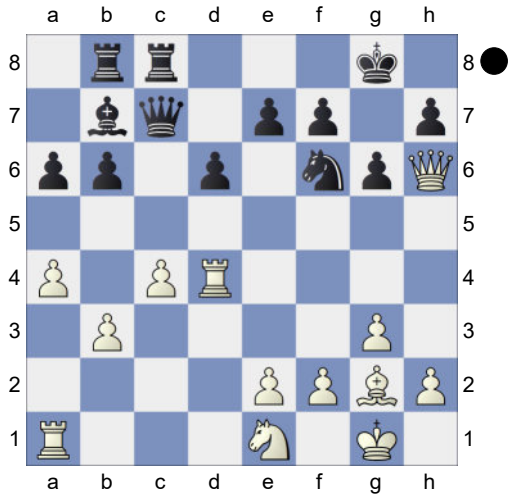
2.c4 Bb7 3.g3N

[3.e3 e6 4.b3 f5 5.Bb2 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 *(6...g6 7.d4 Bg7 8.Be2 0-0 9.b4 a5 10.b5 d6 11.Ng5 Qe7 12.Bf3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 Nbd7 14.0-0* 7c) An Early ...b6-The Early ...b6: 6... g6 Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024 *)* 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2 Qe8 *(8...e5 9.0-0 d6 10.Qc2* 7c) An Early ...b6-The Early ...b6: 6... Be7 #1 Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024*)* 9.0-0 Qh5 10.d4 d6 11.d5 e5 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.Qxh5 Nxh5 14.d6 Bxg2 15.dxe7 Bxf1 16.exf8Q+ Kxf8 17.Kxf1 7c) An Early ...b6-The Early ...b6: 6...Be7 #4 Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]

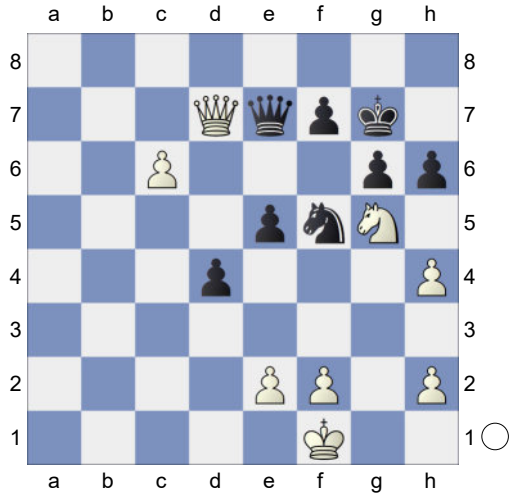
3...c5 4.Bg2 g6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nf6 7.b3 d6 8.Bb2 Nbd7 9.Nc3 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rfd1 a6 12.Ne1

[12.Qd3 simplifies Rc8 13.Rac1 Nc5

14.Qb1]
12...Ne4 Discovered Attack **13.Qe3 Nxc3** White has an edge. **14.Bxc3 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 Qc7 16.Qe3 Nf6 17.a4 Rab8 18.Rd4N**
[RR 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Nd3 Rfc8 20.Nb4 Rc5 21.Qd2 Qc8 22.f3 h5 23.Kg2 h4 24.Nd3 Rh5 25.Nf4 Rh7 26.g4 Nxg4 27.fxg4 Qxg4+ 28.Kf2 Qf5 29.Ke1 Qe4 30.Kf2 Qf5 31.e4 Qxe4 32.Rg1 Qf5 Maghsoodloo,P (2690)-Bru Rullo,L (2296) Sitges 2019 1-0 (53)]
18...Rfc8 19.Qh6 -0.54/22
[19.Bxb7= 0.24/17 Rxb7 20.Nd3]

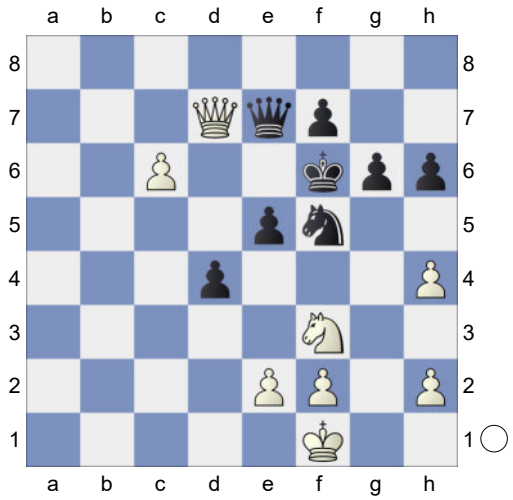


19...b5 -0.08/20
[19...Bxg2!∓ -0.54/22 20.Nxg2 b5]
20.axb5 -0.54/20
[20.Bxb7!= -0.08/20 is superior. Rxb7 21.cxb5]
20...axb5∓ 21.Rh4 bxc4 22.bxc4 Ra8 23.Rc1 Ra2 24.Qe3 Bxg2 25.Nxg2 d5 26.Ne1 Ra4 -0.31/20
[26...dxc4 27.Rhxc4 Qxc4 28.Rxc4 Rxc4 29.Nf3∓ *(29.Qxe7 Rc1∓)*]
[26...Qc5!∓ -0.93/21 27.Qxc5 Rxc5]
27.c5 Rxh4 28.gxh4 e5 29.Nf3 Re8 30.c6 d4 31.Qb3 Rb8 Dodges Qb7 **32.Qc4 Ne4** 0.53/19
[Black should try 32...e4∓ -0.39/20 33.Nxd4 Ng4]
33.Kg2 -0.01/19
[33.h5!± 0.53/19]
33...Rb2 0.57/21
[33...Nf6= -0.01/19]
34.Ng5 0.14/21
[34.h3± 0.57/21]
34...Nd6= 35.Qd5 Rb5 0.61/22
[35...Rxe2= 0.19/20 36.Kf1 d3 37.Qxd3 Ra2]
36.Rc5± White is much more active.
36...Rxc5 37.Qxc5 Endgame KQN-KQN **37...Nf5** 1.43/21
[37...h6?! 38.Nf3±]
[37...e4!± 0.40/20]
38.Qd5!± Qe7 39.Kf1 1.20/21
[39.Nf3 e4 40.Ne5 *(40.Nxd4 Qxh4 41.Kh1 Qg5=)* 40...Kg7±]
[Better is 39.Ne4!+- 1.78/21 Hoping for c7!. Kg7 40.h5]
39...Kg7 40.Ne4 0.36/22
[40.Qd7± 1.13/22]
40...Qc7!± 41.Ng5 0.01/20
[41.h5!± 0.44/24 Ne7 42.h6+ Kf8 43.Qb3]
41...Qe7!= 42.Qd7! h6



43.Nf3 Kf6

(Diagram)

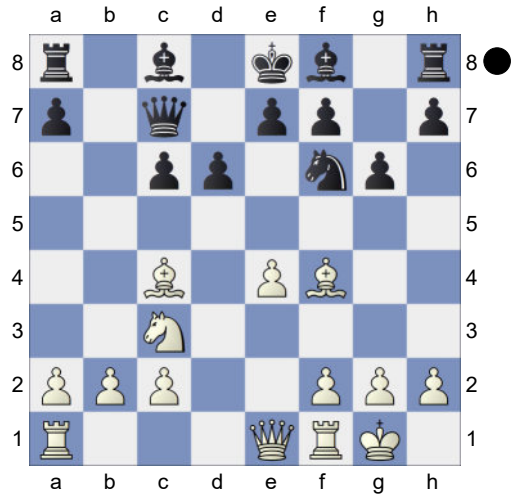


44.h5 0.67/23 **gxh5 45.Qd5** 0.08/18
[45.Qc8± 0.79/22 Nd6 46.Qh8+ Kf5 47.Qxh6]
45...Qc7 The position is equal. **46.Qd7** Prevents Ne7. **46...Qxd7** Remove Defender **47.cxd7** KN-KN. Black is a pawn up. **47...Ke7** And now ...f6 would win. **48.Nxe5 f6 49.Ng6+ Kxd7**
[49...Kd8 seems wilder. 50.Nf8 Ne7 51.Kg2 Nc6]
50.Nf4 h4 51.Kg2 Kd6 52.Kf3 Ke5 53.Ng6+ Kd5 54.Nf4+ Ke5 55.Kg4 Ne7 56.Nd3+ Ke4 57.Kxh4 Nd5 58.Kh5 Nc3 59.Nc1 Nd1! 60.Nd3 Nc3 61.Nc1 Nd1! 62.Nd3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
62...Nc3
½-½

331 **B57**
□ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2684**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2656**
32nd Leon GM 2019 rapid (2.2) 07.07.19
[Kitty Kat]

B57: Classical Sicilian: Sozin with 6... Qb6

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 Qb6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.0-0 g6 9.Qe1 Qc7 10.Bf4



Nh5N
[10...Nd7
A) 11.Qd2 Bg7 12.Bh6 0-0 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Rad1 *(14.b3 f6 15.f4* Chapter 20-6.Bc4 Qb6 7.Nc6 2022 *)* 14...Rd8 15.b3 Qa5 16.Rfe1 Ba6 17.Bxa6 Qxa6 18.Re3 Qa5 19.Qd4+ Qe5 20.Qd2 Qa5 21.Qd4+ Qe5 ½-½ Mchedlishvili,M (2568)-Mehar,C (2405) Indore op 1st 2023 (10);
B) 11.Rd1 Bg7 12.Qd2 *(12.b3 0-0 13.Qd2* Quickstarter-Classical Sicilian #1*)* 12...Rb8 13.Bh6 0-0 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.b3 Nf6 16.Rfe1 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.e5 dxe5 19.Qe2 Nd5 20.Ne4 Nf4 21.Qe3 Nd5 22.Qg3 Kg8 23.c4 Nf4 24.Qe3 Qa5 25.g3 1-0 (56) Santos Ruiz,M (2587)-Mamedov,R (2646) WchT Final 13th rapid 2022 (1.4)]
[RR 10...Nd7 11.Qd2 Bg7 12.Bh6 0-0 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Rad1 Rb8 15.Kh1 Nf6 16.b3 Qa5 17.Rfe1 Bb7 18.f4 Rbd8 19.Bd3 ½-½ (19) Palac,M (2584)-Jankovic,A (2525) Sibenik

2006]
[RR 10...Nd7 11.Rd1 Bg7 12.Qd2 Rb8 13.Bh6 0-0 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.b3 Nf6 16.Rfe1 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.e5 dxe5 19.Qe2 Nd5 20.Ne4 Nf4 21.Qe3 Nd5 22.Qg3 Kg8 23.c4 Nf4 24.Qe3 Qa5 25.g3 Santos Ruiz,M (2587)-Mamedov,R (2646) Jerusalem 2022 1-0 (56)]
[RR 10...Nd7 11.Qe3 Bg7 12.Bh6 0-0 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Rfe1 Rb8 15.b3 Qa5 16.f4 f6 17.Rad1 Qc5 18.a4 a5 19.Bf1 Rb4 20.Bc4 Qxe3+ 21.Rxe3 Nc5 22.Na2 Rb6 23.Nc1 Re8 24.Nd3 Nxd3 25.Bxd3 Krishay,J (2059)-Soumya,S (2232) Mumbai 2025 ½-½ (41)]
[RR 10...Nd7 11.Qd2 Bg7 12.Bh6 0-0 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.b3 Bb7 15.Rad1 a5 16.f4 Rad8 17.Na4 Kg8 18.Qc3 c5 19.Rfe1 Bc6 20.e5 dxe5 21.fxe5 e6 22.Nb2 a4 23.Rd6 axb3 24.axb3 Nb6 25.Qa5 Stoyanov,T (2442)-Kotronias,V (2468) Thessaloniki 2022 ½-½]

11.Bg5 White is slightly better. **11...Bg7 12.Rd1 0-0 13.b3 e6 14.Be2 Nf6 15.Bf4 e5 16.Bg5 Be6 17.Bf3** 0.16/18
[17.f4!± 0.56/19]

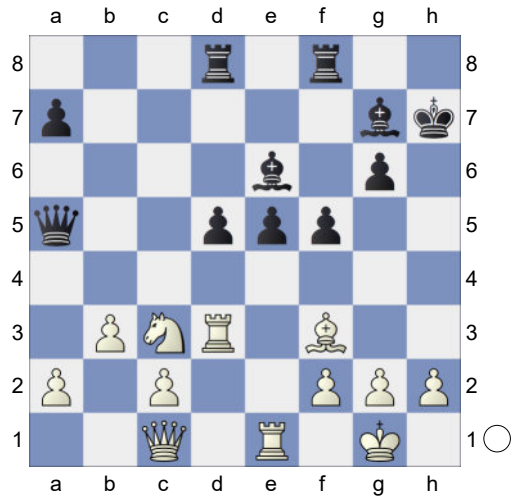
17...h6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Qd2 Rad8 20.Qxh6 Bg7 21.Qg5 Qa5 22.Qd2 Qc7 23.Rfe1 f5 24.Qg5 Kh7 25.Qc1 -0.27/18 White is more active.
[25.exf5± 0.70/18 gxf5 26.Rd4]

25...Qa5 0.09/19
[⌓25...Bh6 -0.27/18 26.Qa3 fxe4 Remove Defender 27.Rxe4 *(27.Nxe4 d5∓)* 27...d5]

26.Rd3= d5 0.35/20
[26...Rde8= -0.01/19]

27.exd5± cxd5

(Diagram)



28.b4! Deflection **28...Qxb4** And now ... e4 would win. **29.Bxd5 Bxd5 30.Nxd5 Qc5** 1.60/19
[Black should try 30...Qc4 0.73/21 31.Red1 e4 32.Rh3+ Kg8]

31.c4± f4 2.28/18
[31...Rd6± 1.60/19 32.Rh3+ Kg8]

32.Re4 Rb8 33.h4 Rf7 2.21/20
[33...Rf5± 1.53/18 34.Rb3 Qd6]

34.Qc2 Kh6 35.Rb3 Rfb7 2.81/20
[⌓35...Qc8 1.75/19 36.Re1 Rxb3 37.axb3 Rd7]

36.Qd1 1.65/20
[⌓36.h5 2.81/20 Qd6 37.g3]

36...Qc8+- 37.Kh2 a5 2.04/19
[37...Qf5± 1.58/20 keeps fighting. 38.f3 Rxb3 39.axb3 a5]

38.g4 a4 39.Rh3 0.01/21
[39.Rxb7+- 1.81/21 Rxb7 40.g5+ *(40.Qxa4 Qxg4 41.Qc2 Qxh4+ 42.Kg2 Qg4+ 43.Kf1 Qh3+ 44.Ke2 Qh1-+)* 40...Kh7 41.Qf3 *(41.Qxa4 Qg4∓)*]

39...Rb2= 40.Qf3
[40.Qxa4 Rxf2+ 41.Kg1 Qxg4+ 42.Kxf2 Rb2+ *(42...Qxh3? 43.Nb4-+)*]
[40.g5+ Kh7 41.Qf3 Qc5∓]

40...Qc5!
[40...Rxa2 41.g5+ Kh7 42.h5+-]

41.Kg2 Strongly threatening g5+.
[41.g5+ Kh7 42.Kg2 Rxa2∓]
41...Rxa2 42.g5+ Kh7 43.h5 Rbb2! 44.hxg6+ Kg8! 45.Rxf4! Threatening mate with Ne7+!. **45...exf4 46.Nf6+ Bxf6 47.Qa8+ Qf8 48.Qd5+ Kg7 49.Rh7+ Kxg6 50.Qe4+** 0.39/5
[50.Qd3+= 0.01/27 Kxg5 51.Qd5+ Be5 52.Qxe5+ Kg6 53.Qh5+ Kf6 54.Rh6+ Qxh6 *(54...Ke7? 55.Qc5+* Skewer *Kd7 56.Qxf8+-)* 55.Qxh6+ Ke5 56.Qg5+ Kd4 57.Qxf4+ Kc5 58.Qf5+ Kb4 59.Qf8+ Kxc4 60.Qf4+ Kd3 61.Qe3+ Kc4 62.Qe4+ Kc3 63.Qf3+ Kd4 64.Qf4+ Kc5 65.Qe5+ Kc6 66.Qe6+ Kc5 67.Kh3]
50...Kxg5± 51.Qd5+ Be5 52.Qxe5+ Kg6 53.Qh5+ Kf6 54.Rh6+ Qxh6! 55.Qxh6+= Endgame KQ-KRR
55...Ke5⇄ Black is fighting back
56.Qg5+ Kd4 57.Qxf4+ Kc5 (-> ...Rxf2+) **58.Qe5+ Kb4 59.Qb5+ Kc3 60.Qe5+ Kb3 61.Qb5+ Kc2 62.Qf5+ Kd1** 0.37/20
[62...Kb3= -0.01/21 should be considered. 63.Qd3+ Kb4]
63.c5 0.01/18
[63.Kg1!± 0.37/20]
63...a3 1.09/20
[63...Rxf2+= 0.01/18 64.Qxf2 Rxf2+ 65.Kxf2 a3]
64.c6 0.00/24
[64.Qd3+± 1.09/20 Kc1 65.Qf1+ Kd2 66.c6]
Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
64...Rxf2+
½-½

332 **A15**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2671**
■ **Moroni,Luca** **2553**
chess.com Junior Speed (1.23) 18.06.19
[Kitty Kat]

A15: English Opening: 1...Nf6
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 g6 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2N
[6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 e6 8.Nc3 d6 9.Bf4 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Bxe4 11.Qd2 Re8 12.Bh6 Bh8 13.Rac1 Nd7 14.Qe3 f5 15.Qd2 Nf6 16.Rfd1 c6 17.b4 a5 18.a3 axb4 19.axb4 b5 20.c5 Nd5 1-0 (37) Wallwork,G-Bell,I BPCTC 2000-01 21.Bf4 e5 22.Bg5 Qc7 23.cxd6 Qxd6 24.dxe5 Qxb4 25.Nd4 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Qxd2 27.Rxd2 Nb6 28.Nxc6 Bxe5 29.Rc5 Nc4 30.Rd7 Ra6 31.Ne7+ Kf7 32.Nd5+ Ke6 33.Rxh7 Ra5 34.e3 Bd6 35.Nc7+ Bxc7 1-0 (37) Todorovic,N-Palac,M corr 146/123 2020]
6...0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.d4 Nbd7 9.d5
[RR 9.Nc3 Ne4 10.e3 e6 11.Rc1 Qe7 12.Ne2 c5 13.Qc2 Rac8 14.Qb1 Ndf6 15.Qa1 Rfd8 16.Nf4 cxd4 17.exd4 Bh6 18.Rce1 Bxf4 19.gxf4 d5 20.cxd5 Bxd5 21.Qd1 Qb7 22.Ne5 Nc3 23.Bxd5 Nfxd5 Mchedlishvili,M (2632)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2762) Dubai 2014 0-1]
9...c6
[RR 9...c5 10.Re1 b5 11.e4 bxc4 12.bxc4 Nb6 13.Nbd2 Nfd7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.e5 f6 16.e6 Ne5 17.Nxe5 fxe5 18.Be4 Rb8 19.h4 Qe8 20.a4 Ba6 21.Qc2 Na8 22.h5 Rb4 23.a5 Nc7 24.hxg6 Brilej,J (2334)-Goroshkov,M (2343) Maribor 2025 1-0 (40)]
10.dxc6 Bxc6 The position is equal.
11.Nc3 Nc5N

[RR 11...a6 12.Qc2 Qc7 13.Rac1 Qb7 14.Rfd1 Rfc8 15.Qb1 Rab8 16.Qa1 Ne4 17.Nd5 Bxb2 18.Qxb2 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Ndf6 20.Rd4 Qc7 21.Rdd1 Nc5 22.Nd4 Ne6 23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.Bh3 Kf7 25.Qd2 Qc5 26.Qh6 Jones,G (2670)-Budrewicz,K (2289) Chess.com INT 2020 1-0 (48)]
[RR 11...Re8 12.Qc2 Rc8 13.Rac1 Qc7 14.Qb1 Qb7 15.Rfd1 a6 16.Ne1 b5 17.Bxc6 Rxc6 18.cxb5 axb5 19.Nf3 Rec8 20.Nd4 Rb6 21.Ndxb5 Nc5 22.Nd4 Ra8 23.Qc2 Nd5 24.Nxd5 Qxd5 25.Ra1 Qb7 26.Nf3 Feng,M (2164)-Tillis,B Chess.com INT 2017 0-1 (80)]

12.Qc2 Qc7 13.Rac1 Rfc8 14.Rfd1 Qb7 1.77/21

[Black should try 14...Nce4± 0.31/18]

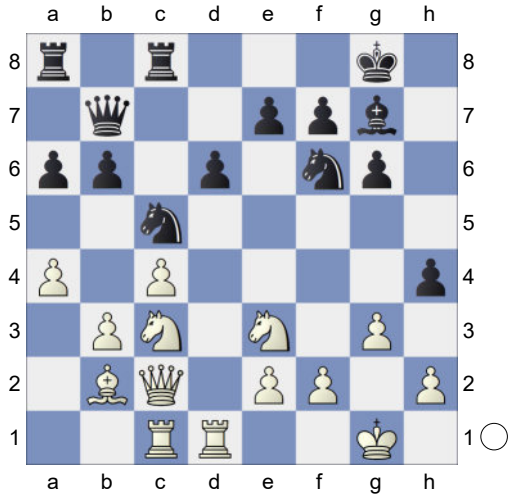
15.Ne1? 0.25/20

[15.b4+- 1.77/21]

15...Bxg2 16.Nxg2 a6 17.a4 h5 0.80/19

[17...Nfe4= 0.22/19 remains equal.]

18.Ne3 h4 1.16/19



19.Ned5 0.06/20

[White should try 19.b4!± 1.16/19]

19...hxg3 0.45/21

[19...b5!= 0.06/20]

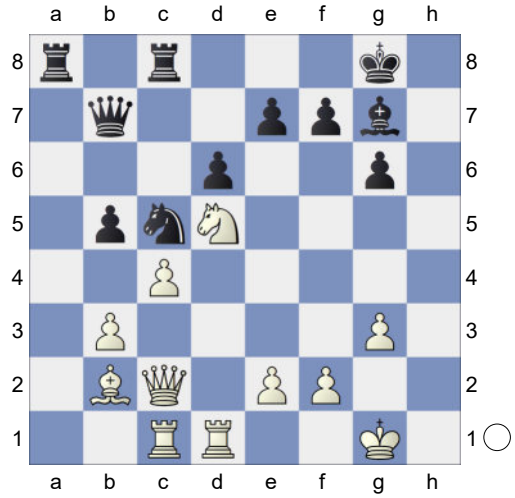
20.hxg3± Nxd5 0.85/19

[20...b5= 0.30/20]

21.Nxd5± b5 2.20/21

[21...a5± 0.77/18]

22.axb5+- axb5



White must now prevent ...Ra2. **23.cxb5** -0.01/21

[23.Bxg7± 1.34/21 Kxg7 24.cxb5]

23...Bxb2 2.97/20

[23...Ra2= -0.01/21 and Black stays safe. 24.Rb1 e6]

24.Qxb2 e5 25.b6 Threatens to win with Qc3. **25...Kg7 26.b4?** 0.49/22

[26.Rc4+- 2.23/19]

26...Ne6? 2.92/20

[26...Na4± 0.49/22 27.Qd2 Nxb6 28.Rxc8 Rxc8]

27.e4 1.50/20

[27.Kg2+- 2.92/20]

27...Nd4? 5.47/20

[27...Ng5± 1.50/20 is tougher. 28.b5 Qd7]

28.Rxc8 Rxc8 5.10/23

[⌓28...Qxc8 3.64/24 29.Rxd4 exd4 30.Qxd4+ Kh6 31.Qd2+ Kg7]

29.Rxd4 White is clearly winning.

29...exd4 30.Qxd4+ KQR-KQN

30...Kg8 7.76/23

[⌓30...Kh6 4.93/22 31.Qf6 Re8]

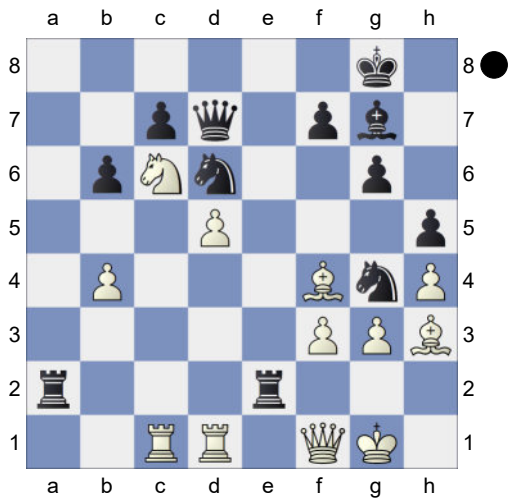
31.Qf6 Re8 Against Ne7+ **32.Qxd6** Intending Nf6+ and mate. **32...Re6**

33.Qc7 Qa6 34.b7 Qa1+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=1.65
35.Kg2
1-0

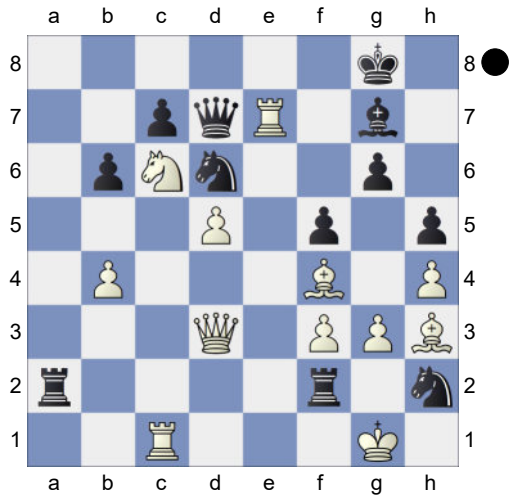
333 **D71**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2665**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2694**
18th Asian Continental (7.3) 13.06.2019
[Kitty Kat]

D71: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 3 g3 d5 sidelines and 5 cxd5 (without Nf3)
1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 Nb6 6.e3 Nc6 7.Nge2 g6
[7...Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 exf4 10.Nxf4 Bf5 11.d4 Qd7 12.b3 Rfe8 13.Qd2 Bxf4 14.Rxf4 Bh3 15.Bh1 Rad8 16.Bb2 Ne7 17.Rf2 Ned5 18.e4 Nxc3 19.Qxc3 f6 20.a4 c6 21.Re1 Nc8 22.Rfe2 0-1 (74) Panov Botvinnik Attack (2703)-10. ♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5_1525 (2786) ch-CRO 2016 Porec (3.3)]
[7...h5 8.h3 Bf5 9.d4 exd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.exd4 c6 12.0-0 Be6 13.Re1 Be7 14.Bf4 h4 15.Qf3 hxg3 16.Qxg3 0-0 17.Be5 g6 18.Re4 Nc4 19.Bc7 Qd7 20.Rae1 Bd6 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.Rf4 0-1 (59) Di Berardino,D (2478)-Kryakvin,D (2592) Gibraltar Masters 2020 (10.26)]
8.0-0N
[8.b3 a5 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Ba3 Nb4 11.f4 0-0 12.fxe5 Bxe5 13.d4 Bg7 14.Qd2 c5 15.Rad1 cxd4 16.exd4 Re8 17.Qf4 Bf5 18.g4 Be6 19.Bxb4 axb4 20.d5 Bxg4 21.Qxg4 bxc3 22.Qf3 c2 0-1 (45) Hera,I (2573)-Ribli,Z (2554) AUT-chT 1213 2012 (11.2) 23.Rc1 Nxd5 24.Rxc2 Ne3 25.Qxf7+ Kh8 26.Rc7 Rg8 27.Rfc1 Rxa2 28.Nf4 Qg5 29.Rc8 Rxg2+ 30.Kh1 Rxh2+ 31.Kxh2 Ng4+ 32.Kh3 Nf2+ 33.Kh2 Qh4+ 34.Kg2 Qg4+ 35.Kf1 Rxc8 36.Rxc8+ Qxc8 37.Kxf2 Qf8 0-1 (45) Hudecek,J (2573)-Seul,G (2554) Regionalliga NordS 9091 1990 (11.2)]
8...Bg7 9.d4 exd4 10.exd4 0-0 11.d5 Ne5 12.h3 Re8
[RR 12...Nec4 13.b3 Nd6 14.a4 a6 15.Bf4 h6 16.Rc1 Re8 17.Qd2 Kh7 18.Rfe1 Nd7 19.Nd4 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Nf6 21.g4 Bd7 22.Nf3 b5 23.Ne5 bxa4 24.Nxa4 Bb5 25.Nc6 Qf8 26.Qa5 Nfe8 27.Nc5 Maghsoodloo,P (2698)-Dauletova,G (2285) Tornelo INT 2021 1-0 (45)]
13.b3N
[RR 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.b3 Qf6 15.Be3 Rad8 16.a4 Qe7 17.a5 Nc8 18.a6 bxa6 19.Rxa6 Qb4 20.Ne4 Bb5 21.Nxb5 Qxb5 22.Ra2 Nb6 23.Rd2 Nxd5 24.Rxd5 Rxd5 25.Qxd5 Qxd5 26.Nf6+ Bxf6 27.Bxd5 c6 Berczes,D (2482)-Troff,K (2528) Dallas 2016 ½-½ (121)]
13...Bf5 14.Be3 Bd3 0.59/23
[14...h5= 0.08/21]
15.Re1± Ba6 16.Qd2 Nd3 Inhibits Nf4.
17.Red1 Nd7 1.42/20
[17...Nc8± 0.57/22]
18.Rab1± Qe7 19.Nd4 N7e5 20.Ncb5! Qd7? 2.89/20
[20...h6± 1.21/19]
21.a4+- Nc5 22.Qc2 Bxb5 23.axb5
[23.Qxc5 Ba6±]
23...b6 24.Rbc1 a5 25.bxa6 Nxa6 26.Qd2 Nc5 27.Qc2? -0.01/20
[27.Rc2+- 2.17/19]
27...Ra3 1.44/21
[27...Na6= -0.01/20]

28.Rb1± Rea8 29.Qe2 Ra2 30.Qf1 Re8 31.b4 0.19/20
[White should try 31.d6± 0.99/20]
31...Nb7!= 32.Qb5 Qc8
[32...Nd6 33.Qxd7 Nxd7 34.Rdc1]
33.Rbc1 aiming for Rxc7!. **33...Nd6 34.Qf1 Qd7** Against Nb5 **35.Bf4 h6** 0.20/22
[35...b5 -0.19/22]
36.h4 -0.52/23
[36.Ne6= 0.20/22 fxe6 37.dxe6 Rxe6 38.Bd5 Pin]
36...h5 -0.16/22
[36...Ng4∓ -0.52/23 is more appropriate. 37.Bh3 h5 *(37...Rxf2? 38.Qxf2 Nxf2 39.Bxd7+-)*]
37.Nc6? -1.94/24
[37.Rd2!= -0.16/22 and White is okay. Rxd2 38.Bxd2]
37...Ng4-+ 38.Bh3? -3.09/23
[38.Rd2∓ -1.36/22 was forced. Rxd2 39.Bxd2]
38...Ree2
[38...Rxf2? 39.Qxf2 Ne4 40.Qc2+-]
39.f3 -4.23/23
[⌓39.Bxg4 -2.76/25 hxg4 *(39...Qxg4 40.Re1=)* 40.Re1 Rxf2 41.Qxf2 Rxf2 42.Kxf2]

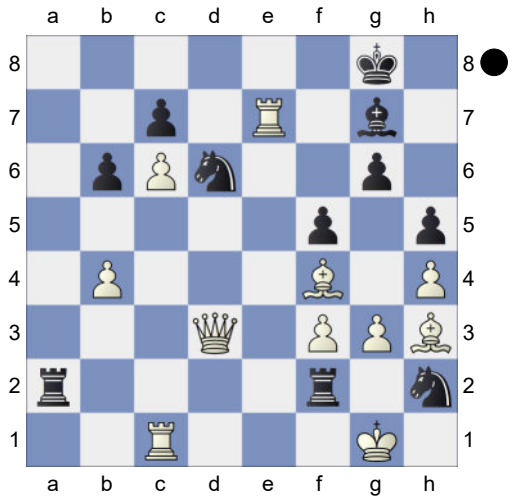


39...f5? -1.00/23 **40.Re1∓ Rf2** -0.01/21
[40...Reb2!∓ -1.34/21]
41.Qd3? -3.01/18
[41.fxg4= -0.01/21 fxg4 *(41...Rxf1+ 42.Bxf1 Bf8 43.Re6±)* 42.Ne7+ *(42.Qxf2 Rxf2 43.Bxg4 Qxg4±)* 42...Kh7 43.Qxf2 *(43.Qd3 Nf5±)* 43...Rxf2 44.Bxg4 hxg4 *(44...Qxg4 45.Kxf2 Qh3 46.Rxc7=)* 45.Kxf2]
41...Nh2-+ Excellent horsemanship.
42.Re7 -4.04/22
[⌓42.Re3 -2.81/21 Rfd2 43.Qxd2 Rxd2 44.Bg2 Nxf3+ Remove Defender 45.Bxf3]



42...Qxc6? 0.01/21 **43.dxc6**
[43.Rxc6? Bd4-+ *(43...Nxf3+ 44.Qxf3 Rxf3 45.Rxg7+ Kxg7 46.Rxc7+ Nf7 47.Be5+ Kf8 48.Rc8+ Ke7 49.Rc7+ Ke8 50.Rc8+ Kd7 51.Rc7+ Kd8 52.Rxf7=)*]

(Diagram)



43...Bd4 Decoy **44.Qb3+**
[44.Qxd4? Nxf3+ 45.Kh1 Rh2#]
44...Kf8 45.Kh1 Bxd6 would kill now.
45...Nxf3 46.Qxa2! Rxa2 47.Re2 Rxe2 48.Bxd6+ Ke8
[48...Kg7!? 49.Bg2□ Ne5 *(49...Ne1 50.Bf1+-)* 50.Bxc7 Ng4=]
49.Bg2!⇄ White is not keeping still
49...Ne1 50.Bf1 Nd3! 51.Bxe2
[51.Rc4 is more complex. Re1 52.Kg2 Be5 53.Bxc7 Nb2 54.Rc2]
51...Nxc1= Endgame KBB-KBN. Black is a pawn up. **52.Ba6 Kd8 53.Bf4** -0.83/27
[53.Bf8!= -0.28/28 remains equal.]
53...Na2∓ 54.Bc4 Nxb4 55.Bf7 Nxc6 56.Bxg6 Ne7 -0.47/24
[56...b5∓ -0.94/23 And now ...Ne5 would win. 57.Bg5+ Kd7]
57.Bxh5∓ b5 -0.13/25
[Better is 57...Nd5!∓ -0.75/24]
58.Kg2 c5 59.Kf3 c4 60.Bf7 Against Nd5 **60...Kd7 61.h5 Nc6 62.Bg6** -1.23/24
[62.h6= -0.22/24]

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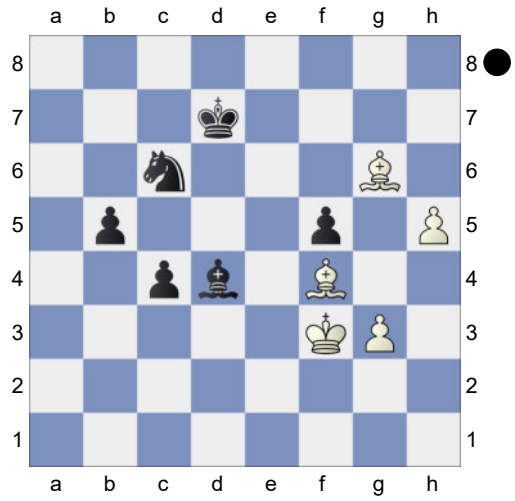
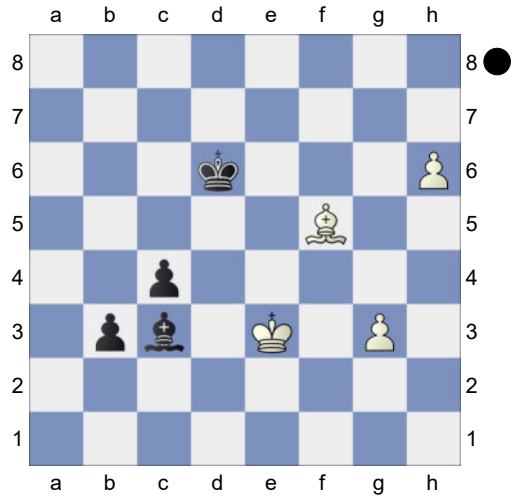


62...Ne7 -0.01/21
[62...Ke6!∓ -1.23/24 63.Be8 Kd5]
63.Bf7= Bh8 64.Be3 Nc8 65.Bc5 Nd6 66.Bg6 Bc3 67.Ke3 -0.49/22
[67.h6= -0.01/24]
67...b4 68.h6 b3 69.Bxd6 Kxd6 70.Bxf5?∓ -8.84/19
[70.Ke2∓ -0.39/20]



KB-KB **70...Bf6?** -0.01/29
[70...Kc5!-+ -8.84/19 71.Bb1 Kb4]
71.Kd2 The position is equal. **71...c3+ 72.Kd1! Kc5 73.h7 Kb4 74.Kc1! Ka3 75.Kb1!** Both players deserved the win here.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.46

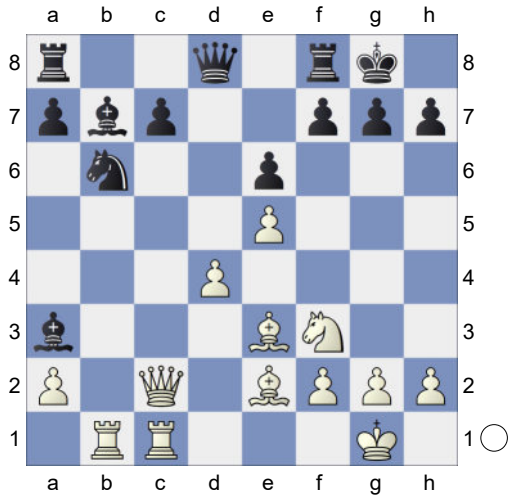
75...Kb4
½-½

334 **D24**
□ **Xu,Yinglun** **2548**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2665**
18th Asian Continental (6.9) 12.06.2019
[Kitty Kat]

D24: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 7.Nxb5 Nb6 8.Be2 White is slightly better. **8...Be7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nc3 Bb7**
[11...Rb8 12.a3 *(12.b3 cxb3 13.axb3 Bb7 14.Qb1 Ra8 15.Qe4 Qd7 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.Bd3 f5 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Qh4 Nb4 20.Ne5 Qe8 21.Qh3 Nxd3 22.Qxe6+ Kh8 23.Rxd3 a5 24.Bg5 Bb4 25.Qxe8 Rfxe8 26.Rc1 Bxc3* 1-0 (39) Sargsyan,S (2594)-Maghsoodloo,P (2674) Moscow Aeroflot op-A 2020 (2.2) *)* 12...Na5 13.Qc2 Nd5 14.Rad1 Ba6 15.Bd2 Nb3 16.Ne4 Nxd2 17.Rxd2 Nf4 18.Bxc4 Rxb2 19.Qxb2 Bxc4 20.Rc1 Bd5 21.Re1 Qa8 22.Qc2 Bxa3 23.Nfg5 Ng6 24.h4 Bb4 25.h5 Bxd2 26.Qxd2 □-□ (71) ♘d7 10.d4 (2753)-Gazi,M (2793) (ch-m/2) 139/68 2018]
12.Na4
[12.Qb1 Rb8 13.Ne4 Nb4 14.Nfg5 g6 15.Rc1 N4d5 16.Bd2 Ba6 17.Nf3 Na4 18.Bxc4 Bxc4 19.Rxc4 Nxb2 20.Rc2 Nc4 21.Qd1 Nxd2 22.Qxd2 Kg7 23.Nc5 Qe8 24.Rac1 Rb6 25.h4 h5 26.g3 Qb5 0-1 (43) Panesso Rivera,H (2342)-Avila Pavas,S (2522) American Continental 17th 2023 (5)]
[RR 12.Rc1 Nb4 13.a3 N4d5 14.Na4 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Bg5 16.Kf2 Nd5 17.Nxg5 Qxg5 18.Qd2 Nb6 19.Nc5 Qxg2+ 20.Ke1 Bc6 21.Bh5 Qg5 22.Bf3 Bxf3 23.Rxf3 a5 24.Qf2 Qe7 25.Ke2 Rab8 26.Rg3 Nd7 Sjugirov,S (2665)-Maghsoodloo,P (2690) Chess.com INT 2019 0-1 (31)]
12...Na5 13.Qd2N
[13.Nc5 Bd5 14.Qc2 f5 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Rfd1 Nc6 17.Ne4 h6 18.Rac1 Nb4 19.Qb1 Be7 20.Ned2 Nd3 21.Bxd3 cxd3 22.Qxd3 Bd6 23.Ne5 a5 24.Qg6 Rf6 25.Qg4 Qe8 26.f3 Bxa2 27.Ne4 Bxe5 1-0 (47) Skara,M (2645)-Fabre,M (2384) Antalya 90/(24) 2004 (10) 28.dxe5 Rg6 29.Qh4 Nd5 30.Qf2 a4 31.h4 h5 32.Bg5 Bb3 33.Rd2 Qb5 34.Qc5 Qa6 35.Qd4 Rb8 36.Nc5 Qb6 37.Kh2 Qb4 38.Na6 Qxd4 39.Rxd4 Rb5 40.f4 Ba2 41.Rc2 Bb1 42.Rcd2 Ra5 1-0 (47) Sargsyan,S (2645)-Dobrovoljc,V (2384) EU-ch Rapid Katowice 2022 (10)]
[RR 13.Rc1 Qe8 14.Nc5 Bd5 15.b3 cxb3 16.axb3 Rd8 17.Nd2 f5 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Nde4 e5 20.Bd3 Nc6 21.Qg4 Kh8 22.Qh3 Bg8 23.Nxf6 Rxf6 24.Bg5 Nxd4 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.f4 Nd5 27.fxe5 Qxe5 Pashikian,A (2595)-Sahakyan,A (2002) Tsaghkadzor 2022 1-0 (32)]
[RR 13.Rc1 Qe8 14.Nc5 Bd5 15.Qc2 Rb8 16.Ng5 Bxg5 17.Bxg5 Nc6 18.Rfd1 h6 19.Bh4 Ne7 20.f3 Nf5 21.Bf2 Qe7 22.Qd2 h5 23.Rc3 f6 24.g4 hxg4 25.fxg4 Nh6 26.Bh4 Nf7 27.exf6 gxf6 Makhnev,D (2526)-Ansat,A (2489) Astana 2025 ½-½ (47)]
[RR 13.Bd2 Bc6 14.Nc5 Nb7 15.Na6 Bb5 16.Nb4 c5 17.Nc2 Bc6

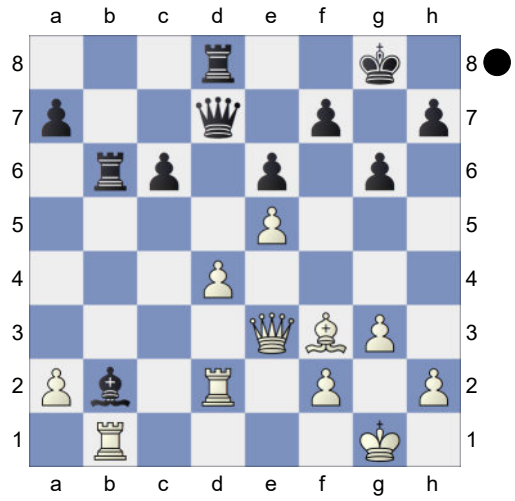
18.Be3 Bd5 19.a4 a5 20.Na3 Rc8 21.Nb5 cxd4 22.Nfxd4 Nc5 23.Qd2 Qd7 24.Qxa5 Nbxa4 25.Qd2 Nb6 26.Ra7 Qd8 27.Rfa1 Ne4
Pandey,S (2026)-Quirke,J (2108) Chess.com INT 2021 1-0 (35)]

13...Nxa4 14.Qxa5 Nxb2 15.Rab1 c3 Deflection **16.Qxc3 Na4 17.Qc2 Nb6 18.Rfc1 Ba3**

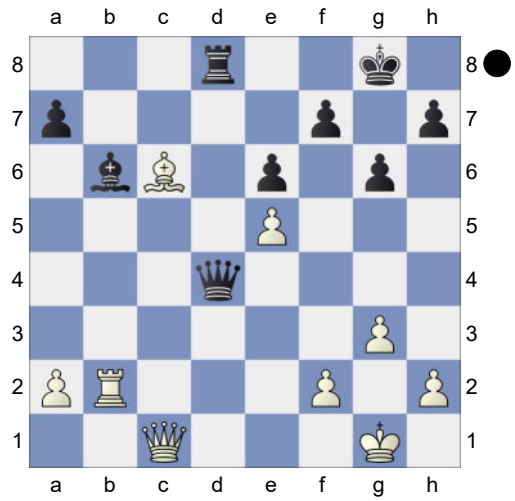


19.Ng5! g6 20.Rd1 Rb8 21.Ne4 0.15/21
[21.Rb3± 0.77/21 Be7 22.Nh3]
21...Bxe4= 22.Qxe4 Rb3 would now be deadly. **22...Qe7** 1.61/23
[22...Nd5= 0.20/22]
23.Qd3 0.85/22
[White should try 23.Bh6+- 1.61/23]
23...Nd5 24.Bf3 0.05/26
[24.Bh6± 0.86/24 Rfd8 25.Bf3]
24...Nxe3 25.Qxe3 Bb2 Black is weak on the light squares **26.g3 Rb6**
[26...Rb4!?]
27.Re1 Rd8 28.Rbd1 c6 29.Rd2 Qd7 30.Rb1 -1.54/29
[30.Red1∓ -0.44/23]

(Diagram)

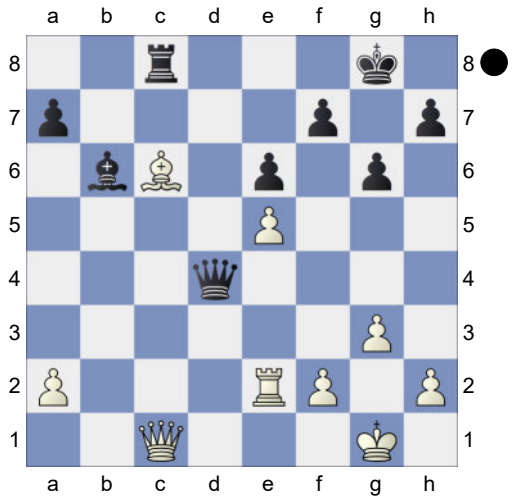


30...Bc3!∓ Discovered Attack **31.Rdd1**
[31.Rxb6? Bxd2 32.Qxd2 axb6-+]
31...Rxb1
[Of course not 31...Bxd4?! 32.Rxb6 axb6 33.Bxc6 Qxc6 34.Rxd4=]
32.Rxb1 Bxd4 33.Qc1 -2.57/24
[33.Qg5∓ -1.37/22]
33...Bb6-+ 34.Rb2 Against Qd2
34...Qd4 35.Bxc6? -8.21/25
[35.Rc2 -2.34/25]



35...Rc8! Threatens to win with ...Rxc6!.
[Weaker is 35...Qxe5 36.Rd2∓]
36.Re2

(Diagram)

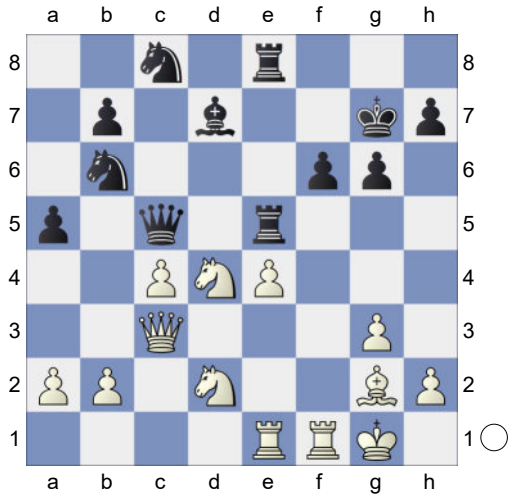


Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.10 (very precise)
36...Rxc6! Deflection
0-1

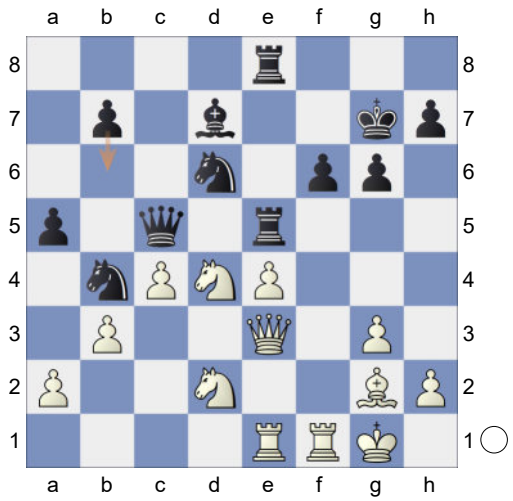
335 **A16**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2665**
■ **Chen,Qi B** **2453**
18th Asian Continental (1.5) 07.06.2019
[Kitty Kat]

A16: English Opening: 1...Nf6 with ...d5
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 g6 4.c4 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nfd7 6.Qxc4 Bg7 7.0-0 Nb6N
[7...0-0 8.d3 Nc6 9.Qh4 e5 *(9...Nb6 10.Nc3 e5 11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Bd2* Quickstarter #1 1.Nf3 d5-Quickstarter #1 1.Nf3 d5 #51*)* 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.Nc3 Nc5 12.Be3 Ne6 13.Rfc1 Ned4 14.Bxd4 exd4 15.Ne4 #9 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 with Nf6-#9 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 with Nf6]
[RR 7...Nc6 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Nc3 e5 10.d3 h6 11.Be3 Re8 12.Rfc1 Nb6 13.a3 Nd4 14.Qd1 Nf5 15.Bc5 Nd7 16.Ne4 a5 17.a4 b6 18.Ba3 c5 19.b3 Bb7 20.Nfd2 Rb8 21.Nc4 Ba8 22.Bb2 Grischuk,A (2777)-Aronian,L (2773) chess24.com INT 2020 0-1 (47)]
[RR 7...0-0 8.d3 Nb6 9.Qh4 Nc6 10.Nc3 a5 11.Bh6 f6 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.d4 Nb4 14.Rfd1 c6 15.Qf4 a4 16.e4 Nc4 17.Qc1 a3 18.bxa3 Nxa3 19.Qb2 ½-½ (19) Dunnington,A (2256)-Urh,Z (2256) Darlington 2024]
8.Qc2 Nc6N
[RR 8...e5 9.d3 0-0 10.Bg5 f6 11.Be3 Nc6 12.Bc5 Re8 13.Nbd2 f5 14.b4 a5 15.b5 Nb4 16.Bxb4 axb4 17.Qb3+ Be6 18.Qxb4 e4 19.dxe4 fxe4 20.Qxe4 Bxa1 21.Rxa1 Rxa2 22.Rxa2 Bxa2 23.Qc2 Jakovenko,D (2704)-Vidit,S (2689) Doha 2016 0-1 (68)]
9.Nc3 0-0 10.d3 e5 11.Bg5 Nd4 12.Qd2 f6 13.Bh6 White is slightly better. **13...c6 14.Bxg7**
[14.Nxd4 is more complex. Bxh6 15.Qxh6 Qxd4 16.Rfc1]
14...Kxg7 15.Ne1 -0.10/18
[15.Nxd4± 0.46/18 Qxd4 16.b3]
15...Qe7= 16.f4 Bd7 17.e3 Nf5 18.fxe5 Qxe5 0.39/19
[18...fxe5= 0.01/18 was preferable. 19.Nf3 Rad8]
19.Nc2!± Nd6 20.Rae1 Rae8 21.Nd4 Re7 22.Nf3 Qh5 23.e4 c5 1.40/20
[23...Bh3± 0.34/18]
24.Ne2!± c4? 3.57/21
[24...g5± 1.33/20]
25.Qb4 1.44/20
[25.e5+- 3.57/21 fxe5 26.Nf4 Pin]
25...Ndc8 26.dxc4 a5 27.Qc3 Qc5+ 28.Ned4 0.66/19
[28.Nfd4!± 1.41/20]
28...Rfe8 1.11/19
[28...Bg4± 0.66/19]
29.Nd2↑ White is in control. **29...Re5** 1.49/17
[⌓29...Na4 1.05/18 30.Qe3

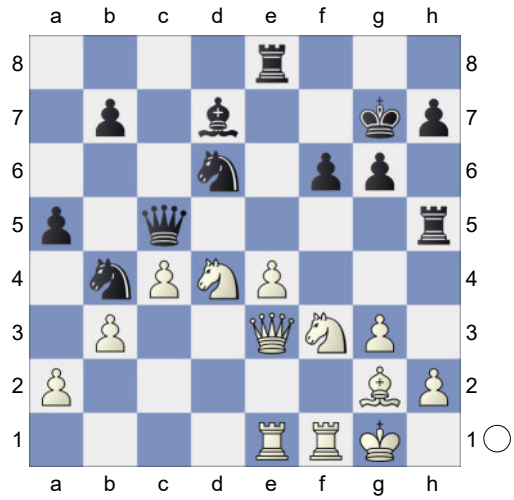
(30.N2b3 Qb4±) 30...Qd6]



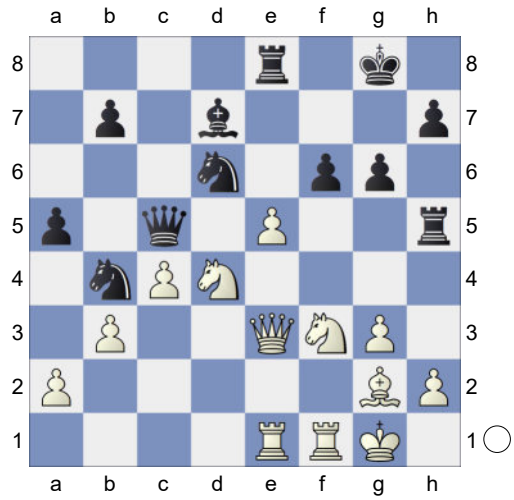
30.b3 0.73/20
[⌓30.Rf2! 1.49/17]
30...Nd5 31.Qd3
[31.cxd5? Qxc3 32.N4f3 Bb5 33.Nxe5 Bxf1 *(33...Rxe5? 34.Nc4-+; 33...Qxd2? 34.Nc4-+; 33...Qxe5? 34.Rf2-+)* 34.Rxf1 Qxd2-+ *(34...Qxe5? 35.Nc4-+)*]
31...Nb4 32.Qe3 Nd6



33.N2f3! Rh5 4.55/21
[33...Rxe4? 34.Ne6+ R4xe6 35.Qxc5+-]
[33...Nf5± 1.26/20 is tougher. 34.Nxf5+ Rxf5]



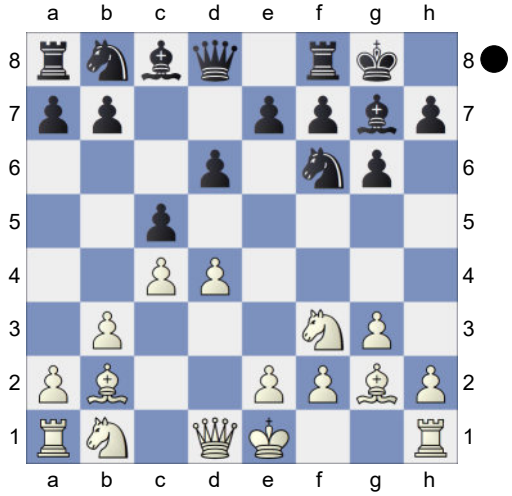
34.e5!+- Kg8
[34...fxe5? loses. 35.Ne6+ Bxe6 36.Qxc5+-]
[34...b6 35.a3]



35.e6 White is clearly winning. **35...Bc6**
[35...Qc7 36.a3]
36.g4 Prevents Nf5. **36...Bxf3 37.gxh5 Bxg2 38.Kxg2 Qxh5 39.Rxf6** and e7 would now be decisive **39...Nc6 40.Nxc6 bxc6 41.Qf4 Nf5 42.Rxf5** Deflection **42...Qxf5 43.Qxf5 gxf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.58
44.Kf3
1-0

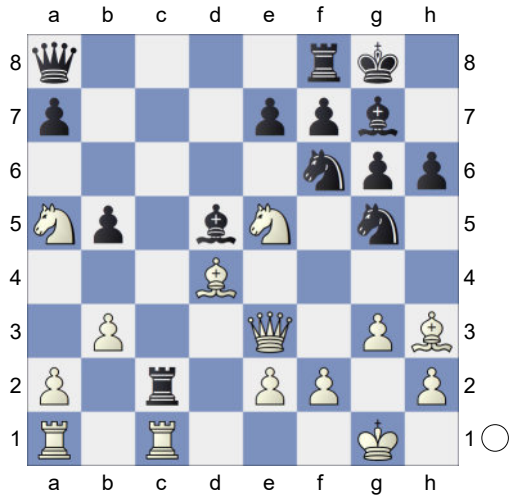
336 **E60**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2671**
■ **Jones,G.** **2702**
25th Sigeman & Co 2019 (1.2) 03.05.19
[Vigorito,D]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5
[We start with an English. A more 'official' move order would be 2...g6 3.d4 *(or 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 0-0 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 c5 7.d4 d5)* 3...Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 d5]
3.b3 g6 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.g3
[5.e3 - 138/(18)]
5...0-0 6.Bg2 d6 7.d4 Petronijevic, Zoran: 'Diagram



' **7...d5!?** An interesting move which is seen in some similar lines. Really the move orders and transpositions are quite tricky. Petronijevic,Zoran: '?!' An interesting move which is seen in some similar lines. Really the move orders and transpositions are quite tricky.
[For 7...Ne4 8.0-0 Nc6 see Kramnik, V (2803)-Kavutskiy,K (2390) Douglas 2017]
[7...Qa5+!? 8.Bc3 *(8.Nc3 Ne4 9.Rc1 Nc6 10.0-0 Bf5* looks ok for Black *)* 8...Qc7]
[7...Nc6 8.d5 *(8.0-0* transposes to an English Opening of some sort*)* 8...Na5 9.0-0 is like a Yugoslav.]
8.dxc5 The alternatives are more common:
[8.cxd5 Petronijevic,Zoran: '- 32/(652)' Nxd5 9.Qd2 *(*the similar *9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qd2* is covered this month in Lye,L (2377)-Moussard,J (2598) Karlsruhe 2019 is covered this month in Lye,L (2377)-Moussard,J (2598) Karlsruhe 2019*)* 9...Nc7 see Stocek,J (2545) -Gallagher,J (2522) Plovdiv BUL 2003 see Stocek,J (2545) -Gallagher,J (2522) Plovdiv BUL 2003]
[8.0-0 gives Black some choice: dxc4 *(8...cxd4; 8...Nc6)* 9.bxc4 is actually a Grunfeld! For example, 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 d5 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.b3 dxc4 8.bxc4 c5 9.Bb2. is actually a Grunfeld! For example, 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 d5 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.b3 dxc4 8.bxc4 c5 9.Bb2.]
8...dxc4
[8...Qa5+ 9.Nbd2±]
9.Nbd2 White should develop.
[9.0-0 Na6 *(9...cxb3?! 10.axb3)* 10.Nbd2 Nxc5 11.Nxc4 transposes]
[9.Qxd8?! Rxd8 10.bxc4 Na6∓]
9...Na6 And the same goes for Black.
[9...cxb3 10.axb3± White can hold the c5-pawn. White can hold the c5-pawn. Na6 11.Qc1±]
[RR 9...Qa5 10.0-0 c3 11.Nc4 Qxc5 12.Bxc3 Nc6 13.Rc1 Bf5 14.Ne3 Rfd8 15.Nd2 Qb5 16.a4 Qb6 17.Nxf5 gxf5 18.Qc2 Nd4 19.Bxd4 Qxd4 20.Rfd1 Qb4 21.Qc4 Rd4 22.Qxb4 Rxb4 23.Rc4 Rb6 24.Rdc1 Rodriguez Vila,A (2460)-Casalaspro, M (2310) Buenos Aires 2025 1-0 (61)]
10.0-0
[10.Nxc4!?]

10...Nxc5
[10...cxb3 11.Nxb3±]
11.Nxc4 transposes **11...Be6** In a symmetrical position, White would have a little something - if he can create some initiative. In a symmetrical position, White would have a little something - if he can create some initiative. **12.Qc1N** Gawain had been down this road before. Petronijevic,Zoran: 'N'
[12.Rc1 Bh6!? *(12...Rc8)* 13.Ra1 well... *(13.Rc2? Qxd1 14.Rxd1 Bf5∓; 13.Ncd2!?)* 13...Rc8 *(13...Bg7)* 14.Nfe5 Qc7 15.e3 Rfd8 Black has certainly equalized Black has certainly equalized 16.Qe2 Bd5 17.Rfd1 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Bg7 19.Rac1 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Nfd7 21.Nxd7 Nxd7 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qb2+ Nf6 24.a4 Rd8 25.Rxd8 1/2-1/2 Howell,D (2696)-Jones,G (2682) London 2018]
[RR 12.Rc1 Bh6 13.Ra1 Rc8 14.Nfe5 Qc7 15.e3 Rfd8 16.Qe2 Bd5 17.Rfd1 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Bg7 19.Rac1 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Nfd7 21.Nxd7 Nxd7 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qb2+ Nf6 24.a4 Rd8 25.Rxd8 ½-½ (25) Howell,D (2696)-Jones,G (2682) London 2018]
12...Rc8 13.Rd1 Qe8 Petronijevic, Zoran: '=' **14.Qf4**
[14.Bd4 Bxc4 15.Qxc4 Ne6 16.Qb4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4=]
14...Nce4?!
[Black could solve his problems concretely with 14...Bxc4! 15.Qxc4 Nce4 Petronijevic,Zoran: '=' 16.Qb4 as now there is a nice shot: *(16.Qd4 Rc2⇄)* 16...Nc3!= If 17.Bxc3 *(17.Rd2?! Nfe4⇄; 17.Re1 b6=)* 17...Nd5! 18.Qxb7 *(18.Rxd5? Bxc3)* 18...Nxc3 19.Re1 Nxe2+! 20.Rxe2 Bxa1 21.Rxe7 when White will probably have enough for the exchange, but nothing more]
15.Nfe5± White has some edge with the more active pieces. **15...b5 16.Na5** Petronijevic,Zoran: '±' **16...Rc2 17.Bd4**
[17.Bxe4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Rxb2 19.Nac6±]
17...Bd5 18.Qe3 Qa8 19.Bh3?!
[It was best to first play 19.f3! Nd6 and then 20.Bh3± *(20.Qd3 Rfc8 21.Bh3 e6 22.Nac4±)*]
19...h6! Black's knight reaches the annoying g5-square, where it creates threats against White's king and can also go to e6. Black's knight reaches the annoying g5-square, where it creates threats against White's king and can also go to e6. **20.Rdc1 Ng5** Petronijevic, Zoran: '?' Petronijevic,Zoran: 'Diagram
[20...Rxc1+! 21.Rxc1 Ng5∞]



' **21.Bf1** Petronijevic,Zoran: '?'
[21.Rxc2 Nxh3+ 22.Kf1 Bxb3 23.Rc6 Bd5 24.Rac1 Ng5 25.f3±]
21...Rfc8 Petronijevic,Zoran: ' ∞' **22.Rxc2 Rxc2 23.Rc1 Qc8 24.Nac6?** This is very natural, but it could have run into an unexpected shot. This is very natural, but it could have run into an unexpected shot.

[⌓24.Rxc2 Qxc2 25.Qd3 Qc1 26.Nf3 Nh3+ 27.Kg2 e5 28.Bxe5 Nxf2 29.Kxf2 Ng4+ 30.Kg1 Bxe5 31.Qxd5 Qe3+ 32.Kh1 Qc1 33.Kg1 Ne3 34.Qd8+ Kg7 35.Kf2=]

24...Rxc1?

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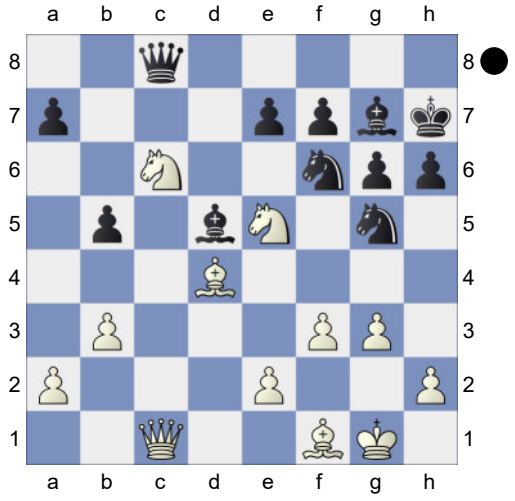
A) 26.Nxe7+ Kh7 27.Nxd5 *(27.Nf3 Ng4-+)* 27...Nxd5 wins material academically 28.Rxc2 Nxe3 29.fxe3 Bxe5 30.Bxe5 Qf5 31.Rc5 g5-+ *(31...Qh5-+)*;

B) 26.f3 Ng4!! 27.Nxg4 Bxf3!!-+]

25.Qxc1 Kh7 26.f3? Petronijevic, Zoran: 'Diagram

[White regains control with White regains control with 26.Qc5± with one point being that Ne6 can be met with 27.Bh3! Bxc6 28.Nxc6 a6 29.e3 Ne4 30.Qd5±]



' **26...Nd7!** All of a sudden White's cluster of pieces in the centre are in trouble All of a sudden White's cluster of pieces in the centre are in trouble **27.Qc3 Ne6! 28.Nxe7?** Petronijevic, Zoran: '?!'

[White can save material with 28.Nb4 Bb7 29.Nbd3 Nxd4∓ when he only loses the bishop pair. *(29...Nxe5 30.Nxe5 Nxd4 31.Qxd4 b4 32.Kf2 Qc3-+)*]

28...Qb7!-+ White unexpectedly loses a piece by force. The newly minted super-GM eventually converts. Petronijevic, Zoran: '!' White unexpectedly loses a piece by force. The newly minted super-GM eventually converts. **29.f4**

[29.Nxd5 Qxd5 30.Bxa7 Bxe5 31.Qd3 Bd4+ 32.Bxd4 Nxd4-+]

29...Nxe5 30.Nxd5 Nxd4 31.e4 Nec6 Petronijevic,Zoran: '-+'

[31...Ng4!?-+]

32.Kh1 Ne7 33.Qc7 Qxc7 34.Nxc7 b4 35.Bc4 Kg8 36.Kg2 g5 37.Kf2 Ng6 38.Nd5 a5 39.e5 Kf8

[39...gxf4 40.gxf4 Nh4]

40.Ke3 Nc6 41.Ke4 h5 42.Bb5 Nce7 43.Nb6 gxf4 44.Nd7+

[44.gxf4 f5+]

44...Kg8 45.gxf4 Nf8 46.Nc5 Ne6 47.Nd3

[47.Nxe6 fxe6 48.Bc4 Kf7]

47...Bh6 48.h4 Kg7 49.Bc4 Kg6 50.Bxe6 fxe6 51.Nc5 Kf7 52.Nb7 Nd5 53.Nd6+ Ke7 54.f5 Nc3+ 55.Kd3 Bf4

[55...Nxa2]

56.f6+ Kd7 57.Kd4 Bg3 58.Nb7 Bf2+ 59.Kd3 Nxa2 60.Nxa5 Bxh4 61.Nb7 0-1

337 **D36**
□ **Aditya,Mittal** **2454**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2673**
3rd Sharjah Masters 2019 (9.8) 30.03.19
[Flear,Glenn]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Be7!? A novel idea that I hadn't seen before. Black has been playing this with some success recently and yet it is isn't mentioned by Avrukh! **7.Qc2 Bg4** White has scored woefully from this position. Is this because he has often been surprised and hasn't been able to find a good plan OTB, or is it that Black's idea is simply good!? **8.h3**
[8.Nge2]
8...Be6
[8...Bh5 9.f4]
9.Bd3 Nh5!? New, but as this line is still in its early days Black has experimented with various ideas at this point: **10.Bxe7 Qxe7! 11.g4 Nf6 12.Nge2 Nbd7 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.Ng3**
[14.Na4]
14...Kb8= Black is comfortable and the asymmetric pawn structure offers him his share of the chances. **15.Kb1 Nb6 16.f3N** Premature, as White doesn't have the reserves in place to support this early advance.
[RR 16.Rhe1 h5 17.g5 Ne8 18.h4 Bg4 19.Be2 Bxe2 20.Ngxe2 Nd6 21.Nf4 g6 22.f3 Nf5 23.Qf2 Qd6 24.Nd3 Rhf8 25.Ne5 f6 26.Nxg6 Rg8 27.e4 Nxd4 28.Rxd4 Rxg6 29.f4 fxg5 30.hxg5 Rf8 Moranda,W (2533)-Grabarczyk,M (2476) Lublin 2008 ½-½ (48)]
16...Ne8 17.Rhe1 Nc7
[17...Nd6 18.e4]
18.Bf1 Rd7 Keeping a careful eye on d6. **19.f4**
[19.e4 dxe4 20.fxe4 Maghsoodloo is running his opponent out of any activity that he might aspire to. Rhd8 21.Qf2! As it's on offer, why not? Qb4]
19...f6
[19...Rdd8 20.f5 Bc8]
20.f5
[20.Bd3 Qd8]
20...Bf7 White's e2-e4 advance has left him with a hole on d4. Rather than admit the error of his ways (and go back with his queen to d1 with a small disadvantage) he goes for a crazy idea that is easily rebuffed. **21.e4? dxe4** Good, but there might be even better. **22.Ngxe4? Re8!** The threat of ...d6 calls for drastic action. **23.Qf2 Qd8 24.Nc5 Rde7 25.Rxe7 Qxe7**
[25...Qxe7 26.N3e4 Nbd5 27.Qg3 White has survived to a miserable pawn-down queenless middlegame.]
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338 **A81**
□ **Aditya,Mittal** **2454**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2673**
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[Flear,Glenn]

1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 b6!? A novel idea that I hadn't seen before. Black has been playing this with some success recently and yet it is isn't mentioned by Avrukh!
[Aditya had recently faced one of the main line options: 6...d6 7.Bb2 Ne4 8.Nbd2 Nc6 (now how to react, bearing in mind that Black is thinking about ...e5)

A) Avrukh prefers 9.Ne1 after which Black has very different replies:

A1) 9...d5 (an example of the Stonewall-Leningrad hybrid approach, against which White employs a typical knight dance that is worth noting...) 10.Ndf3 f4 11.Nd3 fxg3 12.hxg3 Bf5 13.Rc1 Bh6 14.Rb1 Bg7 *(* keeping with the 'rapid-piece deployment' mentality, I suggest *14...Qd6!? 15.c4 Rad8* as more combative*)* 15.c4 e6 16.Rc1 and Avrukh prefers White;

A2) 9...Ng5!? (OK, the knight doesn't usually use this square in the Leningrad, but it will soon be neatly poised on f7) 10.f4 Nf7 11.Nc4 e6 12.e3 Bd7 *(* or *12...Rb8 13.Nd3 Ne7 14.Qe2 b5 15.Nd2 Bb7 16.Bxb7 Rxb7* Iturrizaga, E - Pruijssers, R Vlissingen 2017, and White failed to obtain any advantage at the time, but Avrukh suggests the direct *17.e4)* 13.Nd3 Rb8 14.Qe1 Re8 15.Rd1 b6 16.a4 Qe7 17.Ba3 Red8 Bogner, S - Vovk, A Stroebeck 2015, Black had stayed solid but a little passive which (instead of agreeing a draw) White could have tried to exploit with 18.Nde5!?⩲;

B) 9.c4 (not the most challenging at this point) 9...Nxd2 10.Qxd2 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qd5+ Kh8 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Rad1 Rxd1 15.Rxd1 e4= Aditya, M - Petrosian, T Moscow 2019.]

7.Bb2

[Trying to get Black to show his hand with 7.Ne5!? might be more of a test:

A) 7...c6 8.Bb2 Bb7 9.c4 Qc8 *(*the alternative *9...d6 10.Nd3 Qd7 11.Nc3 Na6* doesn't look bad*)* 10.Nd2 c5 11.d5 e6 12.e4 fxe4 13.dxe6 dxe6 14.Qe2 Stella, A - David, Alb Cosenza 2017, looks somewhat preferable for White;

B) 7...d5 8.c4 e6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Bg5 c6 11.Rc1 Qe8 12.Qd2 Nbd7 Hera, I - Lagarde, M French league 2018. Black's set-up looks slightly unusual, but there isn't anything really wrong with it.]

7...Bb7 White has scored woefully from this position. Is this because he has often been surprised and hasn't been able to find a good plan OTB, or is it that Black's idea is simply good!? **8.c4**

[It's possible to try and do without c2-c4: 8.Nbd2 e6 9.a4 a5 10.Ne5 Bxg2 11.Kxg2 d6 12.Nd3 Nc6 13.e3 Qd7 14.Qe2 Rae8 15.Rad1 Qc8= Pile, R - Lagarde, M Cannes rapid 2018.]

8...e6 9.Nc3

[The knight is perhaps less influential on d2: 9.Nbd2 a5 10.a3 Na6 11.Qc2 Qe7 12.Rad1 d6 13.Qb1 Rae8 14.Ba1 (White has run out of ideas and is just waiting) c5= Bindrich, F - Vallejo Pons, F Berlin Blitz 2015.]

9...Na6!? New, but as this line is still in its early days Black has experimented with various ideas at this point:

[9...Ne4 10.e3 d6 11.Qc2 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Be4 13.Qb2 Nd7 14.Ne1 Nie, Xinyang - Idani, P Qinhuangdao 2019, and now simplest would be Bxg2 15.Nxg2 Qe7=]

[9...Qe7 10.Qc2 a5 11.Rad1 d6

12.Rfe1 Na6 13.a3 Rad8 14.Ng5 *(14.d5 e5 15.Nb5 h6 16.Na7 Qe8∞* Olafsson, H - Vallejo Pons, F Berlin rapid 2015*)* 14...Bxg2 15.Kxg2 e5 16.e4 *(16.d5 Nc5 17.b4 h6=)* 16...f4 Sasikiran, K - Vallejo Pons, F Berlin rapid 2015.]

[9...d5 10.e3 *(* or the anti-Stonewall style idea *10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.Nd3* e.g. *c6 12.e3 Re8 13.cxd5 exd5 14.b4 Ne4=* Visakh, NR - Sandipan, C Mumbai 2019*)* 10...Nbd7 11.Rc1 c6 12.Ne2 Qe7 13.Nf4 Ne4 14.h4 a5∞ Cvitan, O - Anton Guijarro, D German league 2017, with a decent-looking example of a Stonewall flavoured Leningrad.]

10.a3 c5! 11.d5N

[After 11.dxc5 Black could recapture either way, but in order to bring the knight into the game Nxc5= looks simplest.]

[RR 11.Qc2 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Nc5 14.Rad1 Qe7 15.Ndb5 Rfc8 16.b4 Nb7 17.Qd3 a6 18.Nd4 Nd6 19.c5 bxc5 20.Nxe6 cxb4 21.Nd5 Qxe6 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Nxf6+ Qxf6 24.Qxd6 Qxd6 25.Rxd6 b3 Townsend,M (2145)-McDonald,N (2410) England 2023 ½-½ (47)]

11...exd5 12.Nxd5

[Certainly not 12.cxd5? Nxd5]

12...Nxd5 13.Bxg7 Kxg7

[Instead of this 'automatic' recapture, the flashy 13...Ne3!? has its points, but then 14.Qd3! Kxg7 15.Qxe3 gives White less practical problems than the game.]

14.cxd5 Qf6= Black is comfortable and the asymmetric pawn structure offers him his share of the chances. **15.Nd2 Nc7 16.e4?!** Premature, as White doesn't have the reserves in place to support this early advance.

[Correct is the Benoni-style 16.Nc4= when Black would have to take risks to oust the knight from its outpost.]

16...Nb5

[Another line that promises good play is 16...Ba6 17.Re1 Rae8∓]

17.exf5 Qxf5 18.Nc4 Qf6 Keeping a careful eye on d6. **19.Qg4 Rad8 20.Rae1 Nd4** White's e2-e4 advance has left him with a hole on d4. Rather than admit the error of his ways (and go back with his queen to d1 with a small disadvantage) he goes for a crazy idea that is easily rebuffed. **21.Ne5? h5** Good, but there might be even better.

[Black can win material with 21...Ba6 e.g. 22.Nxd7 Qf5 23.Qxf5 Rxf5 24.Re7+ Rf7 25.Rxf7+ Kxf7 26.Ne5+ Kf6 27.Re1 Ne2+ etc.]

22.Qh3?

[Black is also for preference following 22.Qd1 Ba6 23.Nc4 b5 but the text is even worse.]

22...Bc8! The threat of ...d6 calls for drastic action. **23.d6 Qxd6 24.g4 hxg4**

[He could also get greedy with 24...Ba6]

25.Nxg4 Rh8 26.Qg3 Qxg3 27.fxg3 Rde8 White has survived to a miserable pawn-down queenless middlegame. **28.Bd5 Nf5 29.Rxe8 Rxe8 30.h4 Ba6 31.Rf4 Be2** Maghsoodloo is running his opponent out of any activity that he might aspire to. **32.Bf3 Nxg3!** As it's on offer, why not? **33.Kf2 Bxf3 34.Kxf3 Ne2 35.Rf6 Nd4+ 36.Kf2 Re4** More carnage. **37.Rd6 Rxg4 38.Rxd7+ Kh6 39.Rxa7 Rxh4 40.b4 cxb4 41.axb4 Nf5 42.b5 Rb4**

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339 **A13**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2673**
■ **Matlakov,M** **2692**
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[Sam Collins]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d4 QUESTION: Why would Black play this move instead of 4...Be7 - ? ANSWER: By playing his pawn to d4 immediately, Black remains flexible with the development of his dark-squared bishop, which can deploy to d6 or c5 instead of e7. There is also a practical consideration based on a player's repertoire, since after 4...Be7, White can transpose into a main line Catalan with 5 d4, having avoided sharp options based on an early ...dxc4 or ...Bb4+. QUESTION: So is this just a better version for Black than McShane-Eljanov? ANSWER: White also gains some flexibility with his dark-squared bishop. In particular, he is not committed to an early Bb2 and can play this bishop to g5 instead. Playing a pawn to b3 might also be a wasted tempo, since after ...d4 there's no pressure on c4 and, by analogy with normal Benoni positions, b4 is generally a move White wants to play, trying to undermine the black centre. **5.0-0 c5 6.e3!** As we learned in the McShane game, White has to challenge the centre with this move. **6...Nc6 7.exd4 cxd4 8.d3 Bd6**

[QUESTION: Can Black simply play 8...Be7 - ? ANSWER: This move is possible and can, in some cases, transpose to lines discussed in McShane-Eljanov. White has some extra options however, which seek to take advantage of the fact that his bishop has not been developed to b2. 9.Re1 *(9.Na3!?* is also possible, generally aiming to support b4 with Nc2 *)* 9...0-0 10.b3 Re8 11.Ba3 *(11.Bb2 Bc5 12.Ne5* transposes into a line recommended by Marin, discussed in the notes to McShane-Eljanov *)* 11...h6 12.Bxe7 Rxe7 13.a3 e5 14.b4 Qc7 with balanced play in P.Maghsoodloo-Q.Le, Makati 2018.]

9.Bg5 QUESTION: What is the idea behind this move? ANSWER: White often struggles to find a useful role for his dark-squared bishop in these lines (by analogy with Black's problem piece in the Benoni, namely the c8-bishop). It might seem that this is White's “good” bishop, operating on a different colour complex to White's d3 and c4 pawns. However, the bishop is limited by the black central pawns. Sometimes White trades this bishop for its counterpart with b3 and Ba3, but trading it for a knight can also be quite effective. We should also note that, unusually, White has less space than Black, accordingly trading a pair of minor pieces ought generally to be in his favour.

[Others: a) 9.a3 a5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nbd2 can transpose to the text game after 12...Qe7. I was quite impressed with the following game by a young English IM (perhaps a future GM): 0-0 13.Ne4 Qe7 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.Rc1 e5 16.c5 Qg6 17.Re1 Re8 18.Qc2 Re7 19.Nd2 Bf5 20.Ne4 Bxe4 (a very responsible decision, preparing ...f5; Black would also be fine after more solid alternatives) 21.Rxe4 Rae8 22.Ree1 Kh8 23.Qc4 *(23.Qd2!* is a better way to prepare

b4 since the queen isn't exposed to ... Ne5 with tempo*)* 23...f5 24.b4 e4 25.dxe4 fxe4 26.Rcd1 axb4 27.axb4 d3 (White has to play carefully since the black central pawns are quite threatening) 28.b5 *(28.Rd2* is more solid*)* 28...Ne5 29.Qc1? (the c3- or d4-squares should have been preferred for the queen) Ng4! (the kingside attack is decisive, as Haria demonstrates beautifully) 30.c6 bxc6 31.bxc6 Qh5! 32.h3 Nxf2! 33.Kxf2 e3+ 34.Kg1 d2 and Black soon won in S.Grigoriants-R.Haria, Reykjavik 2018.]

[b) 9.Na3!? , bringing the knight to c2 to prepare b4, is an enterprising alternative which has been essayed by Adhiban amongst others.]

[c) I watched the following game live, the day after Rapport won a nice game in the Catalan against my teammate Matthew Turner: 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ng5 Bd7 11.f4 h6 12.Nge4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Be7 14.Re1 a5 15.Bd2 f5 16.Nf2 a4 . Black's pawn play has been exemplary and he had at least equalised in R.Rapport-M. Sadler, England 2019.]

[d) The Iranian talent hasn't had good results on the White side of this variation: 9.Re1 0-0 10.b3 h6 *(10...Re8 11.a3 a5 12.Qc2 e5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Nbd2 Bf8* was balanced in G.Sargissian-D. Mastrovasilis, Batumi Olympiad 2018*)* 11.Ba3 a5 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nbd2 e5 14.a3 (this is already a rather prospectless position for White; Generally speaking, Black can't be troubled by such a slow treatment of the position) Bf5 15.Qc2 Nd7 16.Ne4 Qe7 17.h3! Bh7 18.g4 f5 19.gxf5 Bxf5 and Black went on to win in a few moves in P.Maghsoodloo-S.Bogner, Biel 2019.]

[e) The same position arose, but with Black's pawn already on e5 (which is a clear gain of tempo) in F.Caruana-R. Buhmann, Dortmund 2016, after the opening moves 1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 c5 3 Bg2 Nc6 4 0-0 e5 5 c4 d4 6 d3 Nf6 7 e3 Bd6 8 exd4 cxd4. Now after 9.-- e5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nbd2 Bc7 13.Qa4 0-0 14.b4 Bf5 15.Qb3 Rab8 16.Rfe1 a6?! *(16...b6* is more solid*)* 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.a3 Qe7?! 19.b5 Na5 20.Qb4! Qf6 21.Ne4 Bxe4? *(21...Qe6* is better, with an edge for White*)* 22.Rxe4 Black's centre had been transformed into a weakness and he went on to lose in 30 moves.]

[f) The position after 9.b3 has been played between strong players, but normally arises from other move orders (where White has committed to an early b3). Play can continue 0-0 10.a3 *(10.Na3 Re8 11.Nc2 e5 12.Re1 h6 13.b4* led to sharp play in L.Pantsulaia-N.Studer, Skopje 2019*)* 10...a5 and now:

A) 11.Nbd2 e5 12.Qe2 Re8 13.h3 h6 was very comfortable for Black in J.Cori-A.Delorme, Linares 2019. *(13...--)*;

B) 11.Re1 e5 12.Nbd2 h6 13.c5 Bxc5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 was roughly level in E.Iturrizaga Bonelli-M.Cornette, London 2016.;

C) 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nbd2 Qe7 14.Qc1 e5 15.Re1 Be6 16.Qb2 Bc7 17.Rac1 Bd6 18.Ra1 Bc7 19.Rac1 Bd6 20.Ra1 was agreed drawn in G.Sargissian-M.Yilmaz, Dubai 2016.]

9...h6

[9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Be7 11.Re1 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 (P.Cramling-E.Postny, Brest 2019) is a rare defence but probably as good as 9...h6. White can proceed with 13.c5 followed by standard play with Rc1 and Ne4/Nc4.]

10.Bxf6 Qxf6

[The committal 10...gxf6?! led to a White advantage after 11.Nbd2 f5 12.Rc1 0-0 13.c5 Be7 14.a3 a5 15.Re1 in P.Ponkratov-M. Mosadeghpour, Teheran 2019.]

11.Nbd2 Qe7

[11...Qd8 is slightly more passive but also playable: 12.a3 a5 13.Rc1 *(13.Ne4 Be7* controls b4 so White can't play in the same manner as in the main game*)* 13...0-0 14.Re1 (this has been tested in several GM encounters, and the following game illustrates several of White's main ideas) Re8 15.c5 Bc7 16.Nc4 e5 *(16...a4 17.Nfd2 f5 18.f4!* was also much better for White in S. Sjugirov-A.Korobov, St Petersburg 2018 *)* 17.Nfd2! (an excellent regrouping, bringing the knight to e4 after which Nd6 will be a theme) Be6 18.Ne4 Bxc4 *(18...Ra6? 19.Ned6* was already winning for White in Y. Kuzubov-N.Meskovs, Karlsruhe 2017 *)* 19.Rxc4 f5? *(* Black should have chosen the more conservative *19...Qd7* , although White would retain an excellent position*)* . QUESTION: How can White punish the weakening entailed in Black's last move? ANSWER: 20.Qb3! the Black position collapses on the light squares; Rxd4+, winning the queen, is the immediate threat; *(20.Nd6 Bxd6 21.Qb3!* was also strong but Banusz' move is even better*)* 20...Kh7 *(20...Qc8 21.Nd6 Bxd6 22.cxd6* and the Black position can't be held*)* 21.Qxb7 Ne7 22.Nd6! Rb8 *(22...Bxd6 23.Qxa8* wins more material*)* 23.Qa6 Rxb2 . (this doesn't help but the position was hopeless in any event) 24.Nxe8 Qxe8 25.Qe6 Rd2 26.Bh3 Qf8 27.Rxd4! and Black resigned in T. Banusz-S.Zilka, Austria 2017.]

12.a3 Preparing b4 is the most principled approach and, in this move order, White has a tactical resource.

[Slower moves have also been tried here such as 12 Rc1, 12 Nb3 and 12 Ne4. For example, 12.Rc1 0-0 13.Re1 Rd8 14.Qc2 a5 15.c5 Bc7 16.a3 a4 17.Nc4 Rd5!? 18.Nb6?! Bxb6 19.cxb6 Rb5 20.Qc4 Rxb2 21.Nxd4 Rxb6 *(21...Qf6!?* is a good alternative*)* 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Bxc6 Bb7 24.Bxb7 Rxb7 with a level position in G.Oparin-M. Matlakov, Yaroslavl 2018.]

12...a5 13.Ne4

[13.Re1 , which gives rise to less explored positions, has been tested in several recent GM encounters.]

13...Bc7 14.b4!?

[The most forcing move, although White has been successful with alternatives: a) 14.c5 was the choice of an Indian prodigy against an experienced French GM: 0-0 15.Nfd2 f5 (of course this is not forced, and 15...a4!? is one of several decent alternatives) 16.Nd6!? Bxd6 17.cxd6 Qxd6 18.Nc4 Qc7 19.Re1 Bd7 20.Rc1 Ra6 (White has full positional compensation for the pawn and, probably, the easier game in practice; He should start with the immediate 21 f4 since, after his move in the game,

21...f4!? would create counterplay) 21.Re2 Re8 22.Qe1 Qb8 23.f4 b5 24.Nd2 a4 25.b4! Qd6 *(25...axb3 26.Nxb3 Qd6 27.Nc5* is also balanced*)* 26.Nf3 Rc8 (Black has defended excellently but contesting the c-file will lead to his downfall; it was better to put the rook on d8 or b8, with a balanced game) 27.Rec2 Ra7?! 28.Ne5! Rac7? *(28...Ne7* was the best defence although *29.Rc5!* increases the pressure *)* 29.Nxc6! Bxc6 *(29...Rxc6 30.Bxc6 Rxc6 31.Rxc6 Bxc6 32.Qe5!* is also hopeless*)* . QUESTION: How should White continue? ANSWER: 30.Qe5! (the pin on the c-file is fatal and unbreakable) Qd7 31.h4! Kf7 *(*losing immediately, but after *31...Kh7 32.Kh2 Kh8* White wins with *33.Rxc6! Rxc6 34.Qxb5)* 32.Bxc6 Rxc6 33.Qxb5 and Black resigned in D. Gukesh-M.Cornette, Brest 2019.]

[b) 14.Qa4 Bd7 15.Qb5 a4! and now:

A) 16.b4 (P.Svidler-N.Georgiadis, Caleta 2015) and Black could have played the excellent pawn sacrifice axb3! 17.Qxb7 Ra7 18.Qxb3 0-0 with full compensation in view of ... f5 and ...Rb8 or ...Ra8. *(18...--)*;

B) 16.Qxb7 Ra7 17.Qb5 Ra5 18.Qb7 Ra7 with a repetition.]

14...axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Qxb4

[Or: a) 16...f5 17.Nc5 and now:

A) 17...Nxb4 is a critical test, since Black regains the piece after 18.Qa4+ Kf7 19.Qxb4 Bd6! and now:

A1) 20.Qe1 Bxc5 21.Ne5+ Kf6 22.f4 h5 23.h3 Bd6 24.g4 hxg4 25.hxg4 g6 *(* the engine recommends *25...g5!!* but I challenge any human to play such a move with their king on f6 *)* 26.c5 Bc7 27.Qb4 Bxe5 *(27...b6!)* 28.fxe5+ and:

A1a) 28...Kg7 29.gxf5 Qh4? (either recapture on f5 would maintain equality according to the engine, though I'd certainly take White) 30.f6+! Kf7 (Black must have taken comfort from the blockade of the f6-pawn and his initiative on the h-file, but White deals with it confidently) 31.Rf2!! Qh2+ 32.Kf1 Qh5 33.Re2!! (staggeringly accurate play) Qf5+ 34.Ke1 Qxd3 . QUESTION: White to play and win. ANSWER: 35.c6! *(* Black should hold after *35.Be4 Qc3+ 36.Qxc3 dxc3)* , and Black can't meet the threats of taking on b7 and the queen landing on e7. After 35...Qg3+ 36.Kd1 Kg8 37.cxb7 Bxb7 38.Qxb7 Qd3+ 39.Rd2 he resigned in F. Mesaros-M.Bluebaum, Karpacz 2015.;

A1b) 28...Kxe5 is another good calculation exercise. QUESTION: White to play and win! ANSWER: 29.g5!! *(* all other moves – such as *29.Re1+* – lead to a draw at most *)* . This move demonstrates the concept of the “Kill Zone” explained by Jacob Aagaard in his Attacking Manuals. The king should not be allowed to run

from the centre. After 29...Qxg5 30.Re1+ Kf6 31.Qxd4+ there is no ...e5 (unlike after the immediate 29 Re1+) and White wins the rook.;

A2) 20.Ne5+ Bxe5 21.Qb5 Bd6 22.Nb3 *(Demuth analyses 22.Nxb7 Bxb7 23.Bxb7 Rb8 24.Rb1 with equality)* 22...Bd7 23.Qb6 Ba4 24.Nxd4 Bc5 25.Qb2 Bxd4 26.Qxd4 Rd8 27.Qe3 Bc6 28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.Rb1 c5 and a draw was soon agreed in Y.Wang-Z.Xiang, China 2019.;

B) 17...0-0 18.Nxd4 *(18.Re1 Nxb4 19.Nxe6 Nc2 20.Nxf8 Qxe1+ 21.Qxe1 Nxe1 22.Nxe1 Kxf8 23.Bd5* was agreed drawn in Wei Yi-D.Jakovenko, Moscow 2019, although Black could play on with no risk in view of his bishop pair*)* 18...Nxd4 19.Qxd4 b6 20.Nb3 Qxb4 was level in Z.Rahman-M. Kravtsiv, Bhubaneswar 2018.]

[b) Demuth notes that the untested 16...Nxb4?! should be met by 17.Qa4+! , gaining either the b7- or d4-pawn with a slight advantage.]

17.Rb1 Qe7 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 0-0 20.c5!? A very logical option, creating possibilities of Nd6 (even as a pawn sacrifice) and fixing the b7-pawn.

[An earlier game proceeded 20.Nc3 Rd8 21.Qe3 Ba5 22.Nb5 b6 23.d4 Ba6 24.d5 Qf6 25.dxe6 *(25.h4!?* retains some play*)* 25...Qxe6 26.Bd5 Qxe3 27.fxe3 Bxb5 28.Rxb5 h5 29.Kf2 g6 30.e4 and a draw was agreed in H.Nakamura-V.Fedoseev, Tbilisi 2017.]

20...Rd8 21.Qc3 Qd7 22.Rb3 Qa4 23.Bf3N

[RR 23.h4 f5 24.Nd6 Bxd6 25.cxd6 Qa6 26.d7 Bxd7 27.Rxb7 Qd6 28.Kh2 e5 29.Qa5 Be6 30.Rb6 Qc7 31.Qb5 Bf7 32.Rb7 Qd6 33.Rb6 Qe7 34.Bh3 Bg6 35.Rxg6 1-0 (35) Saksham,R (2480)-Spyropoulos,N (2425) Tornelo INT 2021]

23...f5

[23...e5! was more circumspect, when I don't see why Black should be worse.]

24.Ra3 Qd7 25.Nd2

[The tempting 25.Nd6!? Bxd6 26.cxd6 Qxd6 27.Ra8 transposes to the next note. Qd7 28.Qc5! leaves Black in a bind after Kh7 29.d4 Kg8 but I don't see any way for White to strengthen his position.]

25...e5 26.Nc4 e4 27.dxe4 fxe4 28.Be2

[28.Bxe4 Qd1+ 29.Kg2 Qh5 30.h4 Qxc5 was roughly level.]

28...Kh7 29.Qc2 Qc6

[29...Qd4! was better, with level chances.]

30.Ne3 Rd4

[30...Kh8 was better, for example 31.Ra4 Be5! 32.Rxe4 Bd4 , regaining the pawn.]

31.Bc4 Bd8?!

[The immediate 31...Be6 was sounder, with an edge for White.]

32.Ra8?

[32.Ra4! and the threat of Bg8+ wins the e4-pawn, with winning chances: Bf6 *(32...Kh8 33.Bb5 Qf6 34.c6!* is much better for White*;* while *32...Qf6 33.Bd5 Rxa4 34.Qxa4* wins the e4-pawn *)* 33.Bb5 Qxb5 34.Rxd4 Bxd4 35.Qxe4+ g6 36.Qxd4 Bh3 37.Qe4 *(* maintaining the queenside pawns

with *37.Qd6 Qb1+ 38.Qd1 Qb4 39.Qc1* permits *Bd7!?* with a dangerous regrouping onto the long diagonal*)* 37...Qxc5 38.Qxb7+ with an ending where I suspect Black can hold but White can press for a long time.]

32...Be6 33.Bxe6

[After 33.Qb2 Black maintains equality with an attractive tactical sequence which isn't easy to spot: Rxc4! 34.Nxc4 Bf6 and the idea of ... b5! regains material, for example:

A) 35.Qb4 b5 36.cxb6 *(36.Nb6?! Be7* and 37...Bxc5 is good for Black *)* 36...Qxa8 37.b7 Qa1+ 38.Kg2 Bc3 39.Qe7 Qd1 40.b8Q Qf3+ with perpetual check.;

B) 35.Qe2? b5 36.Nb6 Bd4 and after 37...Bxc5 Black's bishop pair and passed b-pawn, coupled with the clumsy b6-knight, will compensate for the minimal material deficit.;

C) 35.Qc2 b5 36.Nb6 Bd4 37.Rf8 Bxc5 38.h4! h5 *(38...Qxb6?* fails to *39.Qxe4+ g6 40.Rf6!)* 39.Kh2 Kg6 40.Qc1 Kh7 41.Qc2 with a bizarre computer draw.]

33...Qxe6 34.h4 Bf6 35.Ra7

[The prophylactic 35.Kg2 was more solid.]

35...Rd3! 36.Rxb7 Bd4! A very good practical attempt before the time control.

37.Qc4??

[Others: a) White's most human option was 37.Qe2 when Black is better after Bxe3 38.fxe3 Qh3 39.Qe1 Rd5 40.Rb2 Rxc5 but White should be able to defend.]

[b) 37.Kh2! was also a good option. It looks frightening to allow a passed e-pawn, in combination with Black's other advantages, after Bxe3 38.fxe3 Rxe3 , but engines confirm that this is a draw.]

QUESTION: Black to play and win after 37 Qxc4. **37...Qxc4?**

[ANSWER: 37...Qe5! was immediately decisive since the white kingside collapses. 38.Nf1 *(* White can try an endgame a piece down after *38.Rb4 Bxe3 39.Qxe4+ Qxe4 40.Rxe4 Bxc5* when the limited material and absence of queenside pawns means that Black must remain vigilant, but this position should be winning with careful play; interested readers are referred to Dvoretsky's Endgame Manual, which covers this specific endgame in great detail*)* 38...Rxg3+ 39.Nxg3 Qxg3+ 40.Kh1 Qxf2 41.Rb1 gives Black a decisive attack in more than one way. The most precise continuation is Qxh4+ 42.Kg2 Qg4+ 43.Kh2 *(43.Kf1 Qf3+ 44.Ke1 Bc3+* wins the queen*;* while *43.Kh1* allows mate in one*)* 43...Be5+ 44.Kh1 Qh3+ 45.Kg1 Qh2+ 46.Kf1 Qh1+ 47.Kf2 Qxb1 winning the rook and the game.]

38.Nxc4 Rxg3+ 39.Kf1 Rf3 40.Re7?

[White had to play 40.c6! , when the drawing properties of rook and pawn endgames come to his aid. Rxf2+ *(40...Bxf2 41.c7)* 41.Ke1 Rc2! *(41...e3* is simpler: *42.Nxe3! Bxe3 43.Rb3!* and Black has nothing better than a drawn rook endgame after *Rc2 44.Rxe3 Rxc6)* 42.Rb4 e3 43.c7 e2 *(43...Bc3+ 44.Kd1 e2+ 45.Kxc2 Bxb4 46.c8Q e1Q 47.Qf5+* with perpetual check*)* 44.c8Q Bc3+ 45.Nd2 Bxd2+ 46.Kxe2 Rxc8 47.Kxd2 Black can try to cut the white king off from the kingside with Re8

, but 48.h5! Re5 49.Rh4 establishes a fortress, with a draw.]

40...Rxf2+ 41.Ke1 Rc2 42.Rxe4 Rxc4 43.Kd1

[43.Ke2 Rb4 44.c6 Rb2+ and 45...Bb6 comfortably controls the c6-pawn.]

43...Kg6

0-1

340 **B62**

□ **Sandipan,C** **2534**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2673**

3rd Sharjah Masters 2019 (5.6) 26.03.19

[Kitty Kat]

B62: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 6...e6: Unusual White 7th moves

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.Qd3 h6 9.Bh4 * 9...Be7N

[9...Qb6 - 140/67]

10.0-0-0 White has an edge. **10...0-0 11.Bxc6! Bxc6 12.f4 Rc8 13.Rhe1 a6N** Against Ndb5

[RR 13...Re8 14.Qh3 Qa5 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 b5 17.g5 hxg5 18.Bxg5 b4 19.Rg1 Rxc3 20.Qh4 Qe5 21.bxc3 Qxe4 22.Qxe4 Nxe4 23.Bxe7 Rxe7 24.fxe6 fxe6 25.cxb4 Nc3 26.Rde1 e5 27.a3 d5 28.Nf3 Mottola,M (2247)-Yudasin,L (2290) New York 2025 ½-½ (73)]

[RR 13...Qa5 14.f5 e5 15.Nb3 Qb6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Kb1 Rfd8 18.Nd2 Qc5 19.Nd5 Bg5 20.Nb3 Qf2 21.Re2 Qh4 22.g3 Qh3 23.Nc3 b6 24.Nd2 Rc7 25.Nf3 Be7 26.Ng1 Qh5 27.Rg2 f6 28.g4 Geher,K (2279)-Feher,G (2336) Hungary 2021 1-0 (63)]

14.Nxc6 Rxc6 15.e5! Ne8 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Kb1 b5 18.Ne4 d5 19.Ng3 b4∞ 20.Ne2N Nc7 21.Nd4 -0.52/20 Repels Nb5

[21.f5= -0.01/18]

21...Rc4∓ 22.f5 Nb5 23.Qg3 Qg5

[23...Nxd4? 24.f6 Nf5 25.fxe7+-]

[23...Rfc8 is interesting. 24.f6 Qf8 25.Nxb5 axb5 26.Re2 g5]

24.Qxg5 hxg5 25.Nf3 -0.81/21

[25.Nxb5∓ -0.38/22 deserves consideration. axb5 26.Re2]

25...g4∓ Black is more active. **26.Ng5 exf5 27.Rxd5 Re8↑** Black is on the roll. **28.Red1 Rc7 29.Rd8 Rce7**

[29...Rc8 30.Rxc8 Rxc8 31.Rd7=]

30.a4 -1.59/23

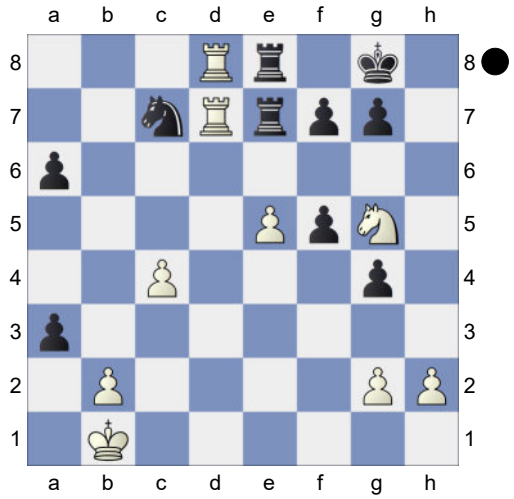
[White should play 30.R1d7 -1.17/22]

30...bxa3 31.c4 -1.67/23

[31.R1d7∓ -1.18/21 was worth a try.]

31...Nc7-+ 32.R1d7 -1.96/20

[32.Rxe8+∓ -1.24/21 Rxe8 33.bxa3]



32...Rxd7!

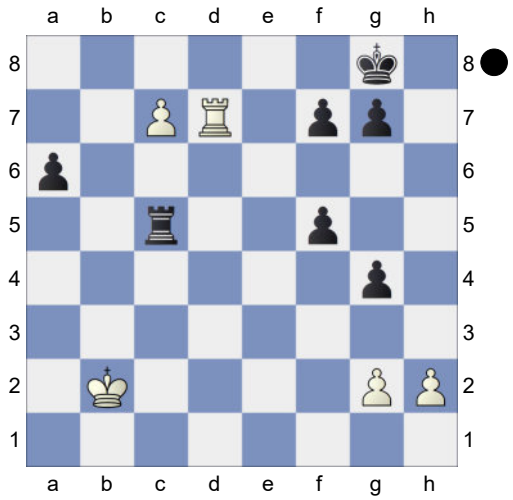
[32...Rxe5 33.Nxf7 Re1+ 34.Ka2 axb2 35.Kxb2 Rxd8 36.Nxd8]

33.Rxd7 Ne6 34.Nxe6 Rxe6 Endgame KR-KR. Black is a pawn up.

35.c5 axb2 36.Kxb2 Rxe5 37.c6 Rc5

[37...Rb5+ 38.Ka3 Rc5 39.c7=]

38.c7



And now Rd8+ would win. **38...Kh7! 39.Rxf7 Kg6 40.Rd7 Kf6 41.g3 g5 42.Kb3 a5 43.Ka4?** -5.33/22
[43.Rd6+ -1.65/20 nothing else works. Ke5 44.Rd7]
43...f4 Black is clearly winning. **44.gxf4 gxf4 45.Rd6+ Ke5 46.Rd7 f3 47.Rg7 Kf4** Prevents Rg5. **48.Rf7+ Ke3 49.Re7+ Kf2** ...Kg2 would now be deadly. **50.Rg7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
50...Ke2
0-1

341 **A13**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2673**
■ **Stany,G** **2507**
3rd Sharjah Masters 2019 (4.7) 25.03.19
[GM Ioannis Papaioannou]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Qa4+ c6 6.Qxc4 b5 7.Qc2 Bb7 8.a4 a6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Nc3 Rc8 11.Rd1 Be7 12.d3!
[12.d4? b4 13.Nb1? *(13.Ne4 c5⇄)* 13...c5∓]
12...0-0
[12...b4?!
A) 13.Nb1 c5 14.Nbd2 0-0 15.e4 Nb6 16.b3 Nfd7 17.a5 *(17.Nc4 Nxc4 18.dxc4±)* 17...Na8 18.Nc4±;
B) 13.Ne4! c5 14.Nfd2
B1) 14...Nd5 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.Ned2 0-0 17.Nb3± Ba8 18.a5 Rfd8 19.e4 N5f6 20.Bf4±;
B2) 14...Nxe4 15.dxe4! *(15.Bxe4 Bd5 16.Nc4±)* 15...c4 16.Nxc4 Qc7 17.Qd2!!± *(17.b3 Nb6)*;
B3) 14...Bd5 15.Nxf6+ *(15.b3±)*]
13.e4 h6 14.h3! Re8N
[RR 14...Qb6 15.Be3 c5 16.axb5 axb5 17.b4 Qc6 18.Qb1 cxb4 19.Na2 e5 20.Nxb4 Qe6 21.Ra7 Rb8 22.Qb2 Qd6 23.Rb1 Rfc8 24.d4 Bxe4 25.dxe5 Qxb4 26.Qxb4 Bxb4 27.Rxb4 Bxf3 28.exf6 ½-½ (28) Sargissian,G (2677)-Xu,Y (2538) Moscow 2018]
15.Be3 e5
[15...b4 16.Nb1 c5 17.Nbd2! *(17.Qe2 c4; 17.a5!? c4 18.dxc4 Bxe4 19.Qe2± Qc7 20.Nbd2 Bb7 21.Ne1 Bxg2 22.Kxg2)* 17...Nb6 18.b3 *(18.Kh2 c4 19.Nxc4 Nxc4 20.dxc4 Bxe4 21.Qe2 Qc7 22.b3)*]
16.d4!±
[16.Kh2 b4 17.Nb1 c5 18.Nbd2 a5 19.Nc4 Qc7 20.Nh4]
16...exd4 17.Nxd4 b4 18.Nb1!!± c5 19.Nf5 Bf8 20.Nd2 c4! 21.Nxc4 Bxe4 22.Bxe4 Rxe4 23.b3± Qe8 24.Qe2 Qe6 25.Nfd6 Bxd6 26.Nxd6 Qxh3 27.Qf1 Qxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Rxe3 29.Nxc8 Rxb3 30.Ne7+ Kh7 31.Nc6 Nc5 32.Rd4 Ra3 33.Rxa3 bxa3 34.Rd2 Nxa4 35.Ra2 Nc5 36.Rxa3 Nfd7 37.Ke2 h5 38.Ke3 g5 39.Nd8 Kg6

40.Kd4 a5 41.Kd5 a4 42.Kd6 f6 43.Nc6 Kf5 44.f3 h4 45.Ne7#
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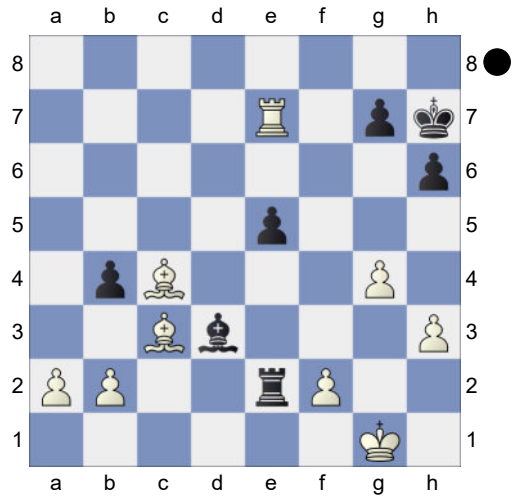
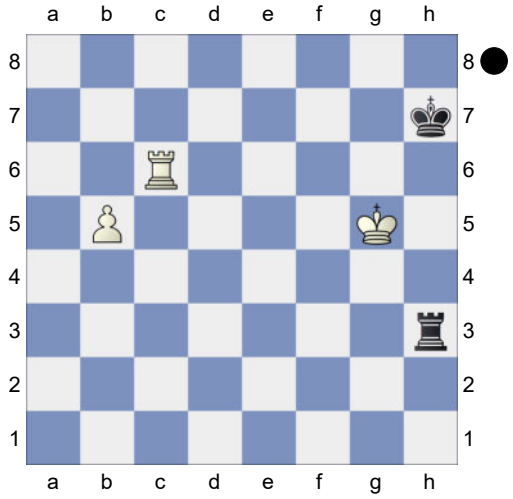
342 **A07**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2673**
■ **Raja,Rithvik R** **2423**
3rd Sharjah Masters 2019 (2.8) 23.03.19
[Kitty Kat]

A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems
Current Reputation: Playable for both sides **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Bg4 3.Bg2 c6 4.h3 Bh5 5.0-0 e6 6.d3 Bd6 7.e4 Ne7 8.Nbd2 Nd7 9.c4**
[9.Qe2 0-0 10.Re1 Qb6 11.g4 Bg6 12.e5 Bc7 13.Nf1 c5 14.Bf4 Nc6 15.Qd2 Qxb2 16.Rab1 Qa3 17.Rxb7 Rfc8 18.Rbb1 Rab8 19.Nh4 Ba5 20.Qc1 Qxc1 21.Rexc1 Nd4 22.Ng3 Rxb1 23.Rxb1 Nxc2 0-1 (43) Perske,T (2601)-Kaussen,O (2634) 51/(110) Philadelphia 1990]
9...0-0 10.d4 c5N 0.74/21
[10...a5= -0.01/15]
[10...Bc7 11.b3 Nf6 12.e5 Ne4 Vestly,J-Komarek,P TH-M-1679.1 IECC Email 2002]
11.cxd5 White is better. **11...exd5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Qb3 N5b6 15.dxc5** White has more active pieces. **15...Nxc5 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Rd1N**
[RR 17.Bg5 Qd5 18.Qxd5 Nxd5 19.Rac1 Rac8 20.Ne5 Nb6 21.Bxb7 Rc7 22.Ba6 f6 23.Be3 Re8 24.Bxc5 Rxe5 25.Bxb6 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 axb6 27.Rc8+ Kf7 28.f4 Ra5 29.Bc4+ Ke7 30.Kf2 Be8 31.Rb8 Rc5 Sunye Neto,J (2545)-Van Riemsdijk,H (2400) Sao Paulo 1993 ½-½ (61)]
17...Qf6 18.Bg5 Qe6 19.g4 Bg6 20.Rac1 Rac8 21.Qxe6 fxe6 22.Nd4↑ White is really pushing. **22...Bxd4 23.Rxd4 h6** Black is weak on the dark squares **24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Be3** A strong pair of Bishops. **25...Rc2** 1.89/22
[25...Nd5± 0.80/20]
26.Rd8++-
[26.Bxb7?! Rxb2 27.h4 Rxa2±]
26...Kh7 27.Bd4
[27.Bxb7?! Rxb2 28.Bc8 Nxc8 29.Rxc8 Rxa2±]
27...Nc4 2.67/21
[27...h5 1.70/19 keeps fighting. 28.gxh5 *(28.Bxb7 hxg4 29.hxg4 Rd2±)* 28...Bf5]
28.Rd7
[Less strong is 28.Bxa7 Rxb2 29.Bd4 Rd2±]
[Don't take 28.Bxb7 Rc1+ 29.Kh2 Rd1±]
28...e5 29.Bc3
[29.Bxa7 Rxb2 30.Bc5 *(30.Rxb7 Rxa2 31.Bc5 Ra1+ 32.Kh2 Ra2±)* 30...Rb1+ 31.Kh2 Rb2+-]
29...b5 30.Rxa7 Bd3 31.Bd5 Re2 32.Re7 b4 33.Bxc4



Remove Defender **33...Bxc4 34.Bxe5** Endgame KRB-KRB. White is two

pawns up. **34...Re1+ 35.Kh2 Bf7?** 4.14/20
[35...Kg8 2.34/19 36.Rxg7+ Kf8]
36.Rxf7 Rxe5 KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **37.Rb7 Ra5 38.Rxb4 Rxa2 39.Kg3 Ra1 40.Rb7 Rd1 41.f4 Rd3+ 42.Kh4 Kg6 43.Rb6+ Kf7 44.f5 Re3 45.b4 Rd3 46.b5 Rb3 47.Rb8 Kf6** 4.49/28
[⌓47...g5+ 3.01/31 48.fxg6+ Kxg6]
48.Rb7 g5+ 49.fxg6 Kxg6 50.Rb8 Kg7? 4.92/31
[50...Kf7 2.56/26 51.b6 Kf6]
51.Rb6 Kh7 52.g5 hxg5+ 53.Kxg5 Rxh3? 9.62/28
[53...Rg3+ 3.61/25 54.Kh4 Rd3]
54.Rc6

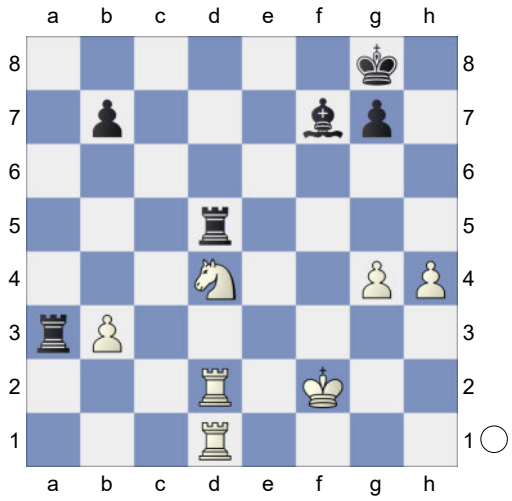


Black must now prevent Rc7+. **54...Kg7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.55
55.Rc7+
1-0

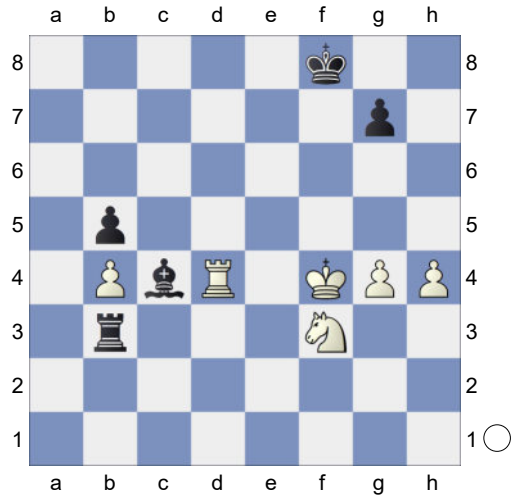
343 **A13**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2673**
■ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2710**
12th World Teams 2019 (8.4) 13.03.2019
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6
Nogueiras,J: 'Inf 34/12' **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 dxc4 4.Qa4+ Bd7 5.Qxc4 c5 6.Bg2 Bc6 7.b3 Be7 8.Bb2** The position is equal. **8...Nf6 9.0-0 0-0 10.d3 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Rc8 12.e4N**
[12.Rac1 Qa5 13.Qc2 Rfd8 14.Qb1 Qa6 15.Rfe1 b6 16.e4 Nf8 17.Nc4 b5 18.Nce5 Be8 19.Qa1 Ng6 20.Rc2 Bf8 21.Rec1 Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Nd7 23.Ng4 f6 24.Bf3 Be7 25.h4 ½-½ Kortschnoj,V-Nogueiras Santiago, J (ol) 34/12 Luzern 1982]
[12.Rfd1 b5 13.Qc1 Nb6 14.Ne5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nfd7 16.Ng4 Nf6 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Qa3 Qe7 20.Rac1 f5 21.Qa6 Qd7 22.Nf3 f4 23.Rd2 fxg3 24.hxg3 Rf5 25.a4 bxa4 26.bxa4 Rcf8 ½-½ (74) Sahidi, S (2474)-Berend,E (2219) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (5.29)]
[RR 12.Rac1 Qa5 13.Qc2 Rfd8 14.Qb1 Qa6 15.Rfe1 b6 16.e4 Nf8 17.Nc4 b5 18.Nce5 Be8 19.Qa1 Ng6 20.Rc2 Bf8 21.Rec1 Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Nd7 23.Ng4 f6 24.Bf3 Be7 25.h4 ½-½ (25) Kortschnoj,V (2645)-Nogueiras Santiago,J (2495) Luzern 1982]
[RR 12.Qc2 b5 13.Rac1 Qb6 14.Qb1 Rfd8 15.Qa1 Ne8 16.Rc2 Bf6 17.Rfc1 Bxb2 18.Qxb2 Nef6 19.h3 h6 20.Ne5 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Rc7 22.Ndf3 Rdc8 23.Nxd7 ½-½ (23) Movsesian,S (2705)-Grachev,B (2672) Sibenik 2012]
12...Ng4 13.h3 Bf6 0.80/20

[13...b5= 0.00/20 14.Qc1 Ngf6]
14.d4!± Nh6 15.Qe2 Nb6 16.Qe3 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Bxd4
[18.Qxd4 f6±]
18...f5 19.Bc5 Rf7 20.Bxb6 axb6 21.Nc4! fxe4 22.Rad1
[22.Nxb6 Nf5 23.Qc5 Rcc7∓]
22...Qf8 2.57/22
[22...Qf6± 0.78/23 was worth a try.]
23.Bxe4 1.42/20
[23.Ne5+- 2.57/22]
23...Nf5 24.Bxf5 0.62/23
[24.Qxb6 Bxe4 25.Ne5 Re7-+]
[White should try 24.Qe2!± 1.55/22]
24...exf5± 25.Nd6 Re7! 26.Qg5 h6 1.52/26
[26...Ra8± 0.52/22]
27.Qg6!± Be8 28.Qxf5 White is much more active. **28...Qxf5 29.Nxf5 Re5 30.Nd4 Ra5** 1.62/22
[30...b5± 1.19/20]
31.Rd2+- Rca8 32.Re1 Bd7 33.a4 Rd5 34.g4 h5 35.f3 hxg4 36.fxg4 b5 37.axb5 Bxb5 38.Red1 Black is on the road to losing. **38...Ra3** 1.03/23
[38...Re5± 0.61/25 deserves consideration.]
39.Kf2± Be8 40.h4 Bf7 1.21/23
[Black should play 40...Rd7 0.78/23]



41.b4! Rd6 2.07/25
[41...g6± 0.88/22]
42.Nf3 Rxd2+ 43.Rxd2+- Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up.
[43.Nxd2 Rd3=]
43...Kf8 44.Kg3 Rb3 45.Rd4 b5 46.Kf4 White is clearly winning. **46...Bc4**



47.Ne5! Kg8 48.Nc6
[And not 48.Nxc4 Rxb4 49.h5 *(49.Rd8+ Kh7=)* 49...Rxc4 50.Rxc4 bxc4=]
48...Kh7 49.h5 Rb1 50.Rd7 Be2 51.Kg5 Rg1 52.Ne5 Rh1 53.Re7 Bd1 54.Ng6 Intending Re8 and mate. **54...Bb3 55.Nh4** h6 would now be deadly. **55...Kh8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.32
56.Nf5
1-0

344 **D53**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2673**
■ **Adams,Michael** **2708**
12th World Teams 2019 (6.3) 11.03.2019
[Adams,Michael]

The World Team was a tough experience for me personally, and this

rather fortunate win was a rare bright spot. However, my teammates' excellent play meant that we collected the silver medals in the best result for the English team in many years. **1.d4** Adams, Michael **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5** I thought my opponent might look for a sharper option, but he sticks to his main opening repertoire. **5...h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.Qc2 c5 8.dxc5**

[RR 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bxe7 Nxe7 10.e3 Nd7 11.Rd1 Qa5 12.Be2 Nd5 13.0-0 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Qxc3 15.bxc3 b6 16.Bb5 Nf6 17.Ne5 cxd4 18.cxd4 Bb7 19.Rc1 Rfc8 20.f3 Kf8 21.Kf2 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rc8 Belke,F (2121)-Djordjic,D (1865) Belgrade 2023 ½-½ (63)]

8...Na6

[RR 8...Qa5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Bxe7 Nxe7 11.g3 Qxc5 12.Bg2 Nbc6 13.Rc1 e5 14.0-0 Bf5 15.Qb3 Be6 16.Qa4 Qb6 17.Qa3 f6 18.Ne4 Rfd8 19.Nc5 Bf7 20.e3 Rab8 21.Bh3 Qb4 22.Qxb4 Nxb4 23.a3 Gelfand,B (2733)-Jakovenko,D (2753) Odessa 2009 ½-½ (49)]

9.e3 Nxc5 10.cxd5N

[RR 10.Be2 Nce4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.cxd5 Qb4+ 14.Nd2 exd5 15.a3 Qb6 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.0-0 Bf5 18.b4 Rac8 19.Qb2 Rfd8 20.Rfd1 Qf6 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.g4 Be6 23.Kg2 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Rc2 Liang,A (2569)-Burke,J (2524) Saint Louis 2018 ½-½ (52)]

10...Nxd5 11.Bxe7 Nxe7

[11...Qxe7 12.Nxd5 exd5 would lead to a position my opponent had already reached in a couple of games with the Black pawn on h7. I wanted to avoid 13.Be2 Bg4 14.0-0 Rac8 15.Nd4 , but here Ne6 16.Qd2 Qg5 as played once by Vladimir Kramnik, looks a good solution.]

12.Be2 Bd7

[Black's knight on c5 is a bit exposed, and his colleague on e7 is also not optimally placed. 12...Qb6 was probably best.]

[The natural way to develop the bishop 12...b6 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Rfd1 is a bit uncomfortable.]

13.b4 Na6 14.Qb2!

[A better try than 14.a3 which I had been anticipating.]

14...Qb6 15.Rb1 Rfd8

[I need to recycle the knight from a6, but my queen is awkwardly placed after 15...Nc7 16.Ne5]

16.0-0 Rac8

[Now I didn't like 16...Nc7 17.a4 Ncd5 *(*but the stronger *17...Ned5! 18.a5 Qd6* gives my queen an escape route. *)* 18.a5]

17.Rfc1

[17.a4!? gives the option to look for mass liquidation Qxb4 18.Qxb4 Nxb4 19.Rxb4 Rxc3 20.Rxb7 although this still requires care.]

17...Nc7 18.Ne5 Ncd5 19.Nc4

[19.Nxd7 Rxd7 20.Nxd5 Rxc1+ 21.Rxc1 Nxd5 22.Rc8+ Rd8 leads nowhere.]

19...Qc7 20.Ne4 Qb8 21.b5

[A good decision taking more space, 21.Ned6 Rc6 22.e4 *(22.Nxf7 Kxf7 23.Ne5+ Kg8 24.Nxc6 Nxc6* is fine for Black.*)* 22...Nb6 23.e5 Nxc4 24.Bxc4 Nc8 25.Ne4 Nb6 swaps enough material to survive.]

21...Be8 White is a bit better, but as my last few moves were forced, this enabled me to catch up on the clock, and although my position is cramped it

remains solid. **22.a4 b6 23.g3 Nf5 24.Ned2**
[24.Ne5 is met by Nc3 25.Rxc3 Qxe5 26.Rxc8]
24...Nf6 Dodging the fork, and trying to manoeuvre the knight towards c5.
25.Bf1
[The calm 25.Rc2! doubling rooks whilst keeping all options open looks best.]
25...Nd6
[Now 25...Nd7 26.e4! is annoying.]
26.Ne5 Nde4 27.Ndc4
[After this my knights are better placed than my opponent's. 27.Nxe4! Nxe4 28.Bg2 was the most testing aiming to land a minor piece on c6. Nc3!? *(28...Nc5?! 29.Rc4±; 28...Rxc1+ 29.Rxc1 Nc5 30.Ra1±)* 29.Nxf7! *(29.Rxc3 Qxe5* equalises.*)* 29...Nxa4 30.Qa3 Rxc1+ 31.Rxc1 Kxf7 32.Qxa4 a5! this still looks a bit shaky but the protected passed a-pawn may compensate for the other defects in my position.]
27...Nd5 28.f3?!
[Finally both Black steeds have found good posts and 28.Bg2 Nc5 is nothing special. Now my opponent starts drifting, I don't like the game move weakening the kingside.]
28...Nc5 29.e4?!
[Forcing matters is a sign White had not realised his edge has evaporated although 29.Qa3 f6 holds no fears for Black.]
29...Nxa4! Seizing my chance. **30.Qa3 Ndc3 31.Rxc3 Nxc3 32.Qxc3 Rc5!** The point. I will win the pawn on b5 and the bishop on e8 has found a new lease of life. **33.Nd3! Rxb5 34.Rc1** Although the rook on b5 isn't under immediate threat it doesn't have any clear escape route. **34...Rc8 35.Qa3 a5 36.Qa2!?**
[This worked out well as we were both struggling to come to terms with the unusual nature of the position with little time to arrive at move 40. 36.Be2! so that a4 can be met by 37.Bd1 was stronger.]
36...Bd7?!
[Failing to understand that the queen move had freed the rook to find a better post. After 36...a4!? 37.Qxa4 Rb1 38.Qxe8+ Rxe8 39.Rxb1 b5 White's loose king means the material balance is good for Black - especially in practice. 40.Ne3 *(40.Nf2 Rd8 41.Rb3 Rd4 42.Nb2 b4)* 40...Rc8]
[The composed 36...Rc7!? preparing a4 is also a good idea.]
37.Rd1! Rd8
[I had intended to follow my last move with 37...e5? followed by Be6, but realised in time that 38.Nf4 exf4 39.Rxd7 fxg3 40.Nd6 is crushing.]
[37...Bc6 maintains much better co-ordination, it's important for the bishop to eye the kingside as my rook is about to be banished there.]
38.Na3 Rh5 39.g4
[39.e5! Cutting off the rook is logical , there is little choice but to play b5 40.g4 Rh4 41.Qf2 g5 which doesn't inspire confidence.]
39...Rg5 40.h4?
[40.e5 Bc6 was still best with all to play for. Attacking the rook looks logical but I managed to spot that the now unprotected g3 square was important.]
40...Qg3+ 41.Bg2
[41.Qg2 Qxh4 42.Nf2 Rc5 defends the rook on d8, and leaves

White too much material behind.]

41...Ba4

[The most practical move, now all my pieces get active, but the mundane 41...Qxh4 was also pretty good.]

42.Nc2

[There is little hope for White. After 42.Rd2 I was tempted by Rc5 *(42...Qxh4-+)* 43.Nxc5? Qe1+]

[42.hxg5 Bxd1 43.Qf2 Qd6-+]

[Or 42.Rc1 Qxh4 43.Qf2 Qxf2+ 44.Nxf2 Rc5 and there are too many pawns.]

42...Bxc2 43.Qxc2 Qxh4 44.Rb1

[44.e5! is a better try, but after h5 45.Qc7 Rg6 46.Qxb6 hxg4 47.f4 a4 48.Qa5 g3 49.Qxa4 Rg4 the fact that only kingside pawns remain won't save White with g5 coming.]

44...h5 45.gxh5

[45.Rxb6 hxg4 46.f4 Rh5 47.e5 Qg3 48.Rd6 Rb8 is also hopeless.]

45...Qxh5 46.Kf1

[46.Rxb6 Qxf3-+]

46...b5 47.Rc1 Rxg2!?

[Simplifying the position, but after 47...Qh2! White is so passively placed it is easy to nudge the pawns forward.]

48.Kxg2 Qg5+ 49.Kh3 Rxd3 50.Qxd3 Qxc1 51.Qxb5 My technique was far from impressive, but there isn't much hope here. **51...Qf4 52.Kg2 Qd2+ 53.Kh3 Qd8 54.Qc6 g6 55.Kg4 Qd2 56.Qb5 Qc3 57.f4 Kg7 58.e5 Qd2 59.Qa4 Qb4 60.Qd1 a4 61.Qd8 Qf8 62.Qa5 Qe8!**

[62...a3?! 63.Kg3 leaves my queen awkwardly placed.]

63.Qa7 Qc6 64.Kh4

[After 64.Qe7 Qa8 65.Kg5 a3 66.Qf6+ Kg8 White doesn't have any threats.]

64...Qe4 65.Kg4 Qf5+ 66.Kg3 Qd3+ 67.Kh4 a3 68.Qe7 a2 69.Qa7 Qd2 0-1

345 **A13**

□ **Ding,Liren** **2812**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2673**

12th World Teams 2019 (5.4) 09.03.2019

[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 a6 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nc3N

[7.Bb2 0-0 *(7...d6 8.d3 0-0 9.e4 Nbd7 10.Ne1 c5 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.Qe2 Rfd8 13.f4 Nb6 14.Rc1 Nfd7 15.Nef3 Re8 16.g4 d5 17.e5 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.Ne5 Nbd7 21.Ndf3 Nxe5 22.Nxe5* 1-0 (52) Kindermann (1903)-Osmanagic,D (1587) 458 Linz 2015 (8) *)* 8.Nc3 b4 9.Na4 d6 10.d4 Be4 11.a3 a5 12.Ne1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 d5 14.Qc2 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.e3 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nd3 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Qd6 21.Ra2 Qc6 ½-½ (26) Espig,L (2415)-Panchenko,A (2460) Bern op 1992 (3) 22.Kg1 Rfd8 23.Rd1 Rab8 24.Rc2 Qa8 25.Rcc1 Rd6 26.cxd5 Espig,L (2429)-Van Wely,L (2654) Deutschland 91/(25) 2003]

7...b4

[RR 7...Ne4 8.Bb2 Nxc3 9.Bxc3 0-0 10.Qc2 f5 11.a4 b4 12.Bb2 c5 13.Rad1 Bf6 14.d4 Be4 15.Qc1 Qe7 16.dxc5 Qxc5 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.Qf4 h6 19.h4 Rf8 20.Ne5 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Ra7 22.Rd3 Andreikin,D (2719)-Maghsoodloo,P (2688) St Petersburg 2018 1-0 (71)]

8.Na4 0-0 9.d4 d6 10.d5N

[RR 10.Re1 Nbd7 11.Nd2 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 c5 13.Bb2 cxd4 14.Bxd4 Qc7 15.e4 Qc6 16.Qf3 Ne5 17.Qe2 Ng6 18.Rad1 Nd7 19.f3 Bf6 20.Nf1 Bxd4 21.Rxd4 Nc5 22.Nb2 e5 23.Rdd1 f5 24.exf5 Rxf5 Svetlov,D (2314)-Bojarinov,V (2299) Nizhnij Novgorod 2008 0-1 (47)]
[RR 10.Bb2 Qc8 11.Rc1 Be4 12.d5 e5 13.Nd2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Nbd7 15.e4 Re8 16.Qe2 Bf8 17.Nf3 Nb6 18.Nxb6 cxb6 19.Ne1 a5 20.Nd3 Nd7 21.f4 exf4 22.Rxf4 Nc5 23.Rcf1 Ra7 24.Qf3 f6 Iskandarov,M (2530)-Zhao,C (2465) Bengbu 2025 ½-½ (41)]
[RR 10.a3 a5 11.Bb2 Re8 12.axb4 axb4 13.Qc2 Nbd7 14.Ne1 Bxg2 15.Nxg2 c5 16.e4 cxd4 17.Bxd4 Qc8 18.Rad1 Qc6 19.f3 Rec8 20.Qe2 h6 21.Ne3 Bf8 22.Rfe1 Ra5 23.Rd2 Rg5 24.Ng2 Ra5 Moroni,L (2328)-Hernandez Camen,A (2046) Durban 2014 1-0 (36)]

10...exd5 11.Nh4 c5 12.Nf5 0.05/23 White is more active.
[12.Bxd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Bxh4 14.gxh4 Nd7∓ *(14...Qxh4 15.Qd3∓)*]
[12.cxd5± 0.63/22 Re8 13.Nf5]

12...Re8!= 13.cxd5 Bf8! 14.Re1 a5 15.e4 Nbd7 16.Nb2 -0.17/22
[16.g4± 0.31/22]

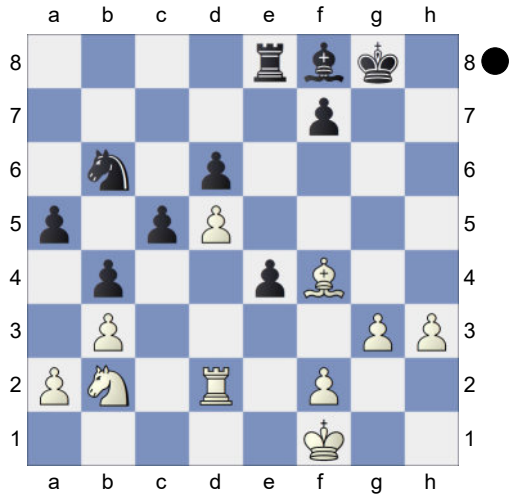
16...Nb6 17.Bf4 -0.57/22
[17.a3= -0.16/21]

17...Bc8∓ 18.Qc2 Bxf5
[18...h6 seems wilder. 19.e5 dxe5 20.Bxe5 Nfxd5 21.Nc4 Bxf5 22.Qxf5 Nxc4 23.bxc4 Ne7]

19.exf5 Qd7 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Rd1 g6 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.h3 Qf5 24.Qxf5 gxf5 25.Kf1 -1.74/22 Inhibits Re2.
[25.Bf1∓ -0.71/22]

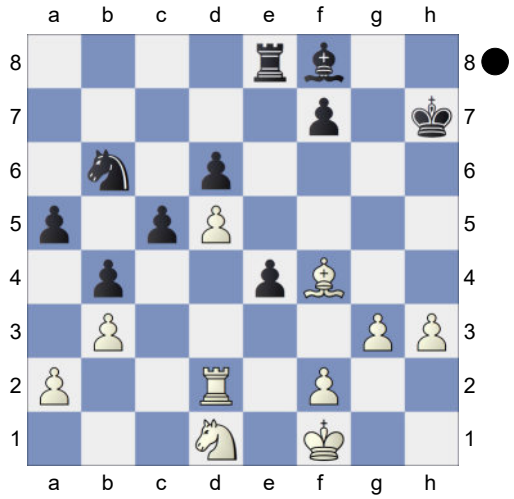
25...Ne4 -1.28/23
[25...a4-+ -1.74/22 26.Nxa4 Nxa4 27.bxa4 Ra8]

26.Bxe4 fxe4 27.Rd2



Kh7 -0.73/23
[⌓27...a4! -1.51/23 28.Nxa4 Nxa4 29.bxa4 Ra8]

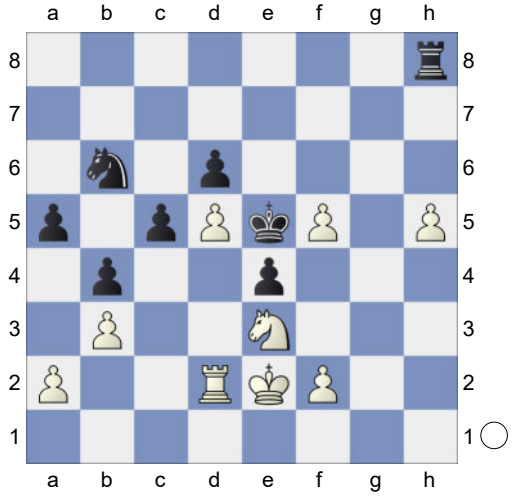
28.Nd1 -1.09/23
[⌓28.h4 -0.73/23]



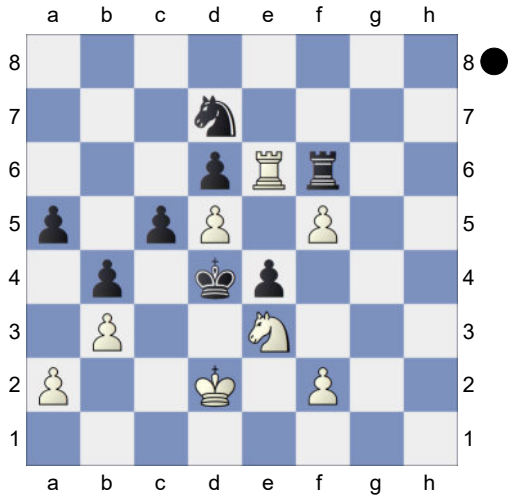
28...Bh6 -0.26/22
[28...c4!∓ -1.09/23 Threatens to win with ...c3. 29.bxc4 *(29.Ne3 c3∓)* 29...Rc8 *(29...Nxc4 30.Rd4±)*]

29.Bxh6!= Kxh6 Endgame KRN-KRN **30.Ne3 Kg6** Repels Nf5 **31.g4 Kf6 32.h4 Ke5 33.h5 Rg8** 0.38/25
[33...Kf4= -0.01/26 is superior.]

34.Ke2 Threatening f4+!. **34...f5 35.gxf5** [35.Nxf5 Rxg4 36.Ne3 Rh4∓] **35...Rh8**



36.h6 Kf4 37.Rd1! Rxh6 38.Rg1 Rf6 39.Rg6 Nd7 The position is equal. **40.Rg4+ Ke5 41.Rg7 Nb6 42.Re7+ Kd4 43.Re6 Nd7** [43...Nxd5? too greedy. 44.Nxd5 Rxf5 *(44...Rxe6? 45.fxe6 Kxd5 46.e7+-)* 45.Ne3+-] **44.Kd2**



c4! Deflection **45.bxc4 a4 46.Kc2 Kc5 47.Rxe4 Rh6 48.Ng4 Rh3 49.Re7 b3+ 50.axb3 axb3+ 51.Kb2 Nb6 52.Ne3 Nxc4+ 53.Kxb3** Black must now prevent Rc7+. **53...Nxe3 54.fxe3** [Don't play 54.Rxe3 Rh6∓ *(54...Rxe3+? 55.fxe3 Kxd5 56.e4+ Ke5 57.Kc4+-)*] Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise) **54...Rf3** **½-½**

346 **E05**
□ **Ding,Liren** **2812**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2673**
FIDE World Team Championship (5.1)
[David Cummings]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 The Romanishin Gambit (so called although White rarely "accepts" the gambit) - Black goes for quick queenside expansion and pressure against the c4-pawn. **4.Bg2** By far the main move, although several unusual alternatives are covered in the Archives: **4...Be7 5.Nf3 0-0** As White has developed quietly so far, Black has several pawn structure options. He can play with or without an early ...c7-c5. Black chooses the latter path in this game. Here: **6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6** Maghsoodloo varies from two of his games at the recent World Blitz Championship, where he played the rare alternative: **8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bg5!?** White gains space with this temporary pawn sacrifice, and a Benoni-style structure soon arises. White has also played: **10...h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nc3** The first new move. An earlier game instead continued: **12...Bxf3 13.Bxf3 c6 14.e3** [14.Qb3] **14...a5 15.b4** [15.h4] **15...axb4** White's space advantage

gives him the edge, but his next move lets the advantage slip away. **16.Qxb4?!** The a4-knight was holding up Black's queenside play, while on the b2-square, the knight is just passively placed. Instead: **16...Ra7!** Taking advantage of the reprieve, now Black always has ... a5-a4 and ..c5-c4 in the air.

[16...Qc7 17.Rfb1 Ra7 18.a5]

17.a5 Na6

[17...Nd7 18.Rfb1 Be7 19.Qc4]

[17...Be7 18.Qb3 *(18.Qb6 Qxb6 19.axb6 Ra3 20.Rxa3 Bxa3 21.Ne4 Nd7; 18.Qc4 Rxa5)*

A) 18...Nd7 19.a6 *(19.Rfb1 Qc7)* 19...bxa6 20.Bxc6 Qc7 21.Be4 *(21.Bg2 Rb8 22.Qc2 Bb4 23.Rfc1 Rc8 24.Qd3 Bxc3 25.Ra3)* 21...Rb8 22.Qc2 Bb4 23.Rfc1 Rc8 24.Nb5;

B) 18...Na6

B1) 19.Ra4 Nc7 20.Rb1 Nd5 21.Nd1 Qd7 is the subject of Giri-Bartel *(21...Qa8)* 22.Nb2 Rfa8 23.Nc4 Bd8 24.Rba1 Bc7 25.R4a3 Qd8 26.Kg2 Bd6 27.R3a2 Bc7 28.Qb2;

B2) 19.Qb6?! Qa8 20.Rfb1 Nb8 gave Black counterplay in Hakobyan,A (2545)-Maghsoodloo,P (2688) St Petersburg (blitz) 2018 0-1 (82) 21.Na4 Nd7 22.Qb2 is another popular line, see Ni-Cheng and earlier games in the Archives. *(22.Qb3 Bd8 23.a6 b5* is analyzed in Bruzon Batista-Donchenko *24.Nc3 Rxa6)* 22...Bd6 *(22...Bd8 23.a6 b5 24.Nc3 Rxa6* can be found in the game Filippov-Korchnoi in the Archives. *25.Nxb5)* 23.Nb6 *(23.a6 b5 24.Nc3 Rxa6* led to a fixed centre in Damljanovic-Georgiev in the Archives. *25.Nxb5* is more rarely seen. Now *Rb8; 23.Nc3 Rb8)* 23...Nxb6 24.axb6 Ra5]

18.Qb6 Qa8 19.Ne4 Bd8 Black has neutralized White's initiative and now can target the weakened f5- and d5-pawns. Black is slightly better here.

20.Qb2 Nb8

[20...Nc7 21.Nd6 Nb5 *(21...Be7 22.Nc4)* 22.Nxb5 cxb5 23.Qxb5 Rxa5 and White is clearly better due to the weaknesses in Black's structure, Andreikin,D (2719)-Maghsoodloo,P (2688) St Petersburg 2018 1-0 (71) 24.Rxa5 Qxa5 25.Qxb7]

21.Nd6 Bxa5 22.Nxb7 Qxb7N

[22...Rxb7 23.Rxa5 is a similar idea to the main game, and is the sequence recommended by Adrien Demuth in his Reti repertoire book. Now Rxb2 24.Rxa8 c5 25.dxc5 and Black has: Rc2!

A) 26.Ra5 Nd7 *(26...Rc8 27.Rb1)* 27.c6 Nb8;

B) 26.Rb1 Nd7 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.c6 gives White an edge according to Demuth. Ne5

B1) 29.Rb8+ Ke7 30.Rb7+ favours White - Demuth. Ke8 31.Be4 Rc4 32.f4 Nxc6 *(32...Rxe4 33.Rb8+ Ke7 34.c7)*;

B2) 29.Be4 Rc4 30.Rb8+ Ke7 was played in Bogosavljevic, B (2551)-Rajkovic,D (2453) Cetinje 2010 1-0 (65), and now 31.Rb7+! Kd6 32.f4 Rxe4 33.fxe5+ would leave White clearly better. Kxc6]

[RR 22...Rxb7 23.Rxa5 Rxb2 24.Rxa8 c5 25.dxc5 Rc2 26.Rb1

Nd7 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.c6 Ne5 29.Be4 Rc4 30.Rb8+ Ke7 31.Rb7+ Kd6 32.f4 Rxe4 33.fxe5+ Kxc6 34.Rxf7 Rxe3 35.Rxg7 Rxe5 36.Kf2 Rf5+ 37.Ke3 Tkachiev,V (2644)-Bauer,C (2682) Pau 2012 ½-½ (46)]

23.Qxb7 Rxb7!? Black decides to try his luck in an endgame scenario.

24.Rxa5 Rc8 25.Rc1 Rbc7 26.Ra8 Kf8

[26...g6 27.h4 h5 28.Rb1 Nd7 29.Rb7 was played in Schlosser,P (2501)-Speelman,J (2493) Dresden 2018 1/2-1/2 (22), and now simplest is Nf6 30.Rxc7 Rxa8 and Black should be fine here. 31.Rxc6]

27.h4 Ke7 Black's advantage dissipates over the next few moves. Instead: **28.h5 Kd6 29.e4 Ke7**

[29...f6]

30.e5 White has found a stable post for his knight and chances are roughly balanced. **30...Rd8 31.Kg2 Rb7** More testing was: **32.Rc4 f6 33.Be4 fxe5 34.dxe5 Rb2 35.Bg6 Nd7 36.Ra7 Re2**

[36...Rf8 37.Bc2]

37.Re4

[37.Rxc6 Rxe5]

[37.Be4 Kf8 38.Rd4 *(38.Bf3 Rd2 39.Rxc6 Nxe5* is a dream Benoni setup for White, Erdos, V (2658)-Zhigalko,S (2694) Warsaw 2013 1-0 (44). Black has no counterplay, and White can prepare to roll through the middle with e4-e5-e6. *40.Rxe6 Nxf3 41.Kxf3)* 38...c5 39.Rdxd7 Rxd7 40.Rxd7 Rxe4]

[37.Rf4 Rxe5 38.Rf7+ Kd6 39.Rxg7 Re2 is a quieter approach, which is analyzed in Ragger-Tomczak in the Archives. 40.Rh7 Ne5]

37...Rxe4

[37...Rd2 38.Rf4 Rf8 and White is for choice. 39.Rxf8 Kxf8 40.Ra8+ Ke7?! (too passive) 41.Re8#]

38.Bxe4 Rc8 39.f4 Kd8 40.Kf3 c5 41.Ke3 Black has enough resources to deal with this. Instead: **41...Rc7**

[41...c4 and Black's mobile queenside pawns give him the advantage. 42.Kd4 also looks promising for Black c3 among other moves, gives White a pleasant game, for example 43.Bc2]

42.Ra8+ Rc8 43.Ra6 Ke7 44.Ra7 Black is apparently in zugzwang since none of his pieces have good moves. **44...c4!** The only move to avoid disaster, but Black gets enough counterplay despite his two pawn deficit.

[44...Kd8 45.Kd3]

45.Kd2 c3+ 46.Kc2 Kd8 47.Bd3 Rc5 48.Ra8+ Ke7

[48...Rc8 49.Rxc8+ Kxc8 50.Kxc3 when it is Black asking the questions. Kc7! keeps up the pressure, for example 51.Bc4]

49.Ra7 Kd8 50.Ra3 Nb6 51.Rxc3 Rxc3+ 52.Kxc3 Nd5+

[52...Kc7 53.Kd4 Kc6 54.Bc4 Kd7 55.Bb5+ but here White doesn't have enough to win. Ke7 is simpler 56.Bc6]

53.Kd4 Ke7 54.Be4 Nb4 Black will pick up at least one of White's pawns, and the draw becomes clear. **55.Kc5** looks scary since Black's king is almost caught in a mating net, but after **55...Na2 56.Kc4 Nc1** (the only move) **57.Bd3 ½-½**

347 **A13**
□ **Ding,Liren** **2812**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2673**
FIDE World Team Championship (5.1)
[David Cummings]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 a6 The Romanishin Gambit (so called although White rarely "accepts" the gambit) - Black goes for quick queenside expansion and pressure against the c4-pawn. **4.Bg2** By far the main move, although several unusual alternatives are covered in the Archives:

[4.d3 b5 5.e4 Bb7 6.e5 is analyzed in Bruzon Batista-Donchenko]

[4.e3 d5 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Bg2 b5 is the subject of Giri-Bartel]

4...b5 5.b3 Bb7 As White has developed quietly so far, Black has several pawn structure options. He can play with or without an early ...c7-c5. Black chooses the latter path in this game. Here:

[5...c5 6.Nc3 Qb6 7.e4 d6 8.d4 Bb7 9.d5 e5 led to a fixed centre in Damljanovic-Georgiev in the Archives.]

[5...d5 is more rarely seen. Now 6.cxd5 exd5 7.d4 c5 8.0-0 Be6 9.Nc3 Nbd7 can be found in the game Filippov-Korchnoi in the Archives.]

6.0-0 Be7

[6...c5 7.Nc3 Qa5 is another popular line, see Ni-Cheng and earlier games in the Archives.]

7.Nc3 b4 Maghsoodloo varies from two of his games at the recent World Blitz Championship, where he played the rare alternative:

[7...Ne4 8.Bb2 Nxc3 9.Bxc3 0-0 10.Qc2 f5 11.a4 *(11.d3 c5 12.Rad1 Ra7 13.d4 Be4 14.Qc1 bxc4 15.bxc4 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Rb7 17.Ne5?! Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Qc8* gave Black counterplay in Hakobyan,A (2545)-Maghsoodloo,P (2688) St Petersburg (blitz) 2018 0-1 (82)*)* 11...b4 12.Bb2 c5 13.Rad1 Bf6 14.d4 Be4 15.Qc1 Qe7 16.dxc5 Qxc5 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.Qf4 and White is clearly better due to the weaknesses in Black's structure, Andreikin,D (2719)-Maghsoodloo,P (2688) St Petersburg 2018 1-0 (71)]

[RR 7...Ne4 8.Bb2 Nxc3 9.Bxc3 0-0 10.Qc2 f5 11.a4 b4 12.Bb2 c5 13.Rad1 Bf6 14.d4 Be4 15.Qc1 Qe7 16.dxc5 Qxc5 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.Qf4 h6 19.h4 Rf8 20.Ne5 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Ra7 22.Rd3 Andreikin,D (2719)-Maghsoodloo,P (2688) St Petersburg 2018 1-0 (71)]

8.Na4 0-0 9.d4 d6 10.d5N White gains space with this temporary pawn sacrifice, and a Benoni-style structure soon arises. White has also played:

[10.a3 a5 11.Bb2 c5 12.dxc5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Rfd1 is a quieter approach, which is analyzed in Ragger-Tomczak in the Archives.]

[10.Ne1 Bxg2 11.Nxg2 Nbd7 12.f3 Nb6 13.Nxb6 cxb6 14.e4 b5 15.a3 was played in Schlosser,P (2501)-Speelman,J (2493) Dresden 2018 1/2-1/2 (22), and now simplest is bxc4 16.bxc4 a5 and Black should be fine here.]

[10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.d5 is a similar idea to the main game, and is the sequence recommended by Adrien Demuth in his Reti repertoire book. Now exd5 12.Nh4 Ne4 13.cxd5 and Black has:

A) 13...Nec5 14.Qd4 Bf6 15.Qxb4 a5 was played in Bogosavljevic, B (2551)-Rajkovic,D (2453) Cetinje 2010 1-0 (65), and now 16.Qd2! Nxa4 17.bxa4 Nc5 *(17...Bxh4 18.gxh4 Qxh4 19.Rac1* favours White - Demuth.*)* 18.Nf5 would leave White clearly better.;

B) 13...Bxh4! 14.Bxe4 Bf6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Bg2 gives White an edge according to Demuth.]

[RR 10.Re1 Nbd7 11.Nd2 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 c5 13.Bb2 cxd4 14.Bxd4 Qc7 15.e4 Qc6 16.Qf3 Ne5 17.Qe2 Ng6 18.Rad1 Nd7 19.f3 Bf6 20.Nf1 Bxd4 21.Rxd4 Nc5 22.Nb2 e5 23.Rdd1 f5 24.exf5 Rxf5 Svetlov,D (2314)-Bojarinov,V (2299) Nizhnij Novgorod 2008 0-1 (47)]

[RR 10.Bb2 Qc8 11.Rc1 Be4 12.d5 e5 13.Nd2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Nbd7 15.e4 Re8 16.Qe2 Bf8 17.Nf3 Nb6 18.Nxb6 cxb6 19.Ne1 a5 20.Nd3 Nd7 21.f4 exf4 22.Rxf4 Nc5 23.Rcf1 Ra7 24.Qf3 f6 Iskandarov,M (2530)-Zhao,C (2465) Bengbu 2025 ½-½ (41)]

[RR 10.a3 a5 11.Bb2 Re8 12.axb4 axb4 13.Qc2 Nbd7 14.Ne1 Bxg2 15.Nxg2 c5 16.e4 cxd4 17.Bxd4 Qc8 18.Rad1 Qc6 19.f3 Rec8 20.Qe2 h6 21.Ne3 Bf8 22.Rfe1 Ra5 23.Rd2 Rg5 24.Ng2 Ra5 Moroni,L (2328)-Hernandez Camen,A (2046) Durban 2014 1-0 (36)]

10...exd5 11.Nh4 c5 12.Nf5 The first new move. An earlier game instead continued:

[12.cxd5 Re8 13.Re1 Bf8?! (too passive) 14.e4 Nbd7 15.Bb2 Qc7 16.Rc1 Rad8 17.Ba1 a5 18.Nb2 Ne5 19.f4 Ng6 20.Nxg6 hxg6 21.Nc4 is a dream Benoni setup for White, Erdos, V (2658)-Zhigalko, S (2694) Warsaw 2013 1-0 (44). Black has no counterplay, and White can prepare to roll through the middle with e4-e5-e6.]

12...Re8 13.cxd5 Bf8 14.Re1 a5 15.e4 Nbd7 White's space advantage gives him the edge, but his next move lets the advantage slip away. **16.Nb2?!** The a4-knight was holding up Black's queenside play, while on the b2-square, the knight is just passively placed. Instead:

[16.Bf4 among other moves, gives White a pleasant game, for example Nb6 17.Nxb6 Qxb6 18.a3 and White is for choice.]

16...Nb6! Taking advantage of the reprieve, now Black always has ... a5-a4 and ..c5-c4 in the air. **17.Bf4 Bc8 18.Qc2 Bxf5 19.exf5 Qd7** Black has neutralized White's initiative and now can target the weakened f5- and d5-pawns. Black is slightly better here. **20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Rd1 g6**

[21...a4 also looks promising for Black]

22.fxg6 hxg6 23.h3 Qf5!? Black decides to try his luck in an endgame scenario. **24.Qxf5 gxf5 25.Kf1 Ne4 26.Bxe4 fxe4 27.Rd2 Kh7** Black's advantage dissipates over the next few moves. Instead:

[27...a4! keeps up the pressure, for example 28.bxa4 Ra8 29.Ke2 c4 and Black's mobile queenside pawns give him the advantage.]

28.Nd1 Bh6 29.Bxh6 Kxh6 30.Ne3 White has found a stable post for his knight and chances are roughly balanced. **30...Kg6 31.g4 Kf6** More testing was:

[31...Kg5 32.Nf5 Rd8 33.f3 Kf4

when it is Black asking the questions.]

32.h4 Ke5 33.h5 Rg8

[33...Kf4 is simpler]

34.Ke2 f5 35.gxf5 Rh8 36.h6 Kf4 37.Rd1 Rxh6 38.Rg1 Rf6 39.Rg6 Nd7 40.Rg4+ Ke5 41.Rg7 Black has enough resources to deal with this. Instead:

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½-½

348 **A04**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2673**

■ **Grandelius,N** **2694**

12th World Teams 2019 (3.5) 07.03.2019

[Kitty Kat]

A04: Unusual lines after 1 Nf3 and King's Indian Attack

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 Nc6 5.c3 e5 6.e4 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.a3 a5 9.a4 d5

[9...d6 10.Na3 h6 11.Nd2 Be6 12.Ndc4 Kh7 13.Re1 b6 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.f4 d5 16.exd5 Bxd5 17.Qd1 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Qd5+ 19.Qf3 Qxf3+ 20.Kxf3 Rfd8 21.fxe5 Rxd3+ ½-½ Gharamian,T (2663)-Riff,J (2467) Metz op 31th 2013 (3)]

10.Na3 d4N The position is equal.

[10...h6 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Re1 *(12.Qb3 Be6 13.Qxb7 Nce7 14.Nc4 Rb8 15.Qa6 e4 16.Nfd2 exd3 17.Re1 Qc8 18.Qxc8 Rfxc8* Vestly,J-Aman Hambleton Ian Zhao AOCT N233B corr 1990*)* 12...b6 13.Nc4 Re8 14.Bd2 Ra7 15.Qb3 Rd7 A 05/08-N,N 2000]

[RR 10...h6 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Qb3 Nde7 13.Be3 Be6 14.Nc4 Qxd3 15.Nfd2 Bd5 16.Bxd5 Qxd5 17.Nb6 Qxb3 18.Nxb3 Rad8 19.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Rd8 21.Rxd8+ Nxd8 22.Nxa5 Nec6 23.Nxc6 Nxc6 24.Bxc5 Bf8 25.Nd7 Amin,B (2635)-Moiseenko,A (2707) Dubai 2014 1-0 (40)]

11.cxd4 cxd4 12.Nc4 Rb8N

[RR 12...Be6 13.b3 f6 14.Bd2 Nb4 15.Bxb4 axb4 16.Qd2 Nc6 17.Nh4 Kh8 18.Kh1 Rb8 19.f4 Bh6 20.Qe2 Qc7 21.f5 Bxc4 22.bxc4 g5 23.Nf3 g4 24.Nh4 Rg8 25.Rfb1 Qg7 26.Bf1 Qg5 27.Ra2 Siebert,L (2263)-Wyrwich,M (2084) Germany 1999 ½-½]

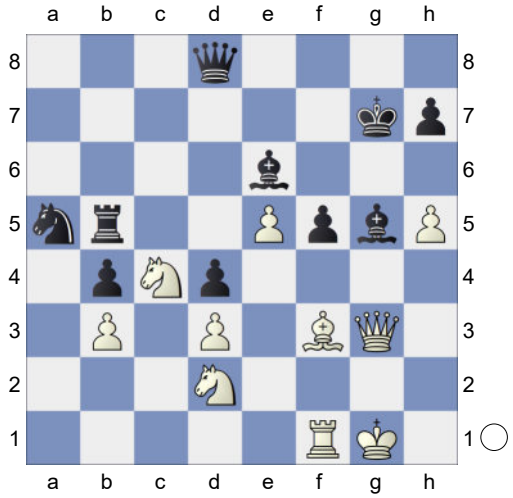
13.b3 b5 14.axb5 Rxb5 15.Ba3 Nb4 16.Bxb4 axb4 17.Nfd2 Be6 18.Ra6 Bc8 19.Ra7 Nc6 20.Ra8 Qc7 21.f4 exf4 0.01/19

[21...Be6∓ -0.37/18 might be stronger. 22.Rxf8+ Bxf8]

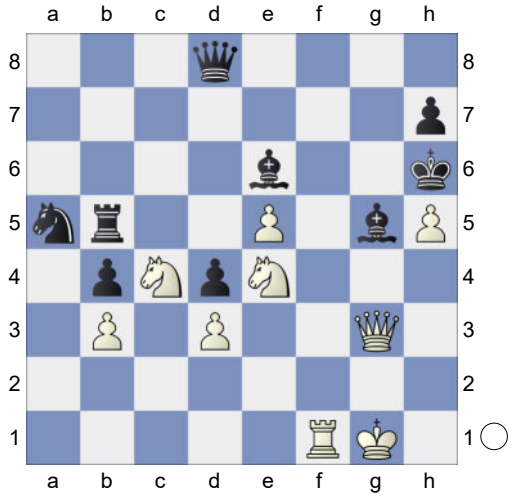
22.gxf4= Be6 23.Rxf8+ Bxf8 24.Qf3 Na5 25.e5! Be7 26.Qg3 f5 27.h4 Qd8 28.h5 Kg7 29.Bf3 -0.01/20

[29.Kh1± 0.45/17]

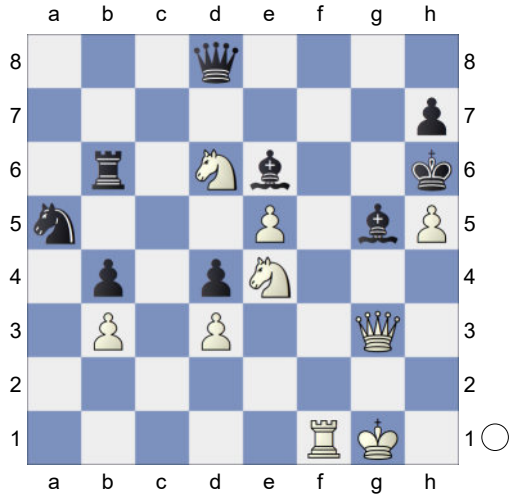
29...g5 0.36/18
[29...Nxc4= -0.01/20 30.Nxc4 Bxc4 31.dxc4 Ra5]
30.fxg5± Nd6 would now be deadly.
30...Bxg5



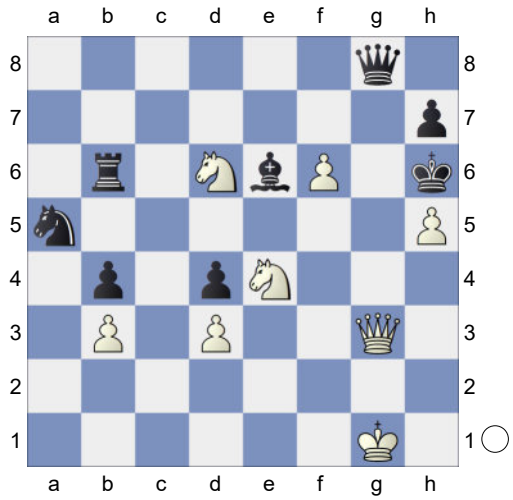
31.Be4! A mistake that costs the game.
31...fxe4? 3.10/21
[31...Kh8± 0.86/19 might work better.]
[31...f4 32.Rxf4]
32.Nxe4+-
[And not 32.Rf6 Rxe5 33.Nxe4 Nxc4 34.Rxe6 Rxe4 *(34...Rxe6 35.Nxg5∓)* 35.dxe4 Kf7∓]
32...Kh6



...Nxc4 is the strong threat. **33.Ncd6** Excellent horsemanship. **33...Rb6?** 10.52/23
[33...Bh4 2.99/19 34.Qf4+ Bg5 35.Qxg5+ Qxg5+ 36.Nxg5 Kxg5 37.Nxb5 Nxb3]



34.Rf6+! White is clearly winning.
34...Bxf6 35.exf6 Qg8



Dodges Qg5+ **36.Nf5+!** Deflection, Promotion **36...Bxf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.40
37.Qxg8
1-0

349 **B49**
□ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2683**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2673**
WchT 12th Astana (2.5) 06.03.2019
[Adhiban,Baskaran]

Our team got double White in the first two matches which was lucky for me and I was looking forward to this game as I liked Parham's uncompromising style. **1.e4** Sam Collins Adhiban, Baskaran Sam Collins: 'Adhiban,Baskaran' **1...c5** I didn't really prepare for this much and hence decided to bail out with **2.Nf3!?** One of the boring lines ever to be invented... **2...e6** He had played this once before in the only ever game where he faced Alapin. **3.d4** I gave one last chance to Parham to transpose with ... Nf6! **3...cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3** Again this was the very last time I was indirectly requesting to transpose back to Alapin. **5...Qc7** As Naka would say "It is what it is!" **6.Be3** Now we are in some French Tarrasch type structures. **6...a6 7.Be2 b5 8.Nxc6 Qxc6 9.Bf3** Sam Collins: 'Of course this position could arise from a French Tarrasch (1. e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5. Ngf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Ne7) if White chose the non-critical 9.c3. That said, c3 is a useful move and the character of the position (an IQP where Black has reasonable chances to equalise with precise play) is the same in both cases.' **9...Bb7 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Re1 Bd6 12.g3 Ne7 13.Qd2 Rd8 14.Rad1 Be5 15.Bg2** Sam Collins: 'Black is, of course, very comfortable here.' A nice transformation and also now Black is clearly behind in development. **15...Bxc3N**

[RR 15...0-0 16.f4 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 Qxc3 18.bxc3 Bc6 19.Bc5 Rfe8 20.Rd3 Rc8 21.Bb4 f6 22.Red1 Rc7 23.Kf2 Kf7 24.Bd6 Rb7 25.Bf3 Nc8 26.Bc5 Rd8 27.Ke3 Rc7 28.Bd6 Nxd6 29.Rxd6 Ke7 30.R1d3 Sadhwani,R (2246)-Ivanisevic,I (2648) Sitges 2016 0-1 (96)]

16.bxc3 d5 17.Bf4 Qc8 18.e5!? I was quite happy to play the manoeuvring game but...at the same time I wanted to exploit my lead in development hence decided to open up the position! **18...Rd7 19.h4** Sam Collins: 'Now Black must play precisely to neutralise White's lead in development.' Bring all your pieces to the party! **19...Rc7 20.Bg5 h6 21.Bxe7!? Kxe7** Sam Collins: '?!' A huge error missing my next move... **22.Re3! Rd8** Sam Collins: '?' **23.Qd3** At first I wasn't happy to allow the rook to get back into the game but then saw that the idea of Ne3-d5 was very strong. **23...d4**

[23...Rc4]

24.cxd4 Sam Collins: '+-' Sam Collins: 'The attacking ratio on the kingside is intimidating. The Iranian talent grabs a pawn so as to have something to suffer for.' **24...Bxg2 25.Kxg2 Rxc2 26.Qh7 Qc6+ 27.Rf3 Rc3** Sam Collins: 'Adhiban,Baskaran' **28.Rdd3** Sam Collins: '1-0 (31) Adhiban,B (2683)-Maghsoodloo,P (2673) Astana 2019 CBM 189 [Adhiban,Baskaran]' **28...Rxd3 29.Qxd3** This looked cleanest. **29...g6 30.Qe3 Rd7 31.Qxh6** Generally a blow at the top is enough for match victory but it wasn't one of those days... **31...Kd8** Sam Collins: 'Adhiban, Baskaran' was my other idea. **32.Qf8+ Kc7** also winning. **33.g4 Qe4 1-0**

350 **C09**
□ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2683**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2673**
12th World Teams 2019 (2.2) 06.03.2019
[Sam Collins]

1.e4 ChessBase II **1...c5 2.c3 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 d5 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Bd6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Nbd2** Of course this position could arise from a French Tarrasch (1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Ne7) if White chose the non-critical 9.c3. That said, c3 is a useful move and the character of the position (an IQP where Black has reasonable chances to equalise with precise play) is the same in both cases.
9...0-0 10.Nb3 Bd6
[We've discussed 10...Bb6 a couple of times in the Archives.]
11.Bg5
[11.Bd3 was White's choice in the battle of the chess sisters: N. Kosintseva - A. Muzychuk, Kasan FIDE GP (Women) 2012 (0-1 in 33), covered in the Archives.]
11...Qc7 12.Re1 h6 13.Bh4
[13.Bxe7 Nxe7 was defended a couple of times by the great Korchnoi. 14.Nbd4 *(14.h3 a6 15.Bd3 Bd7 16.Nfd4 g6 17.Qf3 Kg7=* A.Rocha - V.Korchnoi, Sao Paulo 1979 (0-1 in 74). *)* 14...a6 15.Bd3 Bd7 16.h3± R.Huebner - V.Korchnoi, Johannesburg 1981 (1-0 in 40).]
[13.Be3 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Bc5 S.Hansen - S.Krivoshey, Ubeda 1997 (1-0 in 51) Rae8!?]
[RR 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Nbd4 a6 15.Bd3 Bd7 16.h3 Rfe8 17.Qb3 Bc5 18.Re2 Qb6 19.Ne5 Rad8 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.Qxb6 Bxb6 22.Nf5 Kf8 23.Rae1 d4 24.Bc2 Rc7 25.Nxd4 Bxd4 26.cxd4 Rd8 27.Rd1 Rcd7 Huebner,R (2640)-Kortschnoj,V (2650) Johannesburg 1981 1-0 (40)]
[RR 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Nbd4 Bg4 15.h3 Bh5 16.Bd3 Bc5 17.Qd2 Qb6 18.Re5 Bxf3 19.Nxf3 Bd6 20.Re2 Nc6 21.Rae1 Rad8 22.Bb1 Rd7 23.Qd3 g6 24.Qd2 Kg7 25.a3 Rfd8 26.Ba2 Bf8 27.Qf4 d4 Wu,D (2232)-Goncharov,V (2077) Chess.com INT 2024 ½-½ (75)]
13...Nf5 14.Bg3 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Black is, of course, very comfortable here. **15...Ne7N**
[RR 15...a6 16.Be2 Ne7 17.Nfd4 Bd7 18.Bd3 Be5 19.Qh5 Bf6 20.Re2 Qc8 21.f3 a5 22.a4 *(* RR *22.Rae1 a4 23.Rxe7 Bxe7 24.Rxe7 axb3 25.axb3)* 22...Qc7 23.Rae1 Bxa4 24.Nf5 *(*RR *24.Kh2)* 24...Nxf5 25.Qxf5 Qb6+ 26.Kh2 g6 27.Qg4 Bxb3 28.Re6 Qd8 29.R1e5 Bxe5 30.Rxg6+ Rogers,I (1865)-Chandler,M Wattignies 1976 EXT 2015 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (35)]
16.Nfd4 g6 17.Qd2 Kg7 18.c4 dxc4
[18...a6 leads to complicated and balanced play after 19.Qc3 Kg8 20.c5 Be5 21.Be2 followed by Bf3.]
19.Rac1 Now Black must play precisely to neutralise White's lead in development. **19...c3 20.Rxc3 Qb6 21.Rd3 a6?!**
[White keeps some initiative after 21...Bf5 22.Nxf5+ Nxf5 23.a4 , but this seems to be the way to go for Black, for example Rad8 *(23...h5* is also okay*)* 24.g4 Ne7 25.Rd1 Nc8 and a draw is very likely.]
22.Nc2! Bb8?
[22...Rd8 23.Bc4 Qc7 24.Qc3+ f6 25.Nbd4± looks unpleasant but this

should have been tried.]

23.Rxe7

[23.Bd7± is also good but I like Adhiban's choice.]

23...axb5 24.Ne3+- The attacking ratio on the kingside is intimidating. The Iranian talent grabs a pawn so as to have something to suffer for. **24...Rxa2 25.Nd5 Qc6 26.Rc3 Qd6 27.Qd4+ Kg8 28.Nf6+ Kh8 29.Rxf7!** A lovely finish. **29...Rxf7 30.Rxc8+ Rf8 31.Nd7+!**

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351 **A48**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2666**

■ **Gordievsky,D** **2603**

Aeroflot Open A 2019 (7.13) 25.02.2019

[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.e3

[We find yet more strong players attracted to reversed Reti-like play, not the main line, 5.c3 d6 6.e4 .]

5...d6 6.Bc4!?

[Played by the world champion, and a move which even sets a little trap. En route to triumphing at Gibraltar, rising star Vladislav Artemiev preferred 6.c3 and after Nc6!? *(* fairly rare, and a new move for us instead, *6...Nbd7 7.Bd3 e5 8.0-0 h6 9.Bh4* can be found in Kramnik-Nepomniachtchi, Russian Team Championship, Sochi 2015, amongst other games in the Archive*)* 7.Bc4 e5 8.0-0 Qe7 9.b4 h6 10.Bh4 exd4!? *(* a solid choice and presumably Vachier-Lagrave wasn't totally sure about *10...e4 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Ne1 Bg7 13.f3* , although this may not be so bad for Black after *Qg5)* 11.exd4 Bf5 12.b5 *(12.Re1 Qd7 13.Qb3 g5 14.Bg3 Nh5* also feels quite comfortable for Black*)* 12...Na5 13.Re1 Qd7 14.Bf1 a6! *(14...g5 15.Bg3 Nh5* was still possible, but Black would really prefer not to allow White a bit of queenside pressure with *16.Nb3 Nxb3 17.axb3)* 15.bxa6 bxa6 16.Nb3 Nxb3 17.axb3 a5 18.Nd2 g5 19.Bg3 Rfe8 Black didn't have too many problems holding the draw in Artemiev-Vachier Lagrave, Gibraltar 2019.]

6...Nbd7

[Natural. The aforementioned trap is 6...c5 7.c3 b6?? 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.Bd5 , which poor Loek van Wely once fell for.]

7.0-0 Qe8

[Etienne Bacrot did the same thing, but I still can't see too much wrong with 7...e5 followed by ...Qe7.]

8.a4 a5

[Contesting the queenside is new for us. Previously we analysed 8...e5 9.a5 e4 10.Ne1 h6 11.Bh4 c6 12.Bb3 Nh5 13.f3 exf3 14.Qxf3 Ndf6 15.Nd3 Bg4 16.Qf2 Be6 , which seemed OK for Black in Carlsen-Bacrot, Baden-Baden 2015.]

9.e4 Held up on the queenside, White has little better than to accept the tempo loss and expand in the centre. **9...e5 10.c3 h6 11.Bh4 Nh5 12.Re1** Model play thus far from the world junior champion, and not such an easy set-up for Black to completely equalise against.

12...Ndf6N

[Transferring a second knight to the kingside turns out to be new. Previously 12...Kh8 13.Bb5!? (probing) f6 *(13...c6?! 14.Bf1*

was White's hope when d6 is quite tender *)* 14.Nc4 Qe7 had been seen in Ballmann-Cvitan, Pontresina 2000, and now 15.Ne3 Nb6 16.Nd2 c6 17.Bf1 Be6 18.Ndc4 feels like an edge.]

[As such, perhaps 12...Nb6!? is Black's best move when White must avoid 13.Bf1?! *(13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Bxd7 Qxd7 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qc2 Nf4* is fine too for Black*)* 13...Bd7 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.b3 Be6 and it's Black who controls the important c4-square.]

[RR 12...Kh8 13.Bb5 f6 14.Nc4 Qe7 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Ne3 c6 17.Bf1 Nc5 18.Nd2 Nf4 19.Qc2 h5 20.Ndc4 Qc7 21.Na3 Be6 22.Bc4 Bd7 23.Rad1 Rae8 24.f3 Bc8 25.Bf2 Qe7 26.Bf1 Be6 27.Bc4 Ballmann,M (2413)-Cvitan,O (2541) Pontresina 2000 ½-½ (51)]

13.Bf1

[13.Nf1 was also possible, but I quite like Maghsoodloo's choice, adding a potential defender to the kingside while freeing c4 for the knight.]

13...Nf4

[The knight doesn't achieve a great amount here, so probably Black should have preferred to make a small improving move, as with 13...Qe7 .]

14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Nc4 N6h5!?

[Ambitious, but 15...Nd7 16.Ne3 also gives White a definite edge with potential holes on d5, f5 (after ... g5), and d6 (after ...c6) to aim at.]

16.Nfd2! A second knight heads for the queenside, while Black's knights achieve little as he doesn't really want to create weaknesses with ...f5. **16...Bd7 17.f3 Bc6**

[Black is struggling for counterplay and 17...f5? would not have been advisable: 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Nxe5! just being very strong, and if Bxe5 20.Nc4 Ng6 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Qd5+ .]

18.Qc2 Kh8 19.b3 Ne6 20.Rad1 Little by little Maghsoodloo continues to strength his position and Gordievsky now decides that he's had enough of the waiting game. **20...b5?! 21.axb5 Bxb5 22.Ra1 a4 23.b4!** Keeping lines closed and preparing to take over on the queenside after Nb1-a3. **23...Qb8 24.Bf2 Rd8 25.Nb1 Be8?!**

[This isn't a good sign and 25...c5!? 26.bxc5 Bf8 was likely a better try, even if White can retain the upper hand with 27.Nba3 Bxc4 28.Nxc4 Nxc5 29.Rab1 Qc7 30.Nb6 Rab8 31.Nd5 .]

26.Nba3 Qc8 27.Nb2

[Maghsoodloo decides it's time to bring the other knight to c4. He might also have continued to calmly improve his forces with 27.Be3 .]

27...Nhf4 28.Nac4 Ng5

[28...Bb5!? was possibly rejected on the grounds of 29.Nxe5 Bxe5 30.Bxb5 . However, after Nxg2! 31.Kxg2 Ng5 32.Kh1 Qh3 Black would have had some practical chances, even if 33.Bd4! Qxf3+ 34.Qg2 Bxd4 35.cxd4 Rxd4 36.Qxf3 Nxf3 37.Re3 would maintain a clear advantage for White.]

29.Be3 f5 30.h4!? A possibly unexpected but effective upping of the tempo. **30...Nge6?**

[Now Black's position collapses, whereas 30...Nf7 31.Bf2 fxe4 32.Qxe4 Qf5 33.Ra3 wouldn't have seen him set to lose more than a

pawn.]
31.Bf2 fxe4 32.Qxe4 g5?
[The immediate 32...a3 was a better try, even if 33.Nxa3 Nd5 34.Rec1 is just an extra pawn for White.]
33.Nxe5 a3 34.Nbc4 a2 35.Ne3 Nf8 36.Nf5 In the manoeuvring battle of the knights, I think we can safely say that Maghsoodloo was superior.
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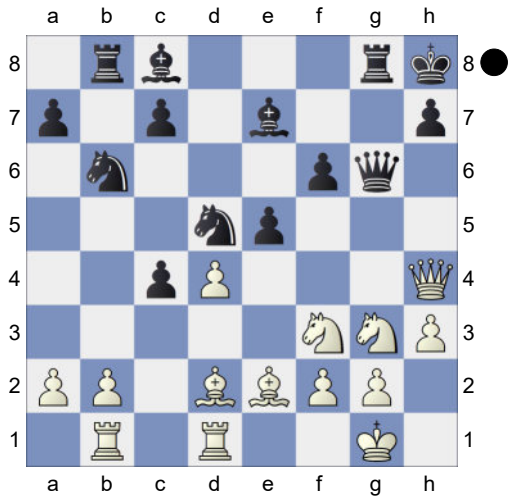
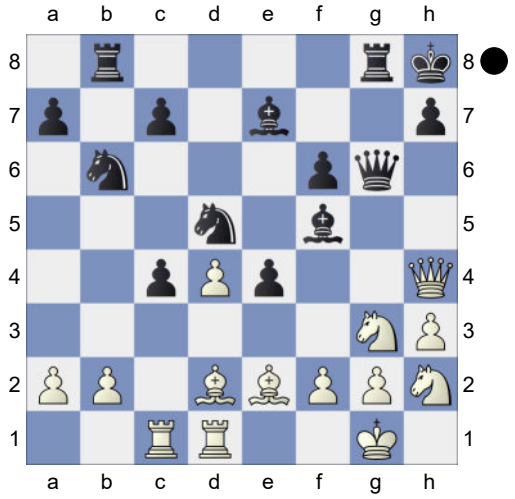
352 **D24**
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2603**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2666**
Aeroflot Open A 2019 (6.25) 24.02.2019
[Kitty Kat]

D24: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 7.Nxb5 Nb6 8.Be2 White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Qd2 0-0 11.Qf4 Rb8 12.Qg3** Threatening Bh6. **12...Kh8! 13.Rd1 Nb4 14.Nc3**
[14.Nxa7 Bd7 15.b3 Ra8 16.bxc4 Rxa7∓]
14...Bb7 15.Rb1
[RR 15.h4 Nc2 16.Rb1 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Nxd4 18.Bg5 c5 19.Ne4 f6 20.Bf4 f5 21.Ng5 Bxg5 22.hxg5 Nd5 23.Bd2 f4 24.Qg4 Nxf3+ 25.Qxf3 Qxg5 26.Re1 Rf5 27.Re4 Qh4 28.g3 fxg3 29.Rxh4 Rxf3 Tanriverdi,E (2371)-Maghsoodloo,P (2707) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1]
[RR 15.h4 Nc2 16.Rb1 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Nxd4 18.Bg5 c5 19.Ne4 f6 20.Bf4 f5 21.Ng5 Bxg5 22.hxg5 Nd5 23.Bd2 f4 24.Qg4 Nxf3+ 25.Qxf3 Qxg5 26.Re1 Rf5 27.Re4 Qh4 28.g3 fxg3 29.Rxh4 Rxf3 Tanriverdi,E (2371)-Maghsoodloo,P (2707) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1]
15...N4d5 16.Ne4N
[RR 16.Bd2 Nxc3 17.Bxc3 Bd5 18.b3 Be4 19.Ra1 Nd5 6) Vienna - Main Line 5.e4 b5-Vienna − 5.e4 b5 6. e5 Nd5 7 20.Be1 c3 21.Bd3 Bxd3 22.Rxd3 Ba3 23.Bxc3 Nxc3 24.Rxc3 Bb2 25.Rac1 c5 26.Rxc5 Bxc1 27.Rxc1 Qa5 28.h4 Qxa2 29.Qf4 Qxb3 30.Ng5 h6 Goganov,A (2594)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) Moscow 2020 0-1 (46)]
[RR 16.Bd2 Nxc3 17.Bxc3 Bd5 18.b3 Be4 19.Ra1 Nd5 20.Be1 c3 21.Bd3 Bxd3 22.Rxd3 Ba3 23.Bxc3 Nxc3 24.Rxc3 Bb2 25.Rac1 c5 26.Rxc5 Bxc1 27.Rxc1 Qa5 28.h4 Qxa2 29.Qf4 Qxb3 30.Ng5 h6 Goganov,A (2594)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) Moscow 2020 0-1 (46)]
16...f5 0.73/18
[16...Ne3= -0.13/20 17.Bxe3 Bxe4]
17.exf6 0.21/18
[17.Nc5!± 0.73/18 Qc8 18.Ng5]
17...gxf6= 18.Nc5 Bc8 19.Ne4 Qe8 Threatening ...e5!. **20.Bd2** -0.63/21
[20.Qh4= -0.06/18]
20...Rg8 21.Qh4 e5 22.h3 -1.05/20 Against Rg4
[22.dxe5? Rg4 23.exf6 Rxh4 24.Nxh4 Bxf6 *(24...Nxf6? 25.Bc3-+)* 25.Nxf6 Qxe2-+]
[White should try 22.Ng3!∓ -0.52/20]
22...Qg6∓ 23.Ng3 -1.95/21
[23.Bf1∓ -0.95/21 exd4 24.Re1 *(24.Nxd4? f5-+)*]

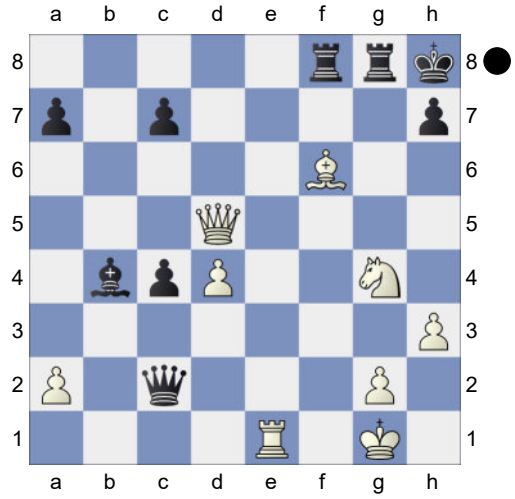
(Diagram)



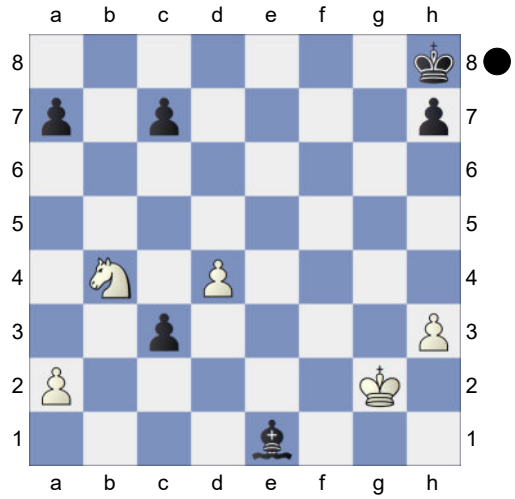
23...Bf5!↑ Black is in control. **24.Rbc1** -2.52/20
[24.Ra1∓ -1.52/22 e4 25.Ne1]
24...e4 25.Nh2



e3! 26.Be1 Bd3 27.Qg4 Bxe2 28.Nxe2 Na4 29.Qf3 -3.43/21
[⌓29.Qxg6 -1.94/20 Rxg6 30.Rc2]
29...Nxb2
[29...Rxb2 30.Qxd5 Rxe2 31.Ng4∓]
30.Qxd5 Nxd1 31.Rxd1 Qc2! 32.Nc3 exf2+ Overworked Piece **33.Bxf2** Threatens to win with Qf3. **33...Qxc3 34.Ng4 Qc2 35.Re1 Bb4** -1.28/19
[35...Rb1-+ -3.65/19 has better winning chances. 36.Qe6 Rxe1+ 37.Bxe1 Re8]
36.Bh4∓ Rbf8
[And not 36...Qxa2 37.Bxf6+ Rg7 38.Bxg7+ Kxg7 39.Qg5+ Kh8 40.Qf6+ Kg8 41.Nh6#]
37.Bxf6+



Rxf6! 38.Nxf6 Rxg2+ 39.Qxg2 Qxg2+ 40.Kxg2 Bxe1 Endgame KB-KN. Black is a pawn up. **41.Nd5** -2.42/25
[41.Kf1 -1.77/27 might work better. Bc3 42.Nd5 Bxd4 43.Ke2]
41...c3-+ 42.Nb4



Bh4! 43.Kf3 Be7 44.Nc2 Kg7 45.Ne3 -3.83/26
[⌓45.Ke3 -2.43/24 Kg6 46.Kd3]
45...Kg6 46.Ke4 Kg5 47.Kf3 Kh4 48.Kg2 Bg5 49.Nc2 Bf6 50.Kh2 Be7 51.Kg2 c5 52.dxc5 Bxc5 53.Ne1 Bb6 54.Nc2 Kg5 55.Kf3 Kf5 56.Nb4 Bc5

57.Nc2 Ke5 58.Na1 Be7 59.Nc2 Bg5 60.Nb4 Kd4 61.Ke2 Ke4 62.Nc2 -8.09/29
[⌓62.a3 -4.74/27 Be7 63.Nc2]
62...Bf4 63.Nb4 Be3 64.Nc2 -8.36/30
[⌓64.Kd1 -4.00/27 Bc5 65.Nc6]
64...Bb6 65.Nb4 Be3? 0.01/23
[65...Ba5-+ -7.55/27 66.Nc2 h5]
White does not recover from this.
66.Nc2= Bc5 67.Ne1 -7.30/31
[⌓67.a4 -4.36/25]
67...Bb6-+ 68.Nd3 h5 69.Nb4 Bc5 70.Nd3 Be3 71.Nb4 Bb6 72.Nd3 c2 73.Kd2 Kf3 74.Kxc2 Kg3 75.Kd2 Kxh3 76.Ke2 Kg3 77.Kf1 h4 (-> ...h3) **78.Nc1 h3 79.Ne2+ Kf3** (-> ...h2) **80.Ng1+ Kg4** -9.73/28 **81.Ne2 a5** (-> ...Be3) **82.a4 Kf3** -10.32/25
[⌓82...Ba7 -#22/25 83.Nc3 Kf3 84.Nd1 Kg3 85.Nc3 h2 86.Ne4+ Kf4 87.Kg2 Kxe4 88.Kxh2 Kd3 89.Kg3 Kc3 90.Kg4 Kb4 91.Kg5 Kxa4 92.Kf5 Kb3 93.Kg4 a4 94.Kh4 a3 *(94...Bf2+ 95.Kg4 a3 96.Kh3 a2 97.Kg2 Bb6 98.Kh3 a1Q 99.Kg4 Qf6 100.Kh5 Qf5+ 101.Kh6 Qg4 102.Kh7 Qg5 103.Kh8 Bd4+ 104.Kh7 Qg7#)* 95.Kg4 a2 96.Kf5 a1Q *(96...a1B? 97.Kg4-+)* 97.Ke6 Qa6+ 98.Kf5 Qf1+ 99.Ke5 Qf7 100.Kd6 Bb8+ 101.Kc5 Qe6 102.Kb5 Bc7 103.Kc5 Qc4#]
83.Ng1+ Kg3 -12.52/30
[⌓83...Bxg1 -#21/31 84.Kxg1 Ke4 85.Kh2 Kd4 86.Kxh3 Kc4 87.Kg4 Kb4 88.Kf4 Kxa4 89.Ke3 Kb3 90.Kd2 Kb2 91.Ke3 a4 92.Kf4 a3 93.Kg5 a2 94.Kh4 a1Q *(94...a1B 95.Kh5=)* 95.Kg5 Qf1 96.Kg6 Kc3 97.Kg7 Qf5 98.Kh6 Qg4 99.Kh7 Kd4 100.Kh6 Ke5 101.Kh7 Kf6 102.Kh8 Qg7#]
84.Ne2+ Kg4 White must now prevent ... Ba7. **85.Nc1 Kf3 86.Nd3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.20 (precise)
86...Kg3
0-1

353 **B01**
□ **Kovalev,Vladislav** **2687**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2679**
81st Tata Steel GpB (11.5) 25.01.2019
[Justin Tan,TA]*

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 g6 This setup gained popularity recently, since Nakamura began to use it both in quicker time-controls and in classical. It can be compared with the same 5th move with 3...Qd6 instead of 3...Qd8. **6.Bc4**
[6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 *(8.Bf4 Nc6 9.Qd2 b6 10.Rad1 Bb7 11.Rfe1 e6 12.Bh6 Ne7 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Ne5 Rc8 15.Qf4 a6 16.Rd3 b5 17.a3 Qd6 18.b4* 1-0 (60) Piorun,K (2612)-Nakamura,H (2763) Batumi 2018*; 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bf4 Nc6 10.Re1 b6 11.Bc4 Bb7 12.Ne5* 0-1 (46) Frolyanov,D (2517)-Nakamura,H (2746) St Petersburg 2018 *)* 8...Nc6 9.Be3 1/2-1/2 (23) Giri,A (2783)-Nakamura,H (2746) St Petersburg 2018 *(9.a3 e6 10.Bf4 b6* 0-1 (120) Yu,Y (2764)-Nakamura,H (2746) St Petersburg 2018*)* 9...e6 and Black will arrive at the same setup as in the game.]
[6.Bf4! seems to cause problems for Black in this line. Bg7 7.Qd2 0-0 *(7...c6* 0-1 (34) Milov,L (2539)-Tiviakov,S (2684) Neustadt an der Weinstrasse 2009 *8.0-0-0 Bf5 9.Bh6*

0-0 10.h4 and the attack is essentially the same as against 7...0-0.*)* 8.Bh6! c6 *(8...c5 9.0-0-0 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Qb6 11.Bc4±; 8...Qd6 9.0-0-0 Bf5 10.h4* is equally dangerous.*)* 9.h4 *(9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.Be2* 0-1 (27) Gutsko,A (2177)-Antal,G (2565) Fagernes 2016*)* 9...Bg4 10.h5! Bxh5 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Ne5! The main idea behind this is to enable f3, g4. c5 *(12...Nbd7 13.f3!+-)* 13.d5 Qc7 *(13...Nbd7 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.f3+-; 13...Qd6 14.Nc4 Qc7 15.Rh3!* preparing f3 but taking the preventative measure against Qg3+.*)* 14.Qe3 Rd8 15.Bc4±]

6...Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3

[8.Re1 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bf1 1/2-1/2 (40) Amin,B (2704)-Nakamura, H (2761) Abidjan 2019 c6!=]

8...a6

[8...Nbd7 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bb3 a5 11.a3 c6 12.Qe2 a4 13.Ba2 e6 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Nd5 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bd2 b5 1/2-1/2 (88) Ganguly,S (2647) -Dimakiling,O (2372) Bangkok 2016]

9.a4 Nc6! Black's setup is now pretty much the same against anything: b6, Bb7 and re-routing the c6-knight in some active manoeuvre, e.g. e6, Ne7-d5 or f5. **10.Re1**

[10.Be3 e6 11.Qd2 Ne7 12.Bh6 b6 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Rad1 Bb7 15.Ne5 Qd6 16.Rfe1 Rad8 17.Ne2 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.Bb3 c5 20.c3 Nc6 21.Qe3 c4 22.Bc2 Nd5 23.Qg3 Nce7 24.h4 f6 25.Ng4 Nf5 26.Qxd6 Rxd6 27.g3 Ra8 28.Ra1 Rda6 29.Rxa6 Rxa6 30.Nc1 Kf7 31.Nh2 b4 0-1 (57) Vidit,S (2702)-Nakamura, H (2746) Kolkata 2018]

[10.Ne2 b6! 11.c3 Bb7 12.b4 Ne4 13.Bb3 e5 14.Qc2 1-0 (46) Van Foreest,J (2600)-Admiraal,M (2447) Vlissingen 2017 Nxc3! 15.Qxc3 exd4 16.Qd2 d3 17.Nc3 Nxb4]

10...b6

[RR 10...e6 11.Bf4 Ne7 12.Qd2 b6 13.Rad1 Bb7 14.Ne5 Nf5 15.Nxf7 Rxf7 16.Bxe6 Nd5 17.Ne4 Nxf4 18.Qxf4 Bd5 19.Bxf7+ Bxf7 20.c3 h6 21.d5 Qd7 22.d6 cxd6 23.Nxd6 Qc7 24.Qf3 Rf8 25.Nxf5 Kovalev,V (2579)-Miton,K (2568) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (46)]

11.b3N

[11.Be3 Bb7 12.Qe2 e6 13.Rad1 1/2-1/2 (21) Neiksans,A (2566) - Rakhmanov,A (2647) Finland 2019 Qe7 14.Ne5 Qb4!=]

[RR 11.d5 Na5 12.Ba2 c5 13.Bf4 Bb7 14.Qd2 c4 15.Rad1 Rc8 16.Ne5 Rc5 17.Be3 Rc8 18.b4 cxb3 19.cxb3 Nd7 20.Nxd7 Bxc3 21.Nxf8 Bxd2 22.Rxd2 Kxf8 23.Bg5 f6 24.Bh6+ Kg8 25.Re4 b5 Fromm,M (2454)-Spitzl,V (2365) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)]

[RR 11.Bf4 Bb7 12.Qd2 e6 13.Rad1 Ne7 14.Ne5 Ned5 15.Bg5 Qd6 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Bb3 c5 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.Bxd5 Rad8 21.Bxf7+ 1-0 (21) Carlsen,M (2862)-Maghsoodloo,P (2676) Chess.com INT 2020]

[RR 11.Bg5 Bb7 12.Bf1 h6 13.Bh4 e6 14.g4 Nb4 15.Bg2 Qc8 16.Qd2 c5 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Bg7 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.Ne5 Rd8 22.Qe2 Qc7 23.c3 Nd5 24.Nc4 Rab8 25.Qc2 Nf4 Brankovic,D (2205)-Milanovic,D (2393) Novi Pazar 2025 ½-½ (38)]

11...e6 12.Be3 Bb7 13.Qe2 Ne7=

[13...Nb4 is good as well.]

14.Rad1 Qd6 15.Bg5 Ned5 16.Bd2 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Qxf4 18.d5 exd5
[18...b5!? 19.axb5 axb5 20.Rd4 *(20.Bxb5 Nxd5 21.Nxd5 Bxd5∓)* 20...Qh6 21.Nxb5 exd5 22.Rh4 Nh5∞]
19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Bxd5 c6 21.Qe7 Rab8 22.Bc4 b5 23.Bf1 c5 24.Qd6 Qf5 25.Bd3 Qc8?! Black had played accurately up until this point.
[25...Qf6=]
26.Be4
[26.Ne5! probably would have obliged Black to part with his dark-squared bishop: Rd8 27.Qe7 Bxe5 28.Qxe5]
26...bxa4 27.bxa4 a5 28.Bxb7 Rxb7 29.Ne5 c4?
[29...Qc7=]
30.Nd7?
[30.Nc6 gives White a strong initiative, for example Qc7 31.Qc5]
30...Rd8 31.Nf6+ Bxf6 32.Qxf6 Rbd7
[32...Rxd1 33.Rxd1 Rd7=]
33.Rxd7 Qxd7 34.Re4 Rc8 35.Re7
[35.Rf4 c3∞]
35...Qd1+ 36.Kh2 Rf8 37.Qc3 Qd6+ 38.Qe5 Qb4 39.c3 Qxa4 40.f4 Qa3?!
[40...Qa2 was the most accurate, so that he could react to 41.h4 with the active Qf2 42.Qf6 h5=]
41.h4! h6
[41...h5? 42.f5±]
42.h5 g5? Finally, Maghsoodloo cracks under the pressure.
[42...gxh5! 43.Qf6 Kh7 44.Rc7 *(44.Rxf7+ Rxf7 45.Qxf7+ Kh8 46.Qxc4 Qe7=)* 44...Qb2□ *(44...Qb3 45.Rxf7+ Rxf7 46.Qxf7+ Kh8 47.Qf6+ Kh7 48.Qf5+ Kg7 49.Qxa5±)* 45.Rc6 *(45.Rxf7+ Rxf7 46.Qxf7+ Kh8 47.Qf6+ Kh7 48.Qf5+ Kg7 49.Qxa5 Qe2!* In some sense, this ending illustrates why centralisation is so crucial. The evaluation is completely different when the queen is on b3, with no access to the central squares.*)* 45...Qb5 46.Qxh6+ Kg8 and the game continues.]
43.fxg5 Qc1 44.gxh6 Qxh6 45.Ra7+- f5 46.Qd5+ Kh8 47.Qd4+ Kg8 48.Qxc4+ Kh8 49.Qd4+ Kg8 50.Kg1 Re8 51.Qd5+ Kh8 52.Qd4+ Kg8 53.Rxa5 Qxh5 54.Qd5+ Kh8 55.Qd4+ Kg8 56.Qd5+ Kh8 57.Qxf5 Qd1+ 58.Kh2 Qd6+ 59.g3 Qd2+ 60.Kh3 Qxc3 61.Qh5+ Kg7 62.Rg5+ Kf6 63.Rf5+ Ke6 64.Qf7+ Kd6 65.Rd5+ Kc6 66.Qd7+ Kb6 67.Rb5+ Ka6 68.Qb7#
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□ **Kuipers,S** **2470**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2679**
81st Tata Steel GpB (3.2) 14.01.2019
[TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd3 Bd7 8.0-0-0 a6 9.Be2 h6 10.Bh4 Be7
[10...Ne5 - 134/57]
11.f4 Rc8 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.f5N
[RR 13.Bf3 0-0 14.f5 Qa5 15.Kb1 b5 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.Ne2 Be8 18.Nd4 Bf7 19.e5 dxe5 20.Nc6 Rxc6 21.Bxc6 Rc8 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Qg3+ Kf8 24.Bd7 Rc7 25.Qh3 Qa4 26.b3 Qf4 27.Qd3 e4 Kuipers,S (2477)-Hillarp Persson,T (2546) Apeldoorn 2018 0-1 (76)]
13...0-0 14.fxe6
[14.g4?! exf5 15.gxf5 Nxe4!∓]
14...fxe6 Diagram
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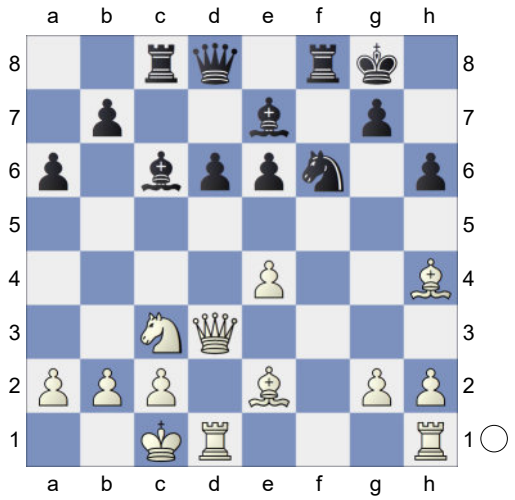

15.Bf3N
[15.Rhf1 Qc7 16.Qh3 Bd7 17.Kb1 b5 18.a3 Rb8∞]
15...Qa5 16.Kb1 Be8 17.Bg3 e5 18.Nd5
[18.Be1 Qc5 19.Bh4 g5! 20.Be1 b5 21.a3 a5↑]
[18.Bh4 Rxc3!? *(18...Bf7)* 19.Qxc3 Qxc3 20.bxc3 g5 21.Bg3 *(21.Be1 Bg6 22.c4 Rc8 23.Bb4 Rc6⩱)* 21...Bg6 22.Rhe1 h5⩱]
18...Nxd5 19.exd5?!
[19.Qxd5+ Qxd5 20.Rxd5 g5]
19...Bb5 20.Qg6
[20.Qe4 Rc4 21.Qe1 Qa4 22.c3 *(22.b3 Qa3∓)* 22...Rcc8∓]
20...Rf6 21.Qe4
[21.Qg4 Rc4 22.Be4 h5! 23.Qe2 Ra4∓]
21...Be8 22.Qg4 Qc7 23.Be4 Diagram

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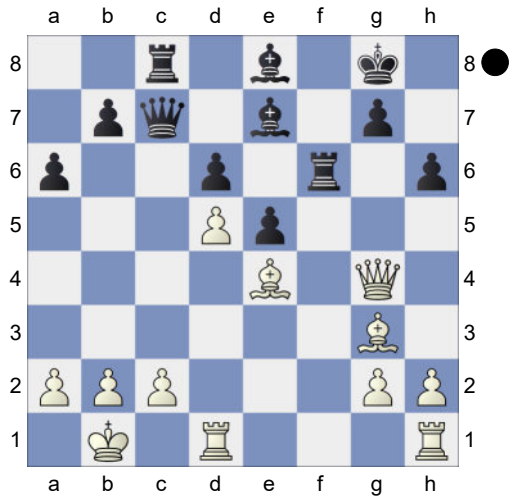
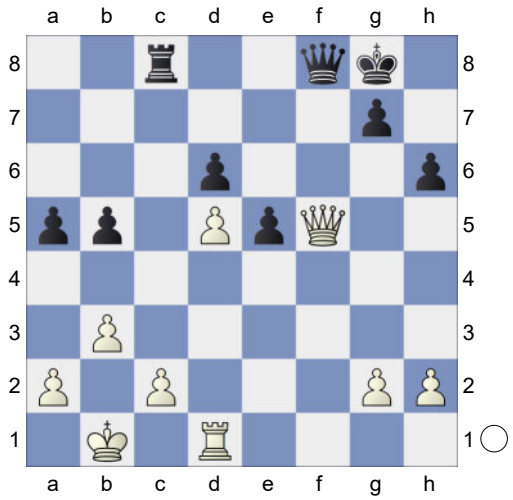


23...Qd7
[23...Bd7! 24.Qe2 *(24.Qh5 Rcf8∓)* 24...Bf5 25.Bxf5 Rxf5 26.Rhf1 Rxf1 27.Rxf1 Qc4∓]
24.Qe2
[24.Qxd7 Bxd7 25.Rhf1 Rc4 26.Bd3 Rg4∓]
24...Bg6 25.Rhf1 Bxe4 26.Qxe4 b5
[26...Rcf8 27.Rxf6 Rxf6 28.c4 Qc8 29.a3∞]
[26...Rff8! 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.c4 Qc8∓]
27.b3 a5 28.Bh4
[28.Rxf6 Bxf6 29.Rf1∞ a4 30.Be1∞]
28...Rff8
[28...Rxf1 29.Rxf1 Bxh4 30.Qxh4 a4 31.Qe4 Qc7 32.Qg6 Ra8∓ *(32...a3∓)*]
29.Bxe7 Qxe7 30.Rf5
[30.Qg6 Rf6! *(30...a4 31.Qe6+ Qxe6 32.dxe6 Rxf1 33.Rxf1 Re8 34.bxa4 bxa4 35.Kb2 Rxe6 36.Ka3∞)* 31.Rxf6 Qxf6 32.Qg4 *(32.Qxf6 gxf6∓)* 32...Rc5∓]
30...Rxf5 31.Qxf5 Qf8 Diagram

(Diagram)



32.Qxf8+?
[32.Qd7 b4 *(32...Rc5 33.g4! Qf2 34.Rc1 Rxd5 35.g5! Qf7 36.Qd8+ Qf8 37.Qxa5=)* 33.Rd3! Rc3 *(33...Re8 34.Rf3 Qe7 35.Qxe7 Rxe7 36.c4=)* 34.Rxc3 bxc3 35.a4 Kh7 36.Qh3 Qf1+ 37.Ka2 e4 38.Qg4=]
32...Kxf8 33.Rd3
[33.a3 b4 34.axb4 axb4 35.c4 bxc3 36.Kc2 Ke7 37.b4 Rc4 38.Kb3 c2 39.Rc1 Rd4 40.Rxc2 Rxd5∓]
33...b4 34.c4
[34.a3 Rc5 35.axb4 axb4∓]
34...bxc3 35.Kc2 Rc5 36.a3 Ke7 37.b4 axb4 38.axb4 Rc4 39.Rxc3
[39.Rg3 g5 40.Rh3 Rh4 41.Rxc3 Rxb4 42.Rc7+ Kd8 43.Rh7 Rd4 44.Rxh6 Rxd5-+]
39...Rxc3+! 40.Kxc3 Kd7 41.h4 h5 0-1

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2679**
■ **Korobov,A** **2699**
81st Tata Steel GpB (1.1) 12.01.2019
[TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 h5 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.exd5 Bf5 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nd7 13.0-0
[RR 13.0-0-0 Be7 14.Kb1 0-0 15.h4 f5 16.Nd2 Rc8 17.g3 b5 18.Qe2 Qe8 19.g4 fxg4 20.fxg4 Qg6 21.gxh5 Qxc2+ 22.Ka1 e4 23.h6 Bf6 24.Rb1 Ne5 25.Bd4 Nf3 26.Bxf6 Rxf6 27.hxg7 Qxd2 Grischuk,A (2777)-Duda,J (2757) Chess.com INT 2020 1-0 (38)]
[RR 13.0-0-0 Rc8 14.Kb1 Qc7 15.g4 g6 16.Rc1 hxg4 17.fxg4 Qc4 18.Qd2 Nf6 19.g5 Nxd5 20.Rhf1 Be7 21.Bg1 Nf4 22.Na5 Qe2 23.Qb4 Qb5 24.Qd2 b6 25.Nb3 Ne6 26.Rce1 Qc6 27.Qf2 0-0 Baches Garcia,G (2327)-Maghsoodloo,P (2707) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (42)]
13...Be7 14.Qd2N
[14.c4 - 130/78]
[RR 14.a4 0-0 15.a5 f5 16.Nd2 Bg5 17.b4 Bxe3+ 18.Qxe3 Nf6 19.Qd3 Qe7 20.c4 Rae8 21.Rfe1 e4 22.Qe3 Qe5 23.f4 Qe7 24.h3 h4 25.Nf3 Qc7 26.Nd2 Nh5 27.Rac1 g5 28.fxg5 Qg7 Yoo,C (2242)-Stukan,M (2146) Pocos de Caldas 2017 ½-½ (54)]
[RR 14.a4 0-0 15.a5 Rc8 16.Nd2 Bg5 17.Bxg5 Qxg5 18.b4 h4 19.c4 h3 20.g3 f5 21.Rae1 e4 22.Qd4 Qg6 23.Kh1 Ne5 24.fxe4 fxe4 25.c5 Nf3 26.Nxf3 exf3 27.cxd6 Qxd6 28.Re6 Qd7 Labruyere,R (2282)-

Leenhouts,K (2476) Dieren 2025 0-1 (31)]

14...0-0 15.Na5N

[15.c4]

15...Qc8!?

[15...Qc7 16.Rac1 *(16.Qb4 Bd8 17.Nc4 Rc8 18.Nd2 b5⇄)* 16...Rae8 17.b4 e4!

A) 18.fxe4 Bd8 *(18...Bf6 19.c4 Rxe4 20.c5 Rfe8 21.Nc4 dxc5 22.bxc5↑)* 19.Rf4 Nf6 20.Qd3 Ng4 21.Bd2 f5 22.c4 fxe4 23.Rxf8+ Kxf8 24.Rf1+ Bf6 25.Qe2 Qb6+ 26.c5 dxc5 27.Nc4 Qb5 28.a4

A1) 28...Qxa4 29.h3 e3 30.Bc1 Ne5 31.Nd6 Rd8 32.bxc5 Qb3 33.Qxe3 Qxe3+ 34.Bxe3 Ke7 35.Kf2 Rxd6 36.cxd6+ Kxd6 37.Rd1 Nc4 38.Bf4+ Kd7 39.Re1 a5 40.Rb1 b6 41.Ke2 g5 42.Bc1 a4 43.Kd3 *(43.Rb4 a3 44.Bxa3 Nxa3 45.Rxb6 Bd8)* 43...a3 44.Bxa3 Nxa3 45.Rxb6 Be7 46.g4±;

A2) 28...Qd7 29.h3 Ne5 30.Qxe4 Nxc4 31.Qxc4 Rd8 32.d6 Qxd6 33.Bc3 Qd5 34.Qxc5+ Qxc5+ 35.bxc5 Kf7 36.Bxf6 gxf6 37.Rb1 Rd7 38.Kf2 Rc7 39.Ke3 Rxc5 40.Rxb7+ Kg6 41.Rb6 Re5+ 42.Kd4 Ra5 43.Rb4 Rg5 44.Rb2 Ra5=;

B) 18.f4 Rc8 19.c4 Nf6 20.h3 Qd7 21.Rfd1 Bd8 22.Nb3 Be7 23.Nd4 Rfe8 24.Rc2 Bd8 25.Rdc1±]

16.c4 Bd8 17.Rac1 Re8 18.Kh1?!

[18.Nb3 h4 19.h3 Bf6 20.c5 dxc5 21.Nxc5 Nxc5 22.Rxc5 Qd7 23.d6 Rad8 24.Rd1 Re6 25.Rc7 Qxd6 26.Qxd6 Rexd6 27.Rxd6 Rxd6 28.Rxb7 g6 29.a4±]

18...e4 19.Nb3

[19.f4 Nc5 20.Bxc5 dxc5 21.Nb3 b6 22.Rc3 h4 23.a4 a5 24.Qc2 Qd7 25.Nc1 Bf6 26.Rh3 Re7 27.Ne2 Rae8 28.Nc3 Qg4 29.Qe2 Qf5 30.Nb5 Rd7∞]

19...exf3 20.gxf3

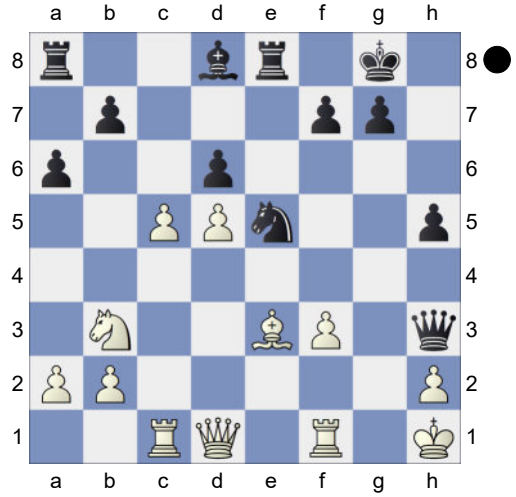
[20.Rxf3 Ne5 21.Rff1 Nxc4 22.Qf2 f6 23.Bd4 b5 24.Nd2 Qg4 25.Nxc4 bxc4 26.Rxc4 Bb6 27.h3 Bxd4 28.hxg4 Bxf2 29.Rxf2 Re5 30.Rd2 hxg4 31.Rxg4=]

20...Ne5∓ 21.c5

[21.Bd4 Ng6 *(21...Qh3 22.Bxe5 Rxe5 23.Qg2 Qxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Bf6∓)* 22.Rg1 Qf5∓]

21...Qh3 22.Qd1 Diagram

[22.Bg1 Bf6 23.cxd6 Nxf3 24.Qf2 Nxg1 25.Qxg1 Be5 26.Nc5 Bxd6 27.Nxb7 Be5 28.d6 Rac8∓]



22...Ng6! 23.Qd2 Rc8

[23...Bc7! △24.Rcd1 *(24.c6 bxc6 25.Nd4 c5)* 24...Re5 25.Bg1 Rae8 26.Qg2 Qxg2+ 27.Kxg2 Nf4+ 28.Kh1 Nxd5 29.Rd2 dxc5 30.Nxc5 Ba5 31.Rdd1 R8e7∓]

24.Bg1 Nh4 25.Qf2?!

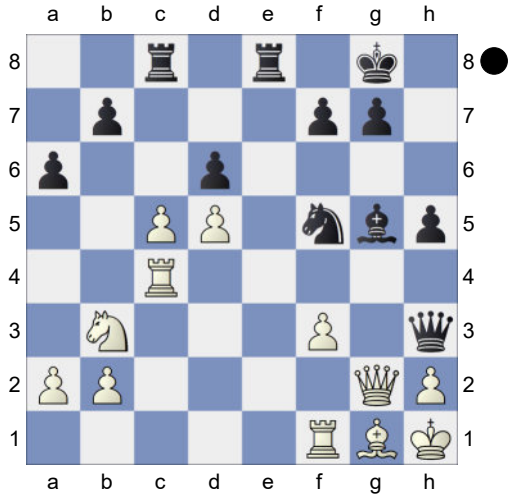
[25.Rcd1

A) 25...Nxf3 26.Qf2 Ng5 27.cxd6

Re5 28.d7 *(28.Qg2 Qxg2+ 29.Kxg2 Ne4 30.Rfe1 Rg5+ 31.Kh1 Nxd6 32.Bc5 Bc7 33.Re7 Bb8 34.Bxd6 Bxd6 35.Rxb7 Rc4 36.Rd7 Be5 37.Rg1 Rf5 38.Nd2 Rc2 39.Rf1 Bf4 40.Rd8+ Kh7 41.Nf3 Rxb2-+)* 28...Rc7 29.d6 Rxd7 30.Nc5 Bb6 31.b4 Ne4 32.Qg2 Qxg2+ 33.Kxg2 Nxc5 34.bxc5 Bxc5 35.Bxc5 Rxc5 36.Rf2 b5-+;

B) 25...Bf6 26.cxd6 Nf5 27.Qg2 Qxg2+ 28.Kxg2 Re2+ 29.Kh1 Nxd6 30.Rf2 Rxf2 31.Bxf2 Bxb2 32.Bg3 Ba3 33.Na5 Rc7∓]

25...Bg5-+ 26.Rc4 Nf5 27.Qg2 Diagram



27...Ng3+! 28.Qxg3 Qxf1 29.Rc2 Bf6 30.Rf2 Qb5

[30...Qc4 31.Rg2 Be5]

31.cxd6 Rcd8 32.Rd2 h4

[32...Be5]

33.Qf4 Re1 34.Rg2

[34.h3 Qb6 35.Qg4 Qe3 36.f4 a5]

34...h3 35.Rg4 Be5 36.Qg5 Rxd6 37.Nd2

[37.Qh4 Qf1 38.Nd2 Qe2]

37...Qe2 38.Qf5 Qxh2# #

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□ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2684**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2656**

Leon (m/4-rapid) 141/57 2019

[TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f3 Be7 10.Kb1 0-0 11.Be3

[11.h4 - 136/79]

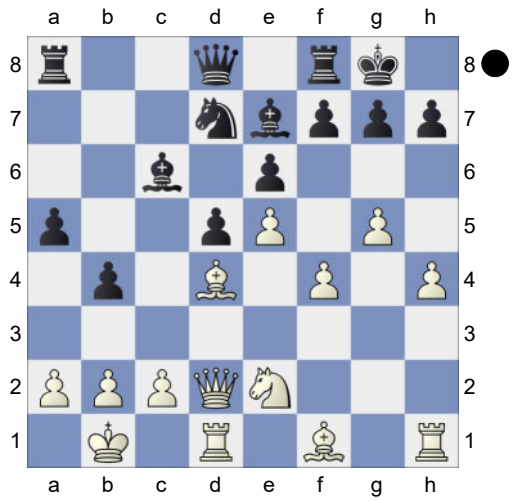
11...b5 12.g4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc6

[13...b4 14.Ne2 e5 15.Be3 Be6 16.g5 Nd7 17.h4±]

14.g5 Nd7 15.h4 b4 16.Ne2 d5N

[RR 16...a5 17.Nc1 Qb8 18.h5 d5 19.g6 dxe4 20.h6 fxg6 21.hxg7 Rf4 22.Bc4 Nf6 23.Bxe6+ Kxg7 24.Ne2 e3 25.Qxe3 Bd6 26.Nxf4 Bxf4 27.Qf2 Be5 28.Rhe1 Bxd4 29.Qxd4 Qb7 30.f4 Re8 31.Bc4 Sirosh,I (2285)-Narva,M (2179) Tallinn 2015 1-0 (57)]

17.e5 a5 18.f4 Diagram



18...Nc5N

[18...a4 19.h5 b3 20.g6∞]

19.Qe3

[19.Ng3!?]

19...Ne4 20.Bh3?!

[20.Ng3 a4 *(20...Nxg3?! 21.Qxg3*

a4 22.h5±) 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Bg2 *(22.h5 b3; 22.Bc4 Qc8∞)* 22...b3 23.Bxe4 bxc2+ 24.Kxc2 Rc8 25.Kb1 a3 26.b3 Qc7⩲]

20...Bd7

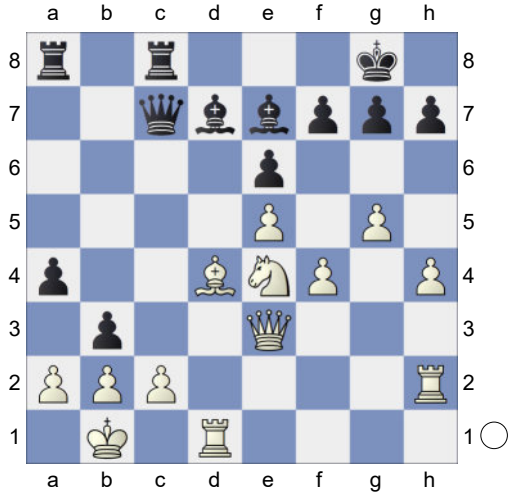
[20...a4? 21.f5 exf5 *(21...b3 22.f6 bxc2+ 23.Kxc2 Bb4 24.a3 Ba5 25.Kb1 Rb8 26.h5±)* 22.Bxf5 g6 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Nf4±]

[⌓20...Qc8! 21.h5 a4 22.Ng3 b3 23.Rh2 bxa2+ 24.Kxa2 Nxg3 25.Qxg3 Rb8⇄]

21.Bg2 Qc7 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Ng3 Rfc8

[23...a4 24.Nxe4 b3 25.Rh2±]

24.Rh2 a4 25.Nxe4 b3 Diagram



26.cxb3?!

[26.Bc3! Bc6 *(26...bxa2+ 27.Ka1±)* 27.Nd6 Rd8 *(27...Bd5 28.Nxc8 Qxc8 29.Rxd5! exd5 30.Qd4±; 27...Rcb8 28.h5 Bd5 29.g6±)* 28.Bb4± *(28.Rhd2±)*]

26...axb3 27.a3 Bc6 28.Rhd2 Ra4

[28...Bb4!? 29.Bc3 *(29.axb4? Qb7 30.Nc3 Qa6 31.Ba7 Be4+ 32.Qxe4 Qxa7-+; 29.Nc3 Qb7∓)* 29...Bxe4+ 30.Qxe4 Bxc3 31.bxc3 g6 32.Qb4=]

29.Nc3

[29.Nd6! Bxd6 30.exd6 Qxd6 31.h5 *(31.Qxb3 Be4+ 32.Ka1 Rxd4 33.Rxd4 Qxd4 34.Rxd4 Rc1+ 35.Ka2 Bb1+ 36.Ka1 Bc2+ 37.Ka2 Bb1+=)* 31...Bd5

A) 32.h6 Qc7 33.Be5 *(33.hxg7?! Bf3! 34.Qxf3 Rxd4∓)* 33...Re4 34.Qg1 Qc6∞;

B) 32.Rd3 Bc4 33.Rc3 Rd8! 34.h6 e5! 35.fxe5 Qa6 36.Rcc1 Be6⩱]

29...Rc4 30.f5?!

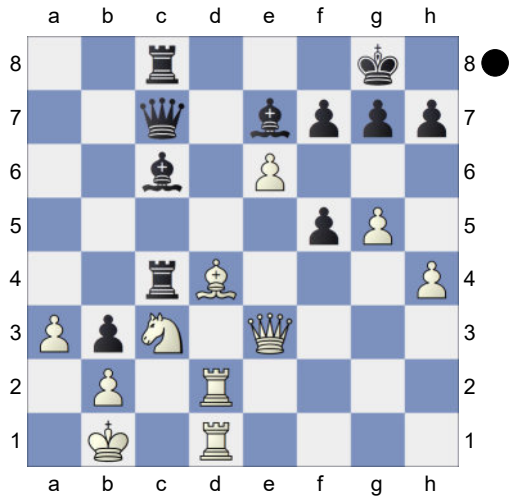
[30.Qe2]

[30.Rd3]

[30.h5 Qb7=]

30...exf5 31.e6? Diagram

[31.Bb6 Qb7 32.e6 f4 *(32...Be4+ 33.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 34.Qxe4 Rxe4∓)* 33.exf7+ Kxf7∓]



31...Be4+!-+ 32.Ka1 fxe6 33.Bxg7?! Qa5! 34.Bf6 Bxa3 35.Rd8+ Bf8+ 0-1

357 **B90**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**
■ **Kulaots,Kaido** **2542**
43rd Olympiad 2018 (5.12) 28.09.2018
[Roiz,M, TA]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 h5 9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.exd5 Nbd7 11.Qd2 g6 12.0-0-0 This is one of the most aggressive ways of meeting 8...h5. This is one of the most aggressive ways of meeting 8...h5. Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz, M: 'This is one of the most aggressive ways of meeting 8...h5.'' **12...Nb6 13.Kb1 Nbxd5 14.Bg5 Be7 15.Na5**

[15.c4 Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M' Nf4! 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Qxf4 0-0 18.h4 d5 was shown to be acceptable for Black in Inarkiev,E (2693)-Vachier Lagrave, M (2794) Baden Baden GER 2017 [Roiz, M]]

[Another important possibility is Another important possibility is Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M: 'Another important possibility is'' 15.Bd3!? Arsovic,Zoran: '- 138/84 Roiz,M: '!?'' Qc7 Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M' *(*Worse is *15...Rc8?!* Vidit,S (2707)-Korobov,A (2678) Poikovsky RUS 2018 [Roiz,M] Vidit,S (2707)-Korobov, A (2678) Poikovsky RUS 2018 [Roiz, M] Arsovic,Zoran: '(Roiz,M) Vidit,S (2707)-Korobov,A (2678) Poikovsky RUS 2018 [Roiz,M]'*)* 16.Rhe1 0-0-0 17.c4 Leko,P (2679)-Areshchenko,A (2645) Schwaebisch Hall GER 2017 [Roiz,M]]

[RR 15.Bd3 Rc8 16.Rhe1 0-0 17.h4 Nb6 18.g4 Nc4 19.Qg2 Kh8 20.Nd2 b5 21.Bxc4 bxc4 22.Bxf6+ Bxf6 23.Ne4 Bg7 24.Nxd6 Qa5 25.Nxc8 c3 26.Nd6 Rc8 27.Re4 Rc6 28.Qe2 Qb6 29.Nxf7+ Kg8 Aronian,L (2772)-So,W (2760) Bucharest 2019 1-0]

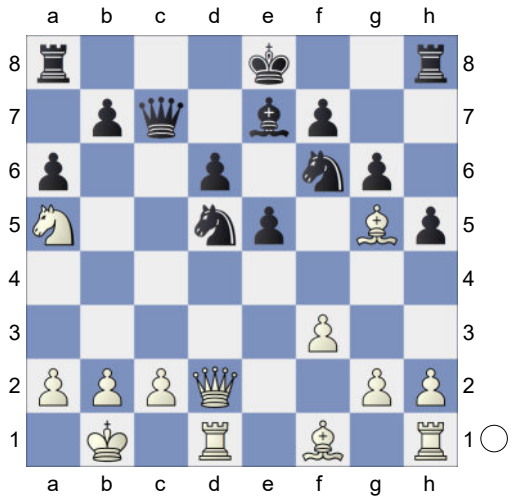
[RR 15.Bd3 Qc7 16.Rhe1 Nb6 17.Qf2 0-0 18.Qh4 Nfd5 19.g3 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 Kg7 21.f4 f5 22.c4 Nb4 23.c5 Nxd3 24.Rxd3 dxc5 25.Rxe5 Rae8 26.Rde3 Rxe5 27.Rxe5 Rf6 28.Nxc5 Qd6 29.b3 Qd1+ Sahithi Varshini,M (2289)-Aakash Sharadchandra,D (2366) Pozarevac 2025 ½-½ (73)]

[RR 15.c4 Nb6 16.Na5 d5 17.c5 Nc4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Qc3 Qc7 20.Nxc4 0-0 21.Qxe5 Qxe5 22.Nxe5 Rfe8 23.c6 b5 24.Nd7 Kg7 25.Rhe1 Ng8 26.Be3 Rac8 27.Rc1 Bd6 28.Nb6 Ne7 29.Nxc8 Rxc8 Kulaots,K (2520)-Volkov,R (2222) Finland 2024 1-0 (42)]

15...Qc7N A new move for our PGN Archive. I recommended it as a possible improvement in my notes to Grischuk - Topalov. A new move for our PGN Archive. I recommended it as a possible improvement in my notes to Grischuk - Topalov. Arsovic,Zoran: 'Diagram

[15...Rb8 16.Bc4 didn't suffice for equality in Grischuk,A (2771)-Topalov, V (2816) Saint Louis 2015 [Roiz,M] Nb6 Arsovic,Zoran 17.Rhe1 *(17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Qxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6 Bd8=)* 17...Qc7 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Qxd6 Qxd6 20.Rxd6 Bd8 21.f4 *(21.Rxe5+ Kf8 22.Rd3 Bc7 23.Re4 Nxc4 24.Nxc4 Bxh2=)* 21...Bc7 22.Rd2±]

[RR 15...0-0 16.Bc4 Nb6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Qxd6 Nxc4 19.Nxc4 Qxd6 20.Rxd6 Kg7 21.Nb6 Rad8 22.Rhd1 Rxd6 23.Rxd6 e4 24.f4 e3 25.Rd1 Rd8 26.Re1 Rd2 27.g3 Rxh2 28.c3 e2 29.Kc2 h4 30.g4 Tancsa,T (2103)-Assaubayeva,B (2436) Novi Sad 2022 0-1 (34)]



Roiz,M: 'A new move for our PGN Archive. I recommended it as a possible improvement in my notes to Grischuk - Topalov.'' **16.Bc4!?** Parham comes up with a dangerous new idea, that might pose Black fresh problems."

[The preceding correspondence game saw The preceding correspondence game saw Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M: 'The preceding correspondence game saw" 16.g3 Rd8 Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz, M' 17.Bg2 0-0 18.f4 Nb6 19.Nxb7 Rd7 20.Na5 d5 Black had decent counterplay in Broniek,M - Wurschner, M email 2011]

16...Rc8 17.Bb3 0-0? Surprisingly, this move makes it easier for Parham to attack the king. Surprisingly, this move makes it easier for Parham to attack the king. Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M: '?' Roiz,M: 'Surprisingly, this move makes it easier for Parham to attack the king."

[The real test of Parham's fresh idea would be seen had Kaido played The real test of Parham's fresh idea would be seen had Kaido played Arsovic, Zoran: 'Roiz,M: 'The real test of Parham's fresh idea would be seen had Kaido played'' 17...Kf8! , leaving the h8-rook on its initial spot. For instance, , leaving the h8-rook on its initial spot. For instance, Arsovic, Zoran: 'Roiz,M: '!' Roiz,M: ', leaving the h8-rook on its initial spot. For instance,'' 18.Rhf1 *(Harmless is 18.Rhe1* Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M' *Kg7 19.Nc4 b5 20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.Bxf6+ Qxf6 22.Qxd5 Rhd8=)* 18...Kg7 , eventually connecting the rooks. Now White's most aggressive try is , eventually connecting the rooks. Now White's most aggressive try is Arsovic, Zoran: 'Roiz,M: ', eventually connecting the rooks. Now White's most aggressive try is'' *(18...b6* Arsovic,Zoran *19.Nc4 b5 20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Qxd5±)* 19.g4!? Arsovic,Zoran: '↑' Arsovic, Zoran: 'Roiz,M: '!?'' b5 Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M' 20.h4 Nb6 21.Bxf6+ Bxf6 22.g5 Be7 23.f4 with rich play for the pawn.]

18.h4! After this precise move Black is in big trouble. After this precise move Black is in big trouble. Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M: '!' Roiz,M: 'After this precise move Black is in big trouble."

[Instead, the materialist 18.Bh6?! wouldn't be as effective: wouldn't be as effective: Arsovic,Zoran: '(Roiz,M) wouldn't be as effective:' Rfe8 19.Bxd5 Nxd5 20.Qxd5 Qxc2+ 21.Ka1 g5! and the poor location of the Bh6 yields Black sufficient play. For instance, 22.h4 Rc5 23.Qb3 Qg6 24.Nxb7 Rb8 25.Bxg5 Bxg5 26.hxg5 Rb5 27.Qc3 R5xb7⇄]

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an adequate response here. Arsovic, Zoran: 'Roiz,M: 'This seems like a decisive mistake, though it is already difficult to suggest an adequate response here."

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[Possibly the best practical try was 18...Rfe8 Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M' 19.g4 Nf4 , hoping to liquidate into a difficult endgame after something like 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.g5 Nd7 22.Qxf4 d5 23.Qxc7 Rxc7 24.Bxd5±]

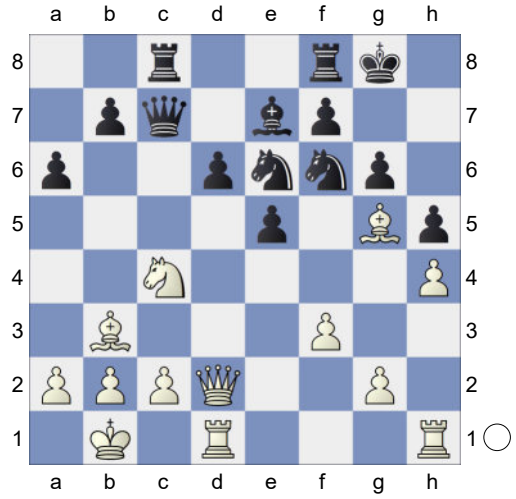
19.Nc4! White isn't focused on regaining material, but on a direct attack. That's why he moves the knight towards the k-side. White isn't focused on regaining material, but on a direct attack. That's why he moves the knight towards the k-side. Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M: '!' Roiz,M: 'White isn't focused on regaining material, but on a direct attack. That's why he moves the knight towards the k-side."

[Much worse is 19.g3?! Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M' Ne6 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Nc4 Bg7 22.g4 Nd4 23.gxh5 d5 24.Ne3 Nxb3 25.axb3 Bh6⇄]

19...Ne6 Arsovic,Zoran: 'Diagram

[Nothing would be changed by 19...b5 Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M' 20.Ne3 a5 21.a3 d5 22.g3 d4 23.Ng4 hxg4 24.gxf4+- , and the attack is decisive.]

[19...Rfd8 Arsovic,Zoran 20.Ne3 Kg7 21.g3 Ne6 22.g4±]



' **20.Ne3** From now on White's attack plays itself. From now on White's attack plays itself. Arsovic,Zoran: '!' Arsovic, Zoran: 'Roiz,M: 'From now on White's attack plays itself.'' **20...Nd4** A desperate attempt to develop some counterplay. A desperate attempt to develop some counterplay.

[The passive 20...Ng7 Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M' 21.g4 Kh7 22.Bh6 was also hopeless.]

[20...Kg7 Arsovic,Zoran 21.Bh6+]

21.g4! Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M: '!"

21...hxg4

[21...Nxf3 Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M' 22.Qg2 Nxg5 23.hxg5 makes it even easier for White.]

22.fxg4 Nxb3 23.axb3 Black's extra pawn only has symbolic value here - all White's pieces are much more active and ready to attack the opponent's king. Black's extra pawn only has symbolic value here - all White's pieces are much more active and ready to attack the opponent's king. Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M: 'Black's extra pawn only has symbolic

value here - all White's pieces are much more active and ready to attack the opponent's king.'' **23...Qd7 24.Qg2** GM Maghsoodloo isn't in a rush. GM Maghsoodloo isn't in a rush. Arsovic, Zoran: 'Roiz,M: 'GM Maghsoodloo isn't in a rush."

[Good enough was also 24.Bxf6 Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M' Bxf6 25.g5 Be7 26.h5 Bxg5 27.Rdg1+-]

24...Nh7 A desperate attempt to release the tension. A desperate attempt to release the tension. Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz, M: 'A desperate attempt to release the tension." **25.Nd5 Bd8**

[More stubborn was 25...f6 Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M' 26.Bh6 Rf7 27.Rhg1 , but even then White's pieces would dominate the entire board.]

26.Bxd8 Rcxd8 27.g5 The location of Black's pieces makes a poor impression. There is no way to stop h4-h5. The location of Black's pieces makes a poor impression. There is no way to stop h4-h5. Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M: 'The location of Black's pieces makes a poor impression. There is no way to stop h4-h5." **27...Qe6 28.h5 Rd7 29.Rdf1 e4** Desperation. Desperation. Arsovic, Zoran: 'Roiz,M: 'Desperation."

[29...f5 Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M' 30.hxg6 Qxg6 31.Rh6 Qg7 32.Qh2+-]

30.Nf6+ Nxf6 31.gxf6 Qe8 32.Qg5 Impressive play from the Junior World Champion! Impressive play from the Junior World Champion! Arsovic,Zoran: 'Roiz,M: 'Impressive play from the Junior World Champion!"

1-0

358 **E46**

□ **Wiedenkeller,M** **2464**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**

43rd Olympiad 2018 (2.14) 25.09.2018

[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 c6

[5...Re8 6.a3 Bf8 7.d5 d6 8.g3 exd5 9.cxd5 c5 10.Bg2 Nbd7 11.0-0 c4 12.Nd4 Nc5 13.Qe2 Nd3 14.b3 Nxc1 15.Rfxc1 cxb3 1/2-1/2 (74) Caruana,F (2822)-So,W (2780) Saint Louis 2018]

6.a3 LiveBook: 277 Games. E46: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4 e3 0-0 5 Ne2 without early Bd3 **6...Ba5 7.Qc2 d5 8.Ng3 Nbd7 9.Be2 dxc4 10.Bxc4 e5 11.0-0 exd4**

[RR 11...Bc7 12.Ba2 Re8 13.Rd1 exd4 14.Rxd4 Qe7 15.Nf5 Qe5 16.f4 Qc5 17.b4 Qf8 18.Bb2 Nb6 19.Re1 Bxf5 20.Qxf5 Rad8 21.Rxd8 Bxd8 22.Qd3 c5 23.bxc5 Qxc5 24.Nb5 Be7 25.Rc1 Qh5 26.Bxf6 Mchedlishvili,M (2609)-Berkes,F (2640) Baku 2016 1-0 (32)]

12.exd4 Bc7 13.Bg5

[RR 13.Ba2 Nb6 14.Nce2 Re8 15.Bg5 Qd6 16.Rad1 Nbd5 17.Nc3 h6 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.d5 Bg4 20.f3 Bd7 21.Nce4 Nxe4 22.fxe4 c5 23.Qf2 f6 24.Rfe1 Kh8 25.Nf1 b5 26.g3 c4 27.Kg2 Rac8 Guliev,S (2221)-Manafov,V (2415) Sheki 2025 0-1 (40)]

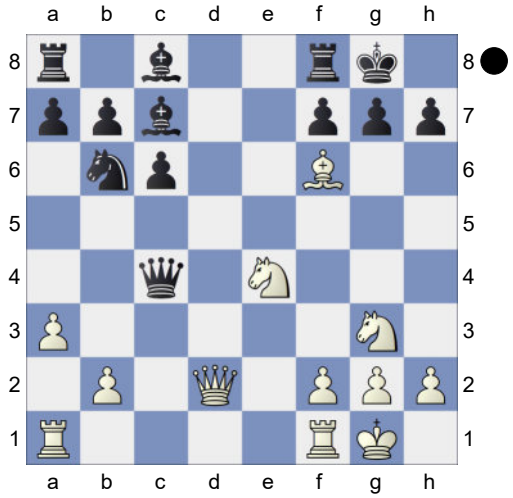
13...Nb6N 14.Nce4N

[14.Bb3=]

[RR 14.Ba2 h6 15.Be3 Nfd5 16.Rae1 f5 17.Bc1 Kh8 18.f4 Qd6 19.Re5 Qg6 20.Re2 Be6 21.Rfe1 Bg8 22.Bb1 Qf6 23.Kh1 g6 24.Nd1 Bf7 25.Nf2 Nxf4 26.Bxf4 Bxf4

27.Nd3 Nd5 28.Nxf4 Nxf4 Stephan,V (2356)-Villegas,P (2376) Metz 2018 ½-½ (37)]

14...Qxd4∓ Hoping for ...Nxe4. **15.Bxf6 Qxc4 16.Qd2**



Qg5 would kill now. **16...Qd5**

[Weaker is 16...gxf6 17.Nxf6+ Kg7 18.Qg5+ Kh8 19.Ngh5 Qg4 20.Nxg4 Bxh2+ 21.Nxh2 Rg8 22.Qf6+ Rg7 23.Qxg7#]

[Not 16...Bxg3 17.Qg5 g6 18.Qh6 Bxf2+ 19.Nxf2 Qxf1+ 20.Rxf1 Bf5 21.Qg7#]

[16...Qe6!∓ 17.Qd4 Qg4]

17.Qc3∓ Qe6

[17...Na4= 18.Qc2 Bxg3 19.Nxg3 Nb6]

18.Bxg7± Nd5 19.Nf6+ Qxf6! 20.Qxf6 Nxf6 21.Bxf6 Bd8 22.Bc3 f5 23.Rfe1 And now Bb4 would win. **23...f4 24.Ne4 b6 25.Rad1 Bf5 26.Rd6 c5 27.f3 Bh4 28.g3 fxg3 29.hxg3 Be7 30.Nf6+ Kf7**

[30...Rxf6= keeps the balance. 31.Rxf6 Bxf6 32.Bxf6 Kf7]

31.Rd5

[White should try 31.Rc6± Black must now prevent Rc7. Rac8 32.Nd5]

31...Be6= 32.Rde5 Bxf6 33.Rxe6 Bxc3 34.bxc3 Endgame KRR-KRR

34...Kg7 35.Kf2 Rad8 36.a4 Rd2+ 37.R1e2 Rd3 38.R2e3 Rd2+ 39.Re2 Rd3 40.R6e3 Rd1 41.f4 Ra1 42.Re4 h5 43.Rd2 Rf7 44.Rd5 Ra3 45.Rxh5 Rxc3 46.Rg5+ Kf6 The position is equal. **47.g4 Rd7 48.Rf5+ Kg7 49.Rg5+ Kf6 50.Rf5+** Precision: White = 71%, Black = 66%.

½-½

359 **E46**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**

■ **Husbands,Orlando** **2262**

43rd Olympiad 2018 (1.22) 24.09.2018

[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 c6

[5...Re8 6.a3 Bf8 7.d5 d6 8.g3 exd5 9.cxd5 c5 10.Bg2 Nbd7 11.0-0 c4 12.Nd4 Nc5 13.Qe2 Nd3 14.b3 Nxc1 15.Rfxc1 cxb3 1/2-1/2 (74) Caruana,F (2822)-So,W (2780) Saint Louis 2018]

6.a3 E46: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4 e3 0-0 5 Ne2 without early Bd3 **6...Ba5 7.Ng3 d5 8.Bd2 Nbd7 9.cxd5**

[RR 9.f4 Bc7 10.Rc1 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nd5 12.0-0 f5 13.Nh1 b5 14.Ba2 Rf6 15.Rf3 N7b6 16.Nf2 Nc4 17.Nd3 Bb6 18.Ne2 Bd7 19.Bxc4 bxc4 20.Rxc4 c5 21.dxc5 Bb5 22.Rd4 Bxd3 23.Rxd3 Bxc5 Maghsoodloo,P (2684)-Tscheuschner, G (2168) Reykjavik 2025 1-0 (35)]

9...exd5 10.Bd3 LiveBook: 6 Games **10...Bc7**

[RR 10...Re8 11.0-0 Bc7 12.Qc2 Nf8 13.f3 h5 14.Rae1 h4 15.Nh1 Ne6 16.Nf2 Qd6 17.f4 Bd7 18.Qd1 a5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nfxe4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Qxd4+ 22.Be3 Qd5 23.f5

Nf8 24.Qg4 Nh7 25.Bb1 Abdusattorov,N (2771)-Aronian,L (2737) Saint Louis 2025 0-1 (41)]

11.0-0 Nb6N

[Predecessor: 11...Re8 12.f3 Nf8 13.Qc2 0-1 (46) Fedotov,A (2139) - Yeritsyan,A (2309) Moscow 2018]

[RR 11...Re8 12.f3 Nf8 13.Qc2 g6 14.Rae1 h5 15.f4 h4 16.Nh1 Ng4 17.Nf2 Nh6 18.Be2 Bf5 19.Qd1 Qd7 20.h3 Kg7 21.Ng4 f6 22.b4 Ne6 23.Na4 Nf7 24.Nc5 Qc8 25.Qb3 b5 26.Nxe6+ Fedotov,A (2139)-Yeritsyan,A (2309) Moscow 2018 0-1 (46)]

12.b3 Be6 13.a4 Re8 14.Re1 Nc8 15.f3 Ne7 16.Nce2 Qd7 17.Qc2 h5 18.Nf4 Bxf4

[18...h4= keeps the balance. 19.Nge2 *(19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.Nf1 Rad8=)* 19...Bf5]

19.exf4± aiming for f5. **19...h4 20.f5! hxg3 21.fxe6 gxh2+ 22.Kxh2 fxe6 23.Bf4 Nf5 24.Qf2** White has compensation. **24...Kf7 25.g4↑** White is on the roll. **25...Rh8+ 26.Kg1 Ne7 27.Re3 Ng6 28.Bg3 Rag8**

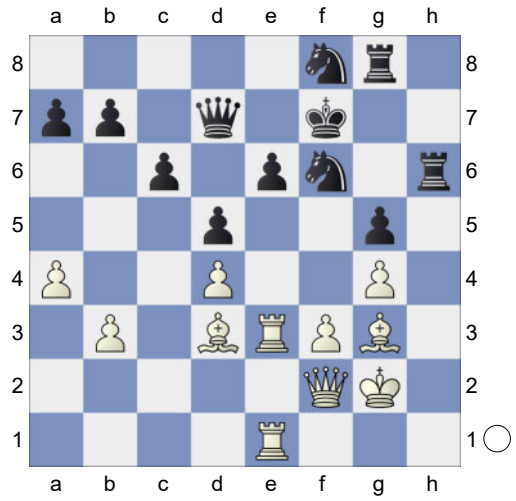
[28...Nf8±]

29.Rae1 Nf8 30.Kg2 g6 31.Be5 g5

[31...Qd8±]

32.Bg3! Rh6

(Diagram)



33.b4! Qd8 34.b5 Rgh8

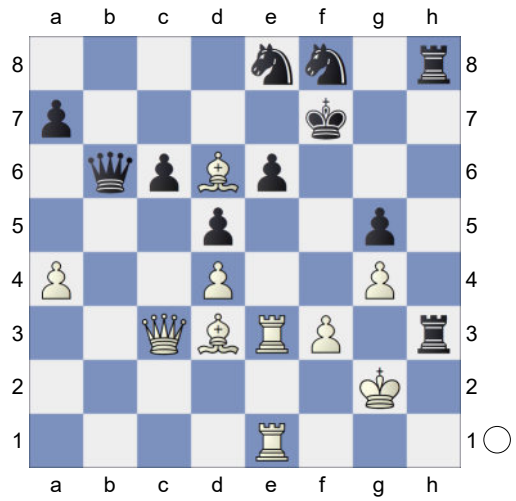
[34...cxb5± is a better defense. 35.axb5 Qb6]

35.bxc6+- bxc6 36.Qc2 Qb6 37.Qc3 Black must now prevent Rb1. **37...Rh3 38.Bd6**

[Better is 38.Be5± Rb1 is the strong threat. N8d7 39.a5]

38...Ne8?

[38...N6d7±]



39.Be5! R8h6 40.Rb1 Qd8 intending ... Nd7. **41.Qxc6** And now Rb7+ would win. **41...Kg8 42.Rb7 a5?**

[42...Nf6 43.Rxa7 N6d7]

43.Bb5 Nf6 44.Rc3 Precision: White =

72%, Black = 29%.
1-0

360 **D37**
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2593**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**
57th World Juniors 2018 (11.1) 15.09.18
[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
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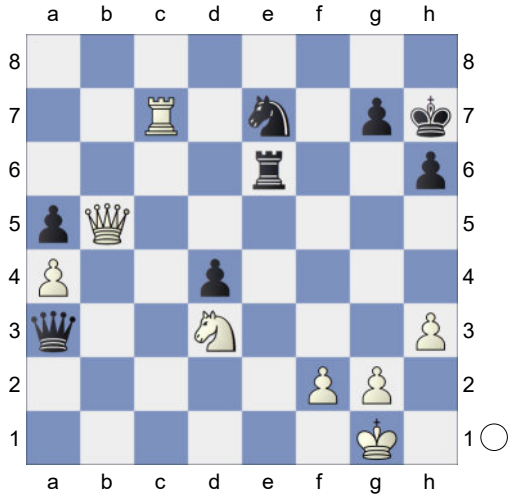
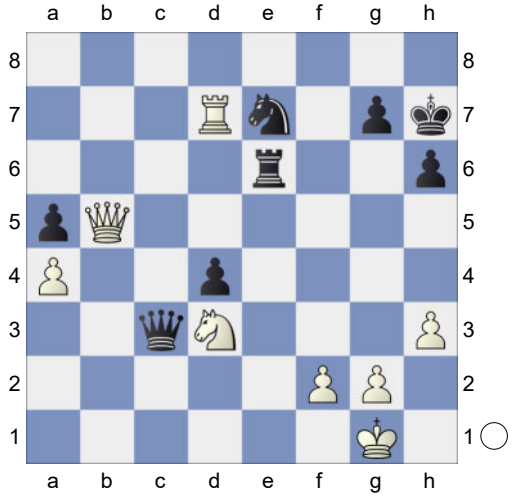
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 a6 4.Nc3 d5N
[4...c5 5.g3 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qc7 7.Bg2 *(7.Qd3 Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Bg2 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rd1 d6 12.b3 Bb7 13.Bf4 e5 14.Bg5 Rfd8 15.Qf5 g6 16.Qf3 Nh5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qe3 f5 19.Rd2 Nf6 20.Rad1 a5 21.Qg5 d5* 0-1 (55) Namgilov,S (2477)-Balashov,Y (2526) RUS-ch Krasnodar 2002 (7)*)* 7...Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bf4 d6 10.Nb3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Nh5 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Na4 Bd7 14.Nb6 Rad8 15.Qd2 Be8 16.Qa5 Kh8 17.f4 Ng4 18.Bd2 Ngf6 19.e4 (30) Dautov,R (2597)-Nielsen,P (2560) Deutschland 78/403 2000 Bc6 20.Rfe1 Ne8 21.Nd5 Qxa5 22.Bxa5 Rd7 23.Nb6 Rd8 24.Nd5 Rd7 25.Nxe7 Rxe7 26.e5 Bxg2 27.Kxg2 g5 28.fxg5 Rd7 29.exd6 Nxd6 30.Rcd1 1-0 Dautov,R (2615)-Lutz,C (2555) 66/458 Nussloch 1996]
5.cxd5 exd5 6.Qb3 b5 7.Bg5 Be6 8.Qc2 White is slightly better. **8...Nbd7 9.e3 c5 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Bd3**
[RR 11.Be2 Rc8 12.0-0 Be7 13.Rfc1 0-0 14.Qd1 Qa5 15.a3 Qb6 16.Nd4 Rfd8 17.Rc2 Nb7 18.Bf3 Qd6 19.Rac1 Qd7 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Nxd5 exd5 23.Bg4 Rxc2 24.Bxd7 Rxc1 25.Be6+ 1-0 (25) Ahmad,K (2415)-Hamidov,A (2287) Guba 2025]
11...Rc8 12.0-0 h6 13.Bh4 Be7N
[RR 13...g5 14.Bg3 Bg7 15.Nd4 0-0 16.Nf5 d4 17.exd4 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Bc4 19.Qf3 Bxf1 20.Rxf1 b4 21.Nd1 Rc1 22.Be5 Ne8 23.Bxg7 Nxg7 24.Nxh6+ Kh7 25.Ng4 Ne8 26.Qh3+ Kg7 27.Nde3 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Checa,N (2574)-Escalante Ramirez,B (2452) Philadelphia 2021 1-0 (37)]
14.Nd4 0-0 15.Qd1 Nfd7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Nce2 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Ne5 19.Qd1 Bg4 20.b3 Nc6 21.Qd2 Bxe2 22.Nxe2 Rfd8 23.Rfd1 Qa3 0.56/22
[23...d4= 0.09/22]
24.h3 Rd6 25.Rac1 Rcd8 26.Nf4 0.01/20
[26.Rc2± 0.47/23]
26...d4= 27.e4 Nb4 0.48/25
[27...d3= 0.01/21]
28.e5± Rc6 29.Rxc6 Nxc6 30.Nd3 Ne7 31.Nf4 -0.01/23
[31.Rc1± 0.63/22]
31...Nc6= 32.e6 fxe6 33.Nxe6 Re8 34.Nf4
[34.Nxd4? Rd8 35.Qe3 Qd6 *(35...Qxa2 36.Qe6+ Kh8 37.Qxc6±)* 36.Nxc6 Qxd1+ 37.Kh2 Qd6+ 38.Ne5 Qd4-+]
34...Qd6 35.Nd3 a5 36.Qc1 Re2 37.a4 bxa4 38.bxa4 Kh8 39.Qc4 Qf6 Hoping for ...Ne5. **40.Kf1 Re6 41.Rb1 Qf5 42.Qb5 Qf6**
[42...Ne5?! 43.Rd1±]
43.Rd1 Qf8 44.Rc1 Qa3? 1.52/24 **45.Kg1±**
[45.Rxc6 Rxc6 46.Qxc6 Qxd3+ 47.Ke1 Kh7=]
45...Ne7 1.88/21
[45...Qd6± 1.17/23 might work better.]

46.Rc7!+- Kh7 2.49/23
[⌓46...Qa2 1.64/22 47.Ra7 *(47.Qxa5 Qb1+ 48.Nc1 Qe4=)* 47...Kh7 48.Rxa5 Re2]



47.Rd7 1.48/22
[47.Qb1!+- 2.49/23 Kg8 48.Rd7]
47...Qc3



48.Qb1! White is more active. **48...Ng6**
49.h4 Hoping for h5. **49...h5?** 5.82/23
[49...Re4 1.70/22 50.Qb7 Re7 *(50...Qxd3 51.Rxg7+ Kh8 52.Rh7+ Kg8 53.Qg7#)* 51.Rxe7 Nxe7]
50.Rd5 White is clearly winning.
50...Kh6 9.59/24
[⌓50...Rc6 5.19/22 51.Rxh5+ Kg8]
51.Qd1 Kh7 52.Rc5 Qa3 53.Qxh5+
[Less strong is 53.Rxh5+ Kg8 54.g3 *(54.Rxa5 Nxh4 55.Rd5 Ng6+-)* 54...Qa2 55.Rxa5 Qe2+-]
53...Kg8 54.Qd5 Kf7 55.Rc7+ Ne7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.54
56.Nf4 Pin
1-0

361 **B90**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**
■ **Vavulin,M** **2559**
57th World Juniors 2018 (10.1) 14.09.18
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.h3 e5N
[6...e6 7.g4
A) 7...Be7 8.g5 *(8.Bg2 Nfd7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Qe2 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 0-0 12.0-0 b5 13.e5 d5 14.a3 Qc7 15.f4 Bc5 16.Qe3 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Bb7 18.Rae1 Rac8* M.Sanjuan Garcia (2590)-Corfield,J (2696) Saint Petersburg (m/2) 63/498 1995 *)* 8...Nfd7 9.Be3 b5 10.a3 Bb7 11.h4 Nc6 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Qd4 0-0 14.0-0-0 Nc5 15.f3 Rb8 16.Rg1 a5 17.b4 e5 18.Qd2 Ne6 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Nd4 21.Bxd4 exd4 22.bxa5 1-0 (36) Duda,J (2757)-Grischuk,A (2777) Speed Chess Invitational 2020 (3.5);
B) 7...Nc6 8.g5 Nd7 9.Be3 Be7 10.h4 0-0 11.f4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 e5 13.Qd2 exf4 14.Bxf4 Ne5 15.0-0-0 Re8 16.Nd5 Bf8 17.h5 Be6 18.h6 Bxd5 19.Qxd5 Qb6 20.Bh3 Ng6 21.Bd2 Re5 22.Qd3

1-0 (31) Ibadov,D (2333)-Milosevic,A (2172) Pozarevac Rudar Nesic Memorial 9th 2023 (8);
C) 7...h6 8.Bg2 Be7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.f4 Nd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nf3 b5 13.g5 hxg5 14.Nxg5 Bxg5 15.fxg5 Nde5 16.Qh5 Bb7 17.Rad1 Rc8 18.a3 Nc4 19.Rf4 f5 20.g6 Rf6 21.Qh7+ 1-0 (26) Bromberger,S (2535)-Grandelius,N (2642) Bundesliga 2016-17 (8.2)]

7.Nde2 h5 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 The position is equal. **10.Nd5 Qd8 11.Qd3 g6 12.0-0-0 Bh6+ 13.Kb1 Nd7 14.Qa3 Nc5 15.Nec3 0-0! 16.h4! b5 17.f3! f5**

[RR 17...Rb8 18.b4 a5 19.Qxa5 Qxa5 20.bxa5 Na4 21.a6 Rfc8 22.a7 Rb7 23.Nxb5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5 Nc3+ 25.Ka1 Nxd5 26.Nxd6 Ra8 27.Nxb7 Ne3 28.Na5 Rxa7 29.Nc4 Nxc2+ 30.Kb2 Ne3 31.Nxe3 Bxe3 32.Bb5 Duda,J (2729)-Grischuk,A (2657) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½ (49)]

18.Be2 Bg7N 0.85/23

[18...f4= 0.20/21 keeps the balance.]

[RR 18...f4 19.b4 Nb7 20.Qb2 Rf7 21.a3 Kh7 22.Rd2 Qb8 23.Rhd1 Nd8 24.a4 bxa4 25.Nxa4 Bf8 26.Rd3 Rb7 27.Rb3 Nc6 28.c3 Ne7 29.Bc4 Nxd5 30.Bxd5 Bxd5 31.Rxd5 Be7 32.Qd2 Qe8 33.Nb2 Babula,V (2309)-Borhy,M (2385) Slovakia 2024 1-0 (58)]

19.g4 White is more active. **19...hxg4** 1.78/20

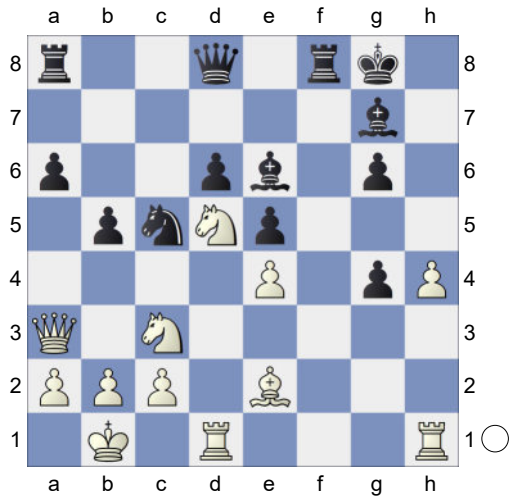
[19...fxg4± 0.63/23 20.fxg4 hxg4]

20.fxg4 0.60/22

[20.h5+- 1.78/20]

20...fxg4±

[20...Nxe4? 21.Nxe4 fxe4 22.h5±]



21.Rhg1! Rb8? 2.48/23

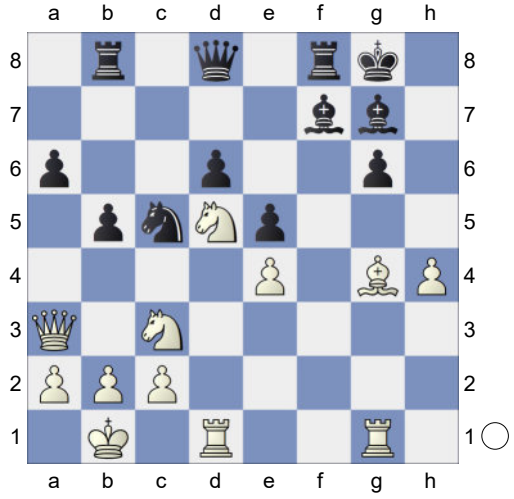
[21...Qxh4 22.Nc7±]

[21...Kh7± 0.60/23]

22.Bxg4+- This costs Black the game.

22...Bf7 4.16/21

[22...Bxg4± 1.45/23 was worth a try. 23.Rxg4 Rf3]



23.h5! Deflection **23...gxh5**

[23...g5 24.h6]

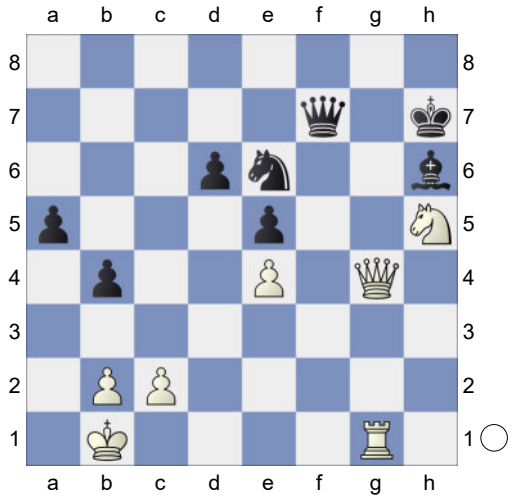
24.Bf5 Kh8 25.Ne2 Bh6 6.64/24

[⌓25...Bxd5 4.69/21 26.Rxd5 Qh4]

26.Qh3 Rg8 27.Rxg8+ Qxg8 28.Rg1 Repels Qg7 **28...Qf8 29.Ng3 Rb7** 7.73/24

[⌓29...Qg7 4.74/23 30.b3 *(30.Nxh5? Qxg1+; 30.Ne7 Qg5±)* 30...Rf8]

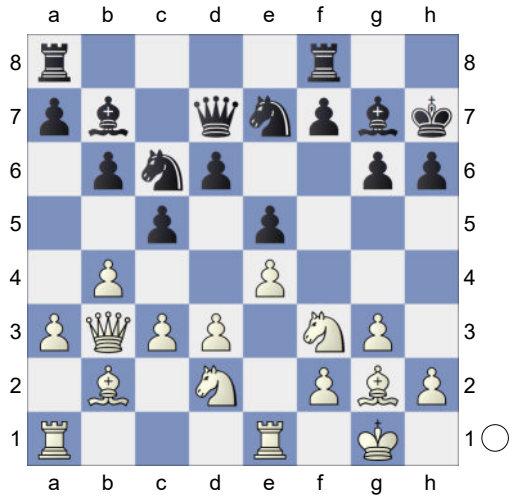
30.Nf6 3.45/21 Excellent horsemanship.
[⌓30.Nxh5 7.73/24 and Nhf6 should not be overlooked Bxd5 31.exd5]
30...b4? 9.20/25
[30...Qg7 3.45/21 31.Nfxh5 *(31.Ngxh5? is a self mate. Qxg1+)* 31...Qg5]
31.Ngxh5 a5 32.Nh7 Bxa2+ 33.Kxa2 Rxh7 34.Bxh7 Kxh7 35.Qg4 White mates. **35...Qf7+ 36.Kb1 Ne6**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=1.15
37.Nf6+! Deflection
1-0

362 **A04**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**
■ **Liang,Awonder** **2575**
57th World Juniors 2018 (9.1) 13.09.18
[Kitty Kat]

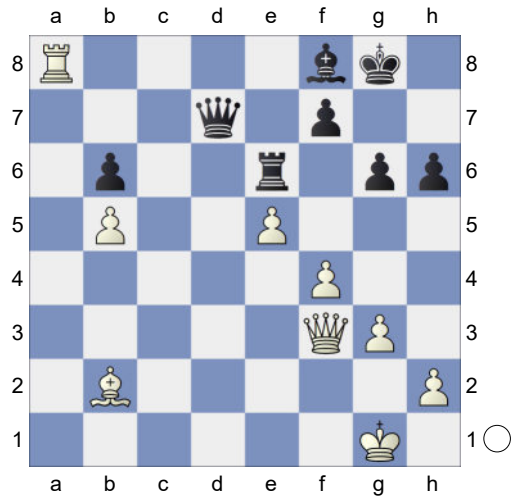
A04: Unusual lines after 1 Nf3 and King's Indian Attack
1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 e5 4.d3 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.c3 Nge7 7.a3 0-0 8.b4 d6 9.e4 b6 0.33/20
[9...a6= -0.09/20 is more appropriate.]
10.Bb2 -0.07/20
[10.b5± 0.33/20 Nb8 11.Bb2]
[10.Nbd2 h6 11.Bb2 Be6 12.b5 Na5 13.c4 Qd7 14.Ne1 Rad8 15.Nc2 f5 16.Ne3 f4 17.Nd5 Rf7 18.Bc3 Rdf8 19.f3 h5 20.a4 Bh6 21.Bxa5 bxa5 22.Kf2 g5 23.Qe2 g4 24.Ke1 Ng6 0-1 (38) Dyer,I (2595)-Martins,D (2625) 46/446 Amsterdam 1988 (1.1)]
10...Bb7 0.46/19
[10...a6!= -0.07/20]
11.Nbd2 Qd7 12.Qb3 White is slightly better. **12...h6N** 0.53/20
[12...Rab8= 0.13/17]
[12...Rad8 13.Nc4 Kh8 14.b5 Nb8 15.Rad1 f5 16.exf5 Nxf5 17.d4 exd4 18.cxd4 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Nxd4 20.Bg2 Nxb3 0-1 Bruere,M (2130)-Mckenzie,C (2280) Australian ch-22 1997]
13.Rfe1 Kh7



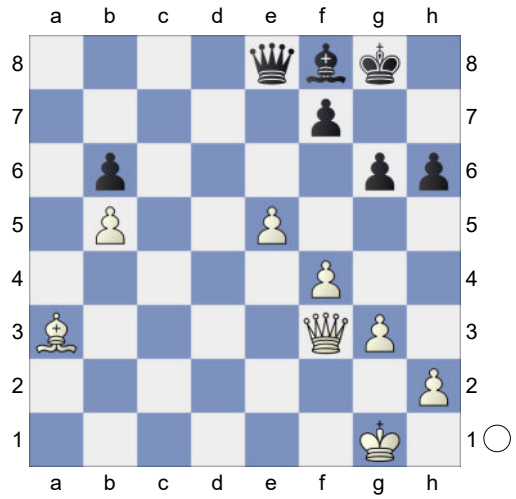
14.d4N
[RR 14.Nc4 f5 15.b5 Nd8 16.a4 f4 17.a5 Qc7 18.axb6 axb6 19.Rxa8 Bxa8 20.d4 Nf7 21.d5 g5 22.Bh3 h5 23.Be6 Bf6 24.Qa4 Bb7 25.Qa7 Nc8 26.Bxc8 Qxc8 27.Nxb6 Qh3 28.Qxb7 g4 Hofegger,J (2072)-Vitouch,A (2320) Austria 2016 0-1 (34)]

14...cxd4 15.cxd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Nf3 Black is on the road to losing. **17...Ng8** 1.00/21
[17...d5± 0.52/22 18.e5 *(18.Bxd4 f6=)* 18...Ba6]
18.Nxd4± White is more active. **18...Nf6 19.Rad1 Rfe8 20.f3** 0.84/19
[20.e5! 1.25/24 Rxe5 21.Rxe5 dxe5 22.Ne6 Qxe6 23.Qxe6 fxe6 24.Bxb7]
20...Rac8 2.30/23
[20...b5± 0.84/19]
21.Bf1+- a6 Repels Bb5 **22.b5! Ra8 23.bxa6 Bxa6 24.Nb5**
[24.Qxb6? Bxf1-+ *(24...Reb8? 25.Qa5-+)*]
24...Re6 2.49/22
[⌓24...Bxb5 1.95/23 25.Bxb5 Qe6]
25.a4 Bxb5 26.axb5
[26.Qxb5 Qa7±]
[26.Bxb5?! Qa7 27.Ba3 Bf8]
26...Qc7 27.Rc1 Qa7 28.Ra1 Qb7 29.Ra6 and Qa2 would now be decisive
29...d5? 4.17/24
[29...Re7 2.47/19 is a better defense. 30.Rd1 Rd8]
30.Rea1 Rf8 31.Bh3 A strong pair of Bishops. **31...Ree8 32.e5 Nd7 33.Ra7 Nc5 34.Qc2 Qb8 35.f4 Ne6** 6.27/23
[⌓35...Kh8 4.43/21 36.Bd4 g5 37.Bxc5 bxc5 38.Qxc5 gxf4]
36.Bxe6 Rxe6 37.Qd3 Kg8 38.Qxd5 Rd8 39.Qf3 Bf8 40.Ra8 Qc7 41.Rxd8 Qxd8 42.Ra8! Qd7

(Diagram)



43.Ba3! Re8 44.Rxe8 Remove Defender **44...Qxe8** Endgame

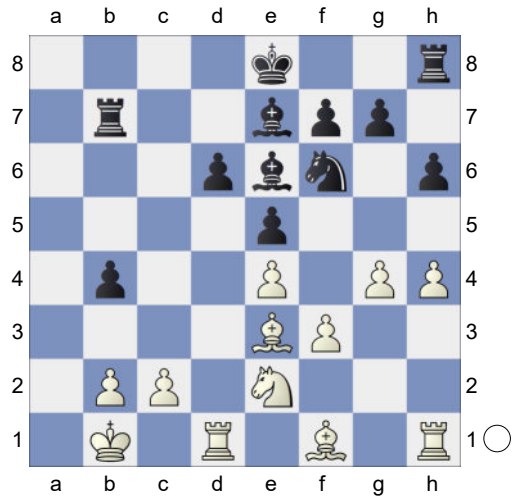


KQB-KQB. White is a pawn up. **45.Qc6!**
[Weaker is 45.Bxf8 Qxf8 46.Qd3 Qc5+ 47.Kg2 Qc8=]
45...Qd8 46.Bd6 Kg7 47.Kg2 h5 48.Kh3 Kg8 49.Kg2? -0.01/19
[White should play 49.Bxf8+- 7.63/23 Kxf8 50.Qd6+ Ke8 51.Qxd8+ Kxd8 52.g4 *(52.Kh4 Ke7+-)* 52...hxg4+ 53.Kxg4]
49...Kg7= 50.Kf3 White is clearly winning. **50...Kg8 51.Ke4 Kg7 52.Kd5 Kg8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.55

53.Qb7
1-0

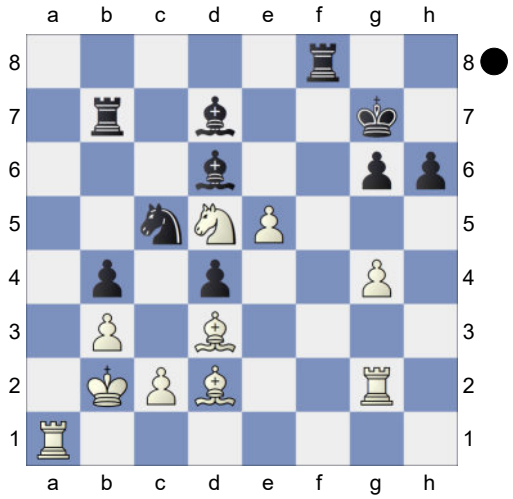
363 **B67**
□ **Karthik,Venkataraman** **2519**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**
57th World Juniors 2018 (8.1) 12.09.18
[TA]

B67: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 Bd7, lines without 9 f4 Be7
1.e4 Nielsen,Peter Heine **1...c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f3 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Be7 11.Kb1 b5 12.a3** -0.16/20
[12.g4± 0.43/20]
[RR 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Ne2 Rc8 14.Qd2 Qb6 15.Nf4 h5 16.g3 Rc7 17.Bd3 Kd8 18.c3 Kc8 19.Bc2 Kb8 20.a3 a5 21.Bb3 Rb7 22.Nd3 Bc6 23.Rhe1 Rd8 24.f4 d5 25.exd5 exd5 26.Ka1 Bf8 Anand,V (2776)-Carlsen,M (2843) Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden 2018 ½-½ (41)]
[RR 12.h4 h6 13.Be3 h5 14.Ne2 a5 15.Nc1 b4 16.Bc4 Qc7 17.Rd2 a4 18.Be2 Rb8 19.Qa7 Qxa7 20.Bxa7 Rb7 21.Be3 d5 22.e5 Ng8 23.Bd4 Bb5 24.Bd1 Nh6 25.g4 hxg4 26.fxg4 0-0 Isha,S (2230)-Turzo,A (2248) Budapest 2025 0-1 (65)]
[RR 12.h4 Rb8 13.g4 b4 14.Ne2 a5 15.Ng3 Qc7 16.Be3 Rc8 17.Rh2 d5 18.e5 0-0 19.Ba6 Ra8 20.Bd3 Rfc8 21.Qf4 Ne8 22.g5 Bc5 23.Bxc5 Qxc5 24.h5 Bb5 25.Bxh7+ Kxh7 26.g6+ fxg6 Carlsen,M (2834)-Maghsoodloo,P (2656) Almaty 2022 CBM 212 [Nielsen,Peter Heine] 1-0]
12...Qc7 The position is equal. **13.g4 h6N** 0.38/21
[13...Rb8= 0.00/22]
[RR 13...h5 14.gxh5 Nxh5 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.e5 dxe5 17.Qb4+ Ke8 18.Ne4 a5 19.Nd6+ Kf8 20.Nxb5+ axb4 21.Nxc7 Rd8 22.Bb5 Ke7 23.axb4 Bxb5 24.Nxb5 Nf4 25.Na7 Kf6 26.Nc6 Rc8 27.b5 Rh3 28.Rd6 Karthik,V (2479)-Gupta,A (2603) New Delhi 2020 1-0 (40)]
14.Be3!± Rb8 15.h4 a5! 16.Qa7 Qxa7 17.Bxa7 Rb7 18.Bd4 b4 19.axb4 axb4 20.Ne2 -0.09/22
[20.Ba6 0.28/23 Rb8 21.Na2]
20...e5 21.Be3 Be6



aiming for ...d5. **22.Ng3** Threatens to win with Ba6. **22...g6! 23.b3 Kf8** 0.35/21
[23...h5= -0.01/24 24.g5 Nd7]
24.Bh3 Ne8 0.41/24
[24...Kg8= 0.01/22]
25.Bf1 -0.01/23
[25.h5± 0.41/24]
25...Kg7 0.45/23
[25...Nf6!= -0.01/23]
26.Kb2 Nc7 0.55/23
[26...Rc7= 0.17/20]
27.h5 d5 28.hxg6 fxg6 29.Ra1 d4 30.Bd2 Bd6 0.80/22
[30...Bd7± 0.39/21 feels stronger.]
31.Bd3± Bd7 1.05/22

[31...Rbb8± 0.55/23]
32.Rh2 0.21/23
[32.Ne2± 1.05/22]
32...Ne6 1.43/23
[32...Bb5!= 0.21/23]
33.Ne2 0.23/21
[White should try 33.Ra6± 1.43/23 Be7 34.Nf5+ gxf5 35.gxf5]
33...Be7= 34.f4 -0.12/20
[34.Ra5± 0.41/21]
34...exf4 35.Nxf4 Nc5 Prevents Ra6.
36.Nd5 Bd6
[36...Bxg4? 37.Bf4 h5 *(37...Nxd3+? 38.cxd3 Kh7 39.Bxh6+-)* 38.Be5+ Kh7 39.Bxh8 Kxh8 40.Ra8+ Kh7 41.Nxe7 Rxe7 42.Rd8±]
37.Rg2 Rf8 38.e5? -1.31/27
[38.Bxb4? Nxd3+ 39.cxd3 Bxb4-+]
[38.Nxb4? Rxb4 39.Bxb4 Nxd3+ 40.cxd3 Bxb4-+]
[38.Ba6!± 0.32/13 stays ahead. Ra7 39.Bxb4 Nxe4 40.Bxd6 Nxd6 41.g5]



38...Bxe5∓
[38...Nxd3+ 39.cxd3 Bb8 *(39...Bxe5 40.Re2±)* 40.Rh2= *(40.Nxb4 Bxe5 41.Ra6 Re8∓; 40.Bxb4 Rf3∓)*]
39.Bxb4 Nxd3+ 40.cxd3 Re8 41.Ra5 Bb5 -1.33/23
[Black should play 41...Rb5-+ -1.78/22 42.g5 h5]
42.Bc5? -3.13/24
[42.Re2∓ -1.33/23]
42...Bxd3-+ 43.Rd2 Be4↑ -1.02/23 Black is in control. This pair of bishops is nice.
[43...Bc4-+ -2.57/26 is more deadly. 44.Bxd4 Bxb3 *(44...Rxb3+ 45.Kc2∓)* 45.Bxe5+ Rxe5]
44.Bxd4∓ Rd7 45.Bc3? -4.65/23
[45.Nf6∓ -1.15/26 nothing else works. Bxd4+ *(45...Bxf6?* loses. *46.Bxf6+* Discovered Attack *Kxf6 47.Rxd7+-)* 46.Rxd4 Rxd4 47.Nxe8+ Kf7 48.g5]
45...Bxc3+-+ 46.Kxc3 Rc8+ 47.Kb4 Rcd8 48.Kc4 g5 49.Rc5 Bf3 50.Rd4 h5 Black is clearly winning. **51.gxh5 g4**
[Weaker is 51...Bxh5 52.Kc3∓]
52.b4 g3 53.h6+ Kxh6 54.Rh4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.23 (precise)
54...Kg5
0-1

364 **C90**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**
■ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2484**
57th World Juniors 2018 (7.1) 11.09.18
[Kitty Kat]

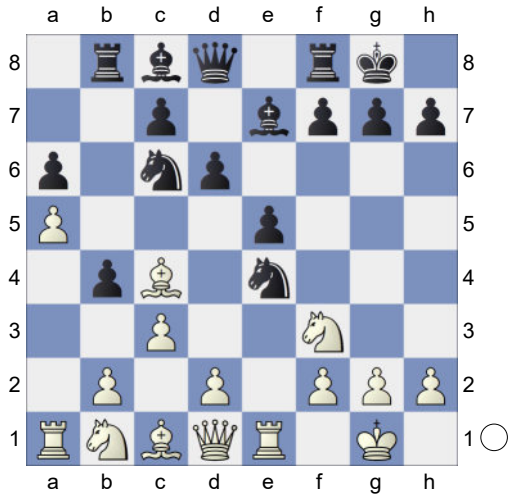
C90: Closed Ruy Lopez with 7...d6: Early deviations
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.Nc3 d6 9.a3 Rb8 *(9...Na5 10.Ba2 Be6 11.b4 Bxa2 12.Nxa2 Nc6 13.c4 Nd4 14.Bb2 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 c6 16.Rfd1 Qc8 17.Rac1 Qe6 18.Nc3 Nd7 19.Ne2 Rac8 20.Qe3 f5 21.exf5 Qxf5 22.Ng3 Qf7 23.Rc2 c5 24.bxc5* ½-½ (60) Mammadova,G

(2336)-Vidic,T (2128) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (4.12)) 10.Be3 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Nd5 c4 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.h3 Be6 16.b4 Rfc8 17.c3 cxd3 18.Qxd3 Bxa2 19.Rxa2 d5 20.Nd2 Qe6 0-1 (41) Annakov,B (2708)-Molina,R (2850) EU-chT (Men) 2003 (6.1)]

6...b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3N

[8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]

8...0-0 9.a4 b4 10.a5 Rb8 11.Bc4 Nxe4



Decoy **12.Bd5**

[12.Rxe4? d5 13.Rxe5 dxc4-+ *(13...Nxe5? 14.Nxe5 Qd6 15.Bxa6∓)*]

12...Nxf2! 13.Kxf2 Nxa5 White is slightly better. **14.cxb4! c6 15.Ba2! Rxb4 16.d4 Bg4N** 1.65/20

[Black should try 16...exd4± 0.40/19 17.Na3 c5]

[RR 16...exd4 17.Kg1 d5 18.Bd2 Be6 19.Bxb4 Bxb4 20.Nxd4 Bxe1 21.Qxe1 Qb6 22.Qf2 c5 23.Nf3 Rb8 24.Nc3 c4 25.Nd4 Qxb2 26.Rb1 Qxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Rxb1 28.Bxb1 g6 29.Na2 Nb7 30.Ke3 Kf8 31.Nc6 Dubov,D (2661)-Kovalev,V (2598) Moscow 2017 ½-½ (36)]

[RR 16...exd4 17.Kg1 c5 18.Bd2 Nc6 19.Bd5 Rb6 20.Na3 Nb4 21.Bxb4 Rxb4 22.Nc4 Bf6 23.Nfd2 Bb7 24.Qf3 Qa8 25.Bxb7 Qxb7 26.Qxb7 Rxb7 27.Rxa6 d5 28.Nb6 d3 29.Nxd5 Bd4+ 30.Kh1 Rxb2 31.Nf3 De Jong,M (2331)-Postny,E (2581) Groningen 2017 ½-½ (38)]

17.dxe5+- Qb6+ 1.96/19

[17...Qb8± 1.37/19]

18.Be3 Rxb2+ 19.Kg3 0.46/21

[19.Kg1+- 1.87/22 Qb4 20.Bd2 Qc5+ 21.Kh1 *(21.Be3 Qb4±)*]

19...Bxf3!± 20.Kxf3 0.01/21

[20.Qxf3? Qb4 21.Qf1 Bh4+ *(21...dxe5? 22.Nd2-+)* 22.Kh3 Bxe1-+ *(22...Qxe1? 23.Qxe1 Bxe1 24.Bc1-+)*]

[20.Bxb6± 0.62/22 Bxd1 21.Bd4 *(21.Bxa5 Bb3+-)* 21...Rb3+ *(21...Rxa2? 22.Rxa2 Bb3 23.Rxa5+-)* 22.Bxb3 Nxb3 23.Rxd1 dxe5 24.Bxe5 Nxa1 25.Bxa1]

20...Qb5 0.67/20

[20...c5= 0.01/21]

21.Bc1! A strong pair of Bishops.

[21.exd6? Qf5+ *(21...Qh5+ 22.g4-+)* 22.Bf4 Bg5-+]

21...Rb4 1.59/20

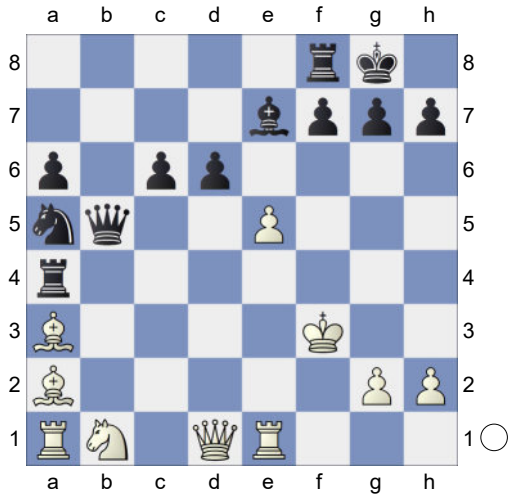
[21...dxe5± 0.47/21 22.Nc3 e4+ 23.Rxe4 *(23.Kxe4? Rb4+ 24.Ke3 Qc5+ 25.Ke2 Qxc3-+)* 23...Qf5+ 24.Rf4 Qh5+ 25.Kg3 Qg5+ 26.Qg4 Rc2 27.Qxg5 Bxg5]

22.Ba3 0.89/22

[22.exd6? Qf5+ *(22...Bf6? 23.Kf2-+)* 23.Ke2 Re4+ *(23...Bh4? 24.Be3-+)* 24.Be3 Bg5-+]

[Better is 22.Na3 1.59/20 Qc5 23.Nc2]

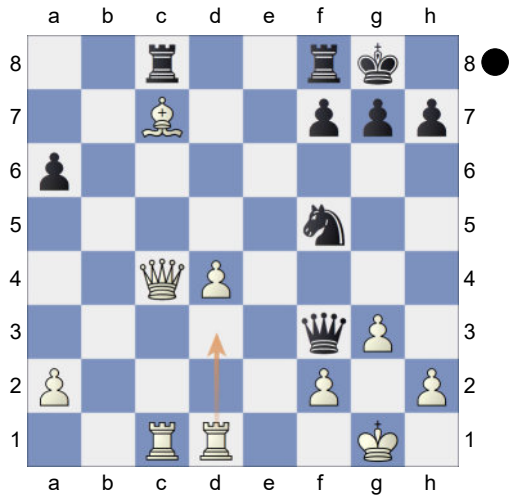
22...Ra4 1.53/22
[⌓22...dxe5 0.89/22 23.Bxb4 Bxb4]



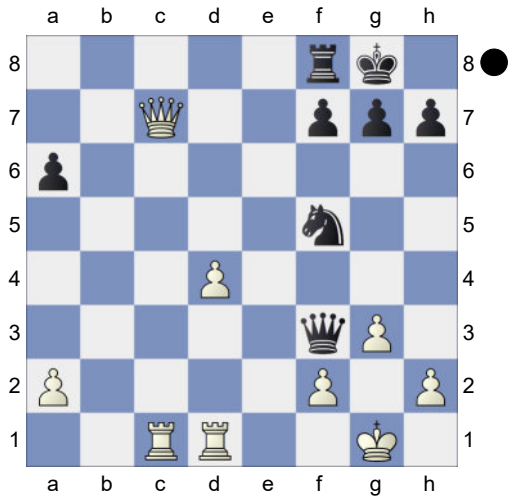
23.g3!± The board is on fire.
[23.exd6? Qf5+ *(23...Bf6? 24.g4-+)* 24.Ke2 Bg5-+ *(24...Re4+? 25.Kd2-+)*]
[23.Bxd6? Bxd6 24.Qxd6 *(24.exd6 Qf5+ 25.Ke2 Re8+ 26.Kd2 Rd4+ 27.Kc1 Qc5+ 28.Kb2 Rb8+)* 24...Qb2-+]
23...Nc4 24.Bb3
[24.Bxd6?! Bxd6 *(24...Nxd6? 25.exd6 Bg5 26.Kg2+-)* 25.Bxc4 *(25.exd6 Qh5+ 26.Kf2 Qxh2+ 27.Kf3 Rxa2=)* 25...Rxc4 26.Qxd6 *(26.exd6? Qf5+ 27.Kg2 Rc2+ 28.Kh1 Qf2-+)* 26...c5 27.Rxa6 Qb7+ 28.Qc6 Qb3+ 29.Kg2 Qb2+ 30.Kf1 Rc1± *(30...Qxh2 31.Qg2±)*]
[24.exd6 Qh5+ 25.Kg2 Ne3+ 26.Rxe3 Qxd1=]
24...Rxa3 2.09/27
[24...Nxe5+ 1.65/24 keeps fighting. 25.Kg2 Ra5]
25.Rxa3+-
[25.Nxa3 Qxb3+ 26.Qxb3 Nd2+ *(26...Nxe5+? 27.Kg2+-)* 27.Kg2 Nxb3 28.exd6 Bxd6±]
25...Nxa3 26.Nxa3 Qc5 27.exd6 Bxd6
28.Nc4 Bc7 29.Kg2 Black must now prevent Nd2. **29...g6** 2.68/21
[⌓29...Qd5+ 1.80/23 30.Qxd5 cxd5]
30.Qf3 Kg7 31.Rd1 1.01/23
[31.Nd2+- 2.04/22]
31...Rd8± 32.Nb2 0.30/25
[32.Qc3+± 1.06/23 f6 33.Rxd8 Bxd8 34.Qd3]
32...f5= 33.Nd3 Qc3 34.Ba4↑ White has some pressure. **34...Rd4**
35.Bxc6
[35.Qxc6 simplifies Qxc6+ 36.Bxc6 h5 37.Bf3]
35...Qc2+ 36.Kh1 Rd6 0.61/24
[36...Bd8= 0.01/25]
37.Bb7± Qb3 38.Rc1! Rxd3 1.49/25
[⌓38...Bb8 1.00/26]
39.Rxc7+± Kf6? 4.39/26
[39...Kh6± 1.31/26 40.Qe2 *(40.Qf4+ g5+-)* 40...Qd1+ 41.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 42.Kg2 Rd2+ 43.Kh3 g5]
40.Qc6++- Kg5 (-> ...Qd1+) **41.Qc1+**
[41.Qxa6 Qd1+ 42.Kg2 Rd2+]
41...Kf6 White must now prevent ... Rd1+. **42.Kg2!**
[42.Rxh7? loses. Rd1+-+]
42...Rd1? 10.20/24
[42...Qa2+ 2.70/25 43.Rc2 Rc3 44.Rxa2 Rxc1 45.Rxa6+ *(45.Bxa6 h6+-)* 45...Kg7]
43.Qh6 White is clearly winning.
43...Qb2+ 44.Kh3 White wants to mate with Qh4+. **44...Qb4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.54
45.Bf3
[45.Qxh7? leads to mate. Qg4+ 46.Kg2 Rd2+ 47.Kh1 Qd1#]
1-0

365 **C01**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2582**
57th World Juniors 2018 (6.1) 10.09.18
[Kitty Kat]

C01: French: Exchange Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Bd3 Ne7 6.0-0 Nbc6 7.c3 Bf5 8.Bxf5
[8.Re1 Qd7 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Bc5 11.Be3 Bb6 12.Na3 0-0 13.Nc2 Rfe8 14.Bxb6 axb6 15.Nd4 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Ng6 17.Qg3 c5 18.Nf3 Ra4 19.h3 Qf5 20.a3 Re4 21.Rad1 Nf4 22.Kh2 h6 1-0 (46) 11.c3 ♗d6 12. ♕g5 (2284)-10. ♖d1 d6 11. ♗f4 (2348) TCh-CZE Extraliga 2017-18 (5)]
8...Nxf5 9.Re1+ Nfe7 10.b3N
[10.Bg5 0-0 11.Nbd2 Qd7 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.Ne5 Qf5 14.Nf1 f6 15.Ng3 Qc8 16.Nd3 c6 17.Qe2 Qd7 18.Rad1 Rae8 19.Ra1 Ra8 20.Rad1 Rae8 21.Ra1 Ra8 22.Rad1 ½-½ Eventov,J (2389)-Bristol (2186) 458 Linz 2015 (9)]
[RR 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Nf1 Qd7 12.Ng3 Rae8 13.Qb3 b6 14.Bd2 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Nf5 16.Qb5 h5 17.Bf4 Rd8 18.Qd3 g6 19.Nh2 Ng7 20.f3 Rde8 21.g4 Re7 22.Bg5 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Re8 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 Ilamparthi,A (2515)-Omonov,A (2366) Barranquilla 2025 1-0 (59)]
10...0-0 11.Na3N
[RR 11.c4 Nf5 12.Bg5 f6 13.Be3 Qd7 14.Nc3 Bb4 15.Qd3 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Rfe8 17.h3 Re4 18.Rac1 Rae8 19.Nd2 R4e6 20.Nf3 a6 21.Qd3 R6e7 22.Bd2 Rxe1+ 23.Bxe1 Nd6 24.Bd2 Qf7 25.Bf4 Ne4 Santos Ruiz,M (2590)-Mekhitarian,K (2537) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½ (58)]
11...Ng6 12.Nb5 Be7 13.c4 dxc4 14.bxc4 a6 15.Nc3 Bb4 0.46/21
[15...Qd7= 0.09/21]
16.Qb3 0.01/20
[16.Bb2± 0.46/21]
16...Nh4!= 17.Nxh4 Qxh4 0.43/21
[17...Qxd4!= -0.01/25 18.Bb2 Qxh4]
18.Be3± b5 19.Red1 Rab8 0.89/22
[19...Bxc3± 0.32/23 20.Qxc3 Qf6]
20.Rac1 0.35/22
[20.Nd5± 0.89/22 Be7 21.h3 *(21.Nxc7 Na5=)*]
20...Bxc3 0.73/23
[20...bxc4± 0.35/22 was preferable. 21.Qxc4 Ne7 *(21...Ne5 22.Qxc7 Ng4 23.Nd5±)*]
21.Qxc3± Ne7 22.g3 0.33/22
[22.Qd2± 0.80/21 aiming for Bg5. Qg4 23.cxb5]
22...Qh5± 23.Qa3
[23.Re1 simplifies Ng6 24.Qb2 c5 25.cxb5 cxd4 26.Bxd4 Qxb5 27.Qc3]
23...Nf5 The position is equal. **24.Bf4 bxc4 25.Bxc7 Rbc8 26.Qc5 Qf3** Prevents d5. and ...Rfe8 should not be overlooked **27.Qxc4**



Rxc7! 28.Qxc7
(Diagram)



Ne3! 29.fxe3 Qxe3+ 30.Kg2 Qe2+ 31.Kh3 Qh5+ 32.Kg2 Qe2+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
33.Kh3
½-½

366 **E11**
□ **Harsha,B** **2474**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**
57th World Juniors 2018 (5.1) 08.09.18
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Marin,Mihail **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd2**
[RR 5.Bd3 d5 6.Nf3 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne5 Bd6 10.f4 c5 11.Qf3 Nc6]
5...b6
[5...d5 6.a3 Be7 7.Nf3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Qc2 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nbd7 11.Rd1 Be7 12.Ng5 h6 13.h4 Qc7 14.Be2 Rd8 15.Rc1 Nf8 16.Nge4 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Qxc2 18.Rxc2 Bd7 19.Bb4 Bxb4+ 20.axb4 ½-½ (90) 6. Dingtermezzo!-** Game 14 Zwischenzug! A Comprehensive Guide to I 2023]
6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Bd3 a5N
[7...c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.exd4 d5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Qe2 Nf6 12.a3 Be7 13.Bg5 Nbd7 14.Rad1 a6 15.Rfe1 h6 16.Bf4 b5 17.Ne5 Nd5 18.Bd2 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Nxe5 20.Qxe5 Qd5 21.Qg3 Bd6 22.Qh3 (23) Nimzo Indian-9.ed4 d5 10.cd5 Survey 2020 f5 23.Be2 Bandeira,M-Billot,D (ch) India 1988]
8.0-0 d5
[RR 8...d6]
9.cxd5 exd5 10.Ne5
[RR 10.a3 Bd6 *(RR 10...Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Ne4 12.Qc2)* 11.Ne5 c5 12.f4 Nc6 13.Nb5 *(RR 13.Qf3 cxd4 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.exd4 Re8 16.Rae1 Qd7)* 13...cxd4 *(RR 13...Be7)* 14.exd4 Ne7 15.f5 Ne4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.f6]
10...Nbd7 White has an edge. **11.f4 c5** 0.56/21
[11...Bxc3= -0.02/21 12.bxc3 *(12.Bxc3 Ne4=)* 12...c5]
[RR 11...Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.Qd3 Ra8 15.Nc6 Qe8 16.b4 Ne4 17.Rfc1 Nb8 18.Nxb8 Qxb8 19.bxa5 bxa5 20.Rab1 Qc8 21.Be1]
[RR 11...Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ne4 13.Rf3 f6 14.Bxe4 fxe5 15.Bc2 exf4 16.exf4 Nf6 17.f5 Qd7 18.Bf4 Ne4 19.g4 Rae8 20.Be5 g6 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.Bxe4 Qxg4+ 23.Rg3 Qxe4 24.Qh5 Qe3+ 25.Rxe3 gxh5 26.Rg3+ Solomon,A (2231)-Uritsky,Y (2167) Israel 2024 ½-½ (42)]
12.a3± Bxc3 13.Bxc3 c4 14.Bf5N
[RR 14.Bc2 b5 15.Rf3 Ra6 16.Rg3 *(RR 16.Qe1 Ne4 17.Bxa5)* 16...Qe7 17.Qe1 Rfa8 18.Rd1 Nb6
A) RR 19.Kh1 Na4 *(RR 19...Ne4 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.d5 Nxd5*

22.Rxg7+) 20.Bxa4 bxa4 21.f5 Ne4;

B) 19.Ng4 Nxg4 *(RR 19...Ne4 20.Nh6+ Kh8 21.Rxg7)* 20.Rxg4 Nd7 21.e4 *(RR 21.Qg3 g6 22.f5 b4)*

B1) RR 21...Nf6 22.Rg5 *(RR 22.Qh4 Qd7 23.Rg3 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 dxe4 25.d5 Rg6)* 22...Nxe4 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Rxb5 *(RR 24.d5 f6 25.Rh5 Rd6 26.Qh4 h6)* 24...Qd7 25.Rxa5 *(RR 25.Re5 Bd5)* 25...Rxa5 26.Bxa5 e3;

B2) 21...dxe4 22.d5 *(RR 22.Rg5)* 22...f6 23.Bxe4 Re8 24.Qg3 Nc5 25.Bf5 Nd3

B2a) RR 26.Rh4 h6 *(RR 26...Qc5+ 27.Kf1 Re3 28.Bxh7+ Kf8 29.Qg4 Re1+ 30.Bxe1)* 27.Rxh6 Bxd5;

B2b) 26.Bxd3 cxd3 27.Qxd3 Rd6 28.Re1 Qd7 L'Ami,E (2628)-Anand,V (2810) Wijk aan Zee 2011 CBM 141 [Marin,Mihail] ½-½ (31)]

14...b5 15.Qe1 Nb8 16.Rd1 Ne8 0.90/20

[16...Nc6= 0.29/21]

17.Rf3± Nd6 18.Bc2 Ne4 1.76/22

[18...f5± 1.00/21]

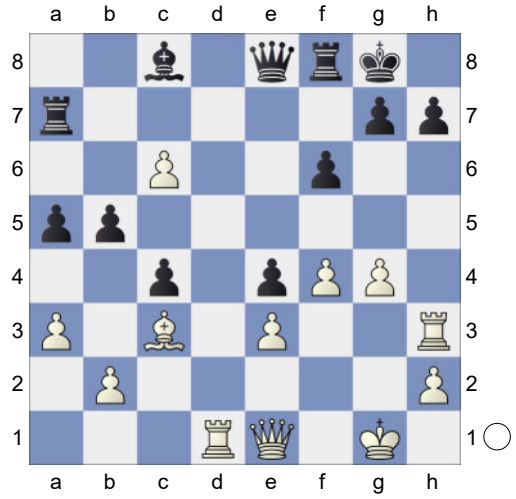
19.Rh3 0.94/21

[19.Bxe4+- 1.76/22 dxe4 20.Rh3]

19...Bc8 20.g4 Ra7 21.Bxe4 dxe4 Black is weak on the dark squares **22.d5 f6 23.Nc6 Nxc6 24.dxc6 Qe8** 1.68/22

[Black should play 24...Qc7± 0.52/22 25.Qh4 h6]

(Diagram)



25.Qh4? 0.15/21

[25.Bxa5? Rxa5 *(25...Qxc6 26.Rg3±; 25...Bxg4 26.Rd8∓)* 26.Qxa5 Bxg4 27.Qxb5 Bxh3-+ *(27...Bxd1 28.Qd5+ Kh8 29.Qxd1∓)*]

[Only move: 25.Rd6!+- 1.68/22]

25...h6!= 26.Rg3 Black must now prevent g5.

[26.Rd6 Qe7 27.Rd5 b4∓]

26...Qxc6 27.g5 fxg5

[27...Rd7 feels hotter. 28.gxf6 Rxd1+ 29.Kf2 Rf7]

28.fxg5 Rd7! 29.gxh6 Rxd1+ 30.Kg2 g6!

[30...Bh3+ 31.Qxh3 g6 32.h7+ *(32.Bxa5? Qf6-+)* 32...Kf7 33.Rg4+- *(33.h8B Rc1+-; 33.h8R Rxh8 34.Qxh8 Qd6+-)*]

31.h7+

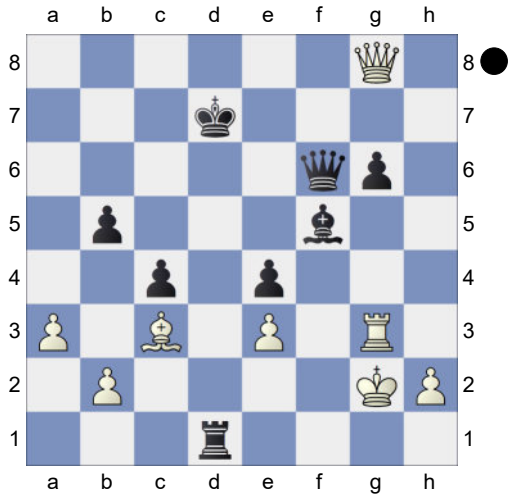
[31.Bxa5? too greedy. Rf7 *(31...Qf6 32.h7+ Kf7 33.Qxf6+* Remove Defender *Kxf6 34.Bc3+ Kf7 35.h8Q=)* 32.h7+ Rxh7-+]

31...Kf7 32.h8Q

[32.h8B Qd5 33.Qh7+ Ke8 34.Qxg6+ Kd7-+]

32...Rxh8 33.Qxh8 Bf5 34.Qg7+ Ke8! 35.Qg8+ Kd7 36.Bxa5 Qf6 Prevents Qd8+. The board is on fire. **37.Bc3** -#7/16

[37.Qh7+= -0.01/20 Qe7 38.Qh8]



37...Bh3+! Decoy, Clearance

38.Kxh3?? -#5/12

[38.Rxh3= 0.01/5 Qf1+ 39.Kg3 Qf3+ 40.Kh4 Qh5+ 41.Kg3 Qg5+ *(41...Qf3+ leads to mate. 42.Kh4 Qh5+ 43.Kg3 Qg5+ 44.Kf2 Qg1+ 45.Ke2 Qf1#)* 42.Kf2 Qg1+ 43.Ke2 Qf1#]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.13 (very precise)

38...Qf5+

0-1

367 **A38**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**

■ **Hakobyan,Aram** **2554**

57th World Juniors 2018 (4.1) 07.09.18

[Kitty Kat]

A38: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 Nf3 Nf6

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.b3 c5 4.c4 Bg7 5.Bb2 d6

[5...0-0 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.d4 *(10.Qc1 b6 11.d4 cxd4 12.Qb2 Kg8 13.Rd1 e6 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Rxd4 Qf6 16.e4 Nc7 17.e5 Qxe5 18.Bxa8 Qe1+ 19.Kg2 Nxa8 20.Na3 Bb7+ 21.f3 Qe3 22.Rf1 e5 23.Rd7 Bc6 24.Rd6 Qc5* 0-1 (35) Altamirano Porras,R (1980)-Zapata Romero,I (1544) PER-ch Lima 2023 (5)*)* 10...cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4+ Nf6 13.Qe5 Qb6 14.Nc3 Bd7 15.Qxe7 Rfe8 16.Qa3 Rac8 17.Rac1 Bg4 18.e3 h5 19.Qb2 Kg8 20.Na4 1-0 (47) Neumann,J (2633)-Goriatchkin,J (2261) Zalakaros Barczay Memorial 2023 (8.4)]

6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3N

[8.d3 Nc6 9.e3 h6 10.d4 cxd4 11.exd4 e4 12.Ne1 d5 8.d3 #1-N,N 22. Double Fianchetto - 7.O-O English S]

8...Nc6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Be6 11.Nde4 Ne8 12.Nd5 Ne7 The position is equal.

[RR 12...Rb8 13.Nec3 a6 14.a3 b5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.b4 cxb4 17.axb4 Nc7 18.Qd2 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Ne7 20.Nxe7+ Qxe7 21.Qe3 Rfc8 22.Rfc1 Qd7 23.d4 Rxc1+ 24.Rxc1 Bc4 25.dxe5 dxe5 26.Ra1 Qd6 27.Bc3 Hansen,S (2520)-Arman,D (2343) Sweden 2025 ½-½]

13.Nec3 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Nc7 15.Nc3N

[RR 15.Qd2 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Bd7 17.f4 exf4 18.gxf4 f5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.b4 cxb4 21.Qb2+ Qf6 22.Qxb4 b6 23.e4 Rac8 24.Rae1 Rfe8 25.Re2 Rc5 26.d4 Rb5 27.Qa4 fxe4 28.Qxa7 Re7 29.Rxe4 Rf7 Rahman,Z (2473)-Sivuk,V (2545) Taleigao 2018 0-1 (41)]

[RR 15.Ne3 Rb8 16.Qd2 b6 17.f4 f5 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.cxd5 exf4 20.gxf4 Qe7 21.Bxg7 Qxg7 22.Kh1 Rbe8 23.Rae1 Kh7 24.e3 Qf6 25.Bf3 Re7 26.Rg1 Rfe8 27.a4 b5 28.e4 bxa4 29.bxa4 Rb8 Murshed,N

(2419)-Hossain,E (2392) Dhaka 2022 0-1 (60)]

15...Rb8 16.e3 d5 0.47/20
[16...Qd7= -0.03/17]

17.Qc2 -0.01/22
[17.e4± 0.47/20]

17...d4= 18.exd4 exd4 19.Ne4 b6 20.Rae1 f5 21.Nd2 g5 22.Nf3 Qd6 23.Bc1 f4 24.gxf4 gxf4 25.Kh1 Rbe8 26.Nd2 Qd7 0.56/23
[Black should try 26...Bg4= 0.03/24 27.Bf3 Bxf3+ 28.Nxf3 Qc6]

27.Rg1 0.03/23
[27.Qd1!± 0.56/23]

27...Kh8 0.66/24
[27...Bg4= 0.03/23 28.Ne4 Ne6]

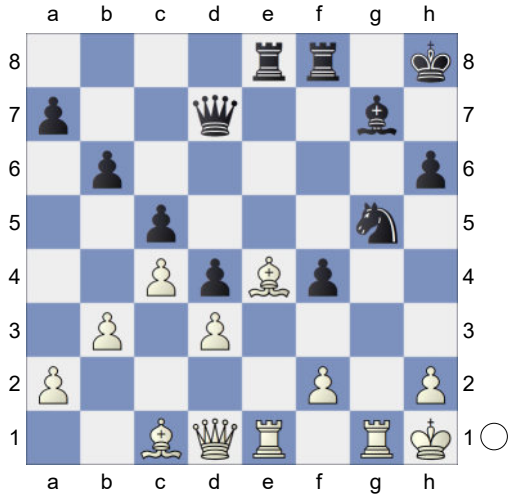
28.Bf3 0.25/22
[28.Qd1!± 0.66/24 deserves consideration.]

28...Bf5 29.Ne4 Ne6 0.40/22
[29...Re5!= 0.04/23]

30.Qd1± Bxe4? 2.95/27
[30...Re7± 0.34/22]

31.Bxe4+-
[31.Rxe4 Ng5±]

31...Ng5



32.Rxg5 Rxe4 33.Rxe4 hxg5 34.Qh5+ Kg8 35.f3? -0.01/26
[Better is 35.Qxg5+- 2.51/27 Qh3 36.Kg1 *(36.Rxf4 Qf1+ 37.Qg1 Qxd3=; 36.Bxf4? Qf1+ 37.Qg1 Qxd3-+; 36.Qd5+ Kh8=)*]

35...Bf6= 36.Qg6+ Qg7 37.Qf5 Bd8 1.19/22 Black is weak on the light squares
[37...Qh7= -0.01/21 38.Qg4 Kf7]

38.Qg4!± White is more active. **38...Kh7 39.Kg2! Qf7** 1.86/22
[39...Bf6± 1.16/21]

40.b4 Re8 2.95/25
[40...cxb4± 1.51/21 41.Rxd4 Qf6 42.Qh5+ Kg8]

41.bxc5+- bxc5 42.Bd2 1.67/21
[42.Rxe8 Qxe8 43.Kf1 Ba5=]
[⌓42.Ba3 3.66/26]

42...Rxe4? 3.74/25
[42...Rh8 1.67/21 43.Kg1 Bf6]

43.fxe4 Endgame KQB-KQB **43...Qb7 44.Kf2?** 0.56/24
[44.Kf3!+- 3.53/23 Qf7 45.Kf2]

44...Qb2± 45.Ke2 Qxa2? 3.99/25
[45...a6± 1.07/22 46.Qd7+ Kg6]

46.h4!+- Deflection
[46.Qd7+ Kg6±]

46...gxh4 8.67/24
[46...Qc2 3.58/23 47.hxg5 Ba5 48.Qf5+ *(48.Qxf4 Bxd2 49.Qxd2 Qb1±)* 48...Kg8 49.Qxf4 Bxd2 50.Qxd2 Qb1]

47.Qxf4 Kg7 Inhibits Qf7+. **48.Qg4+ Kf7 49.Qh5+ Kg7 50.Qg4+?** -0.01/23
[50.Qh6++- 8.42/24 Kf7 51.e5]

50...Kf7= 51.Qf5+ Ke8 52.Qxc5? 2.97/25
[52.e5 7.61/24 Ba5 53.Qc8+ Kf7 54.Qb7+ Ke6 55.Qc6+ *(55.Qc8+ Kf7±)* 55...Kf7 56.Qd5+ Kg6 57.Qe4+ *(57.Qe6+ Kg7+-)* 57...Kf7 58.Qd5+]

52...Qa6+- 53.Qxd4? 0.66/23
[53.Qe5++- 3.05/25 Be7 54.Bb4 *(54.Qxd4 Qg6±)*]

53...Qg6 ...Qh5+ would now be deadly.

54.Qe5+
[54.Qxa7 Qg4+ 55.Kf2 Qg3+ 56.Ke2 Qg4+ 57.Kf2 h3=]
54...Kd7 55.Qd5+ Ke8 56.Qb5+ Kf7 57.Qd7+ Be7 58.Bb4
[58.Qxa7?! Qh5+ 59.Ke1 h3=]
58...Qg2+ 59.Kd1! Really sharp!
59...Qg5 3.76/24
[59...Qh1+± 0.81/24 was worth a try. 60.Kc2 Qh2+ 61.Kb3 Qe5 62.Bxe7 *(62.Qxa7 h3±)* 62...Qxe7 63.Qd5+ Kg7]
60.Kc2? 0.67/24
[60.Qxa7 h3 61.Bxe7 Qxe7±]
[60.Bd6!+- 3.76/24]
60...a5± 61.Bd6 e5 is the strong threat.
[61.Bxe7 simplifies Qxe7 62.Qd5+ Kg7 63.Qd4+]
61...Qf6 62.Bxe7
[62.e5 looks sharper. Qe6 63.Qa7 a4 64.Kc3]
62...Qxe7± KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up.
63.Qd5+! Kg7 64.Qxa5 0.29/22
[64.e5± 0.97/22]
64...h3? 3.83/29
[64...Qf6!= 0.29/22]
65.Qh5+- Qe6 Against Qg4+ **66.e5! Qh6?** 8.17/27
[66...Kf8 3.96/25 67.Kc3 Kg7]
67.Qg4+!
[67.Qxh6+? Kxh6 68.d4 h2-+]
67...Kf8 68.Qd7! Qh4 69.Qd6+ Kg7 70.e6! h2 71.Qe5+ Kh7

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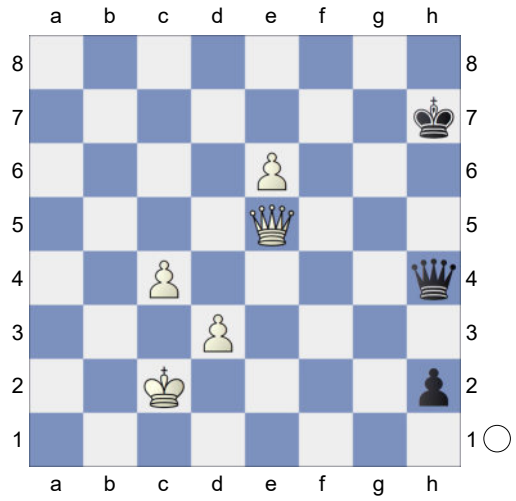
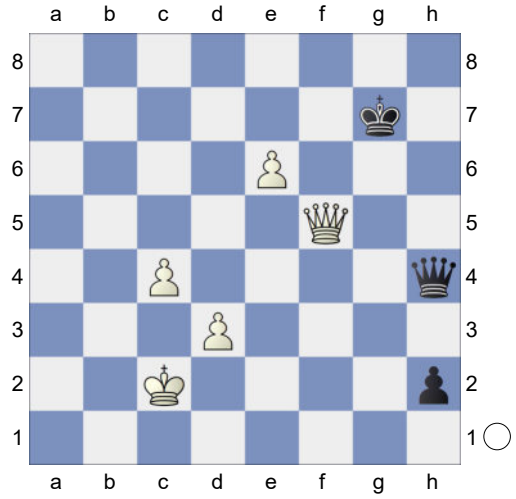


72.Qf5+! Kg7



73.e7? 0.01/25
[73.Qf7+!+- 8.03/27 Kh6 74.e7]
73...h1Q?? 7.88/26
[73...Qxe7= 0.01/25 74.Qg4+ Kh8 75.Qh5+ Qh7 76.Qe5+ Kg8 77.Qd5+ Kg7 78.Qd4+ Kf7 79.Qd5+ Kf6 80.Qf3+ Kg5 81.Qg2+ Kf6 82.Qf2+ Kg5 83.Qe3+ Kg4 84.Qe2+ Kg3 85.Qe3+ Kg4]
74.Qe5+
[74.e8R leads to mate. Q4h2+]
74...Kh7 75.e8Q
[75.e8R? is the wrong capture. Qf2+ 76.Qe2 Qfh2-+]
75...Qxc4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/

Black=0.55
76.dxc4
1-0

368 **D37**
□ **Jarmula,L** **2504**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**
57th World Juniors 2018 (3.1) 07.09.18
[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 a6 4.Nc3 d5N
[4...c5 5.g3 *(5.Bg5 cxd4 6.Nxd4 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.e3 Nc6 9.Be2 Bb4 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 e5 12.Nf3 d6 13.Qb3 0-0 14.Rfd1 Qe7 15.Rab1 Rd8 16.Rb2 Bd7 17.Rbd2 Bg4 18.h3 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 e4* 1-0 (43) Sivanandan,B-Moberg,K 71/(159) Merida 1997*)* 5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qc7 7.Qd3 *(7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bf4 d6 10.Nb3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Nh5 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Na4 Bd7 14.Nb6 Rad8 15.Qd2 Be8 16.Qa5 Kh8 17.f4 Ng4 18.Bd2 Ngf6 19.e4 Bc6 20.Rfe1 Ne8 21.Nd5 Qxa5* 1-0 (30) Dautov,R (2615)-Lutz,C (2555) 66/458 Nussloch 1996 *22.Bxa5 Rd7 23.Nb6 Rd8 24.Nd5 Rd7 25.Nxe7 Rxe7 26.e5 Bxg2 27.Kxg2 g5 28.fxg5 Rd7 29.exd6 Nxd6 30.Rcd1* Dautov,R (2597)-Nielsen,P (2560) Deutschland 78/403 2000*)* 7...Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Bg2 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rd1 d6 12.b3 Bb7 13.Bf4 e5 14.Bg5 Rfd8 15.Qf5 g6 16.Qf3 Nh5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qe3 f5 19.Rd2 0-1 (55) Namgilov,S (2477)-Balashov,Y (2526) RUS-ch Krasnodar 2002 (7)]
5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Be6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 White is slightly better. **8...Bd6 9.0-0 c6 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Qc2 0-0 13.h3 g6 14.Rab1 a5 15.a3 b5 16.Ne2 b4** 0.87/24
[16...a4± 0.32/20]
17.axb4± axb4 18.Nc1N 0.45/25
[18.Rfc1± 0.89/24]
[RR 18.Nf4 c5 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Nd4 Bd7 21.Qd2 Ne6 22.Nfxe6 fxe6 23.f4 e5 24.fxe5 Qxe5 25.Rf3 g5 26.Bf5 g4 27.hxg4 Nxg4 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Rf4 h5 30.Rbf1 Rfe8 31.Kh1 Qe7 32.Nf5 Bxf5 Kuzubov,Y (2641)-Galperin,P (2461) Kremenchuk 2020 1-0 (55)]
18...c5± 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Nd4 Rfc8 21.Ncb3 Na4 22.Qe2 Bd7 23.Rfc1 Ne4 24.Ra1
[24.Bxe4 simplifies dxe4 25.Rc2 Rxc2 26.Qxc2]
24...Qf6 25.Bxe4 dxe4 26.Rxc8+ Rxc8 27.Qd2 Qd6 28.Rc1 Rxc1+ 29.Qxc1 f5 1.03/23
[29...Be6± 0.31/24]
30.h4 Kg7 1.18/22
[⌓30...Be8 0.74/22]
31.Qd2 Kf6 32.Nc1 Be6 1.57/23 Wards off Na2
[⌓32...Nb6 0.82/21]
33.Nce2!± Bf7 2.30/23
[33...Nb6± 1.24/21 was necessary. 34.Qc1 Bc4]
34.b3 1.21/24
[34.g4!+- 2.30/23]
34...Nb6 35.Qb2 0.87/22
[⌓35.Qc1 1.38/23]
35...Ke7 1.37/22
[⌓35...Nd7 0.87/22 36.Qa1 Ne5]
36.Qa1↑ White is really pushing.
36...Nd5 Repels Nf4 **37.Qa8 Be8**

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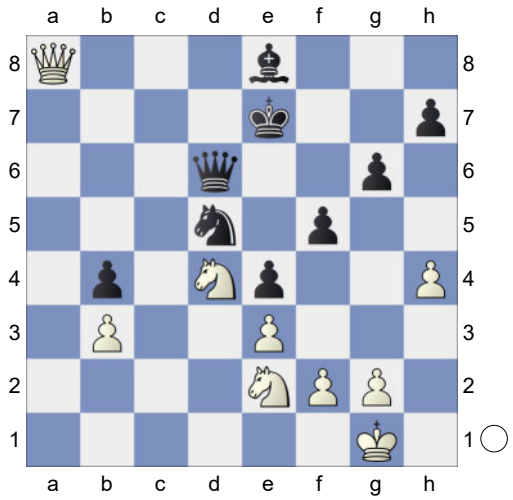
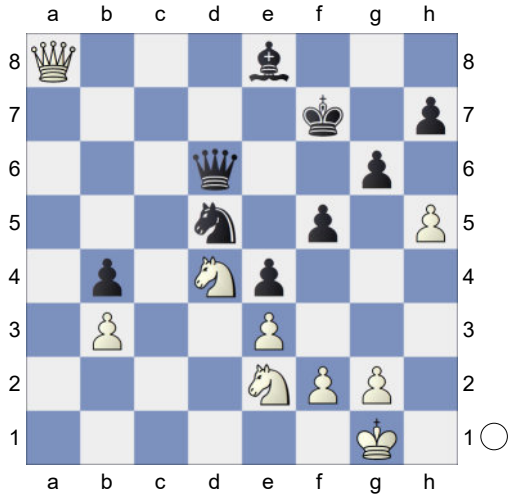
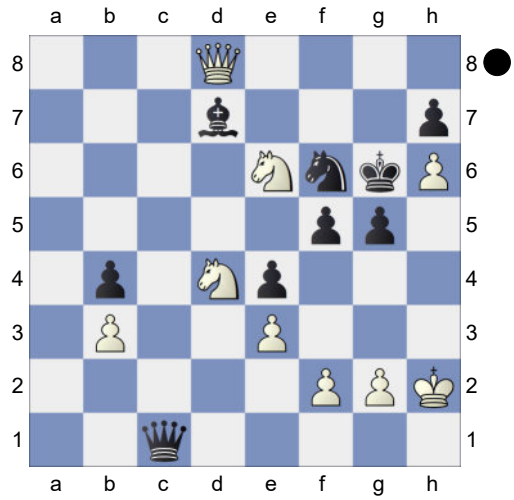


Dodges Nc6+ **38.h5** 0.98/25 **Kf7**



39.h6 0.58/26
[39.g3!± 1.17/23]
39...Nf6 40.Nf4 g5? 4.85/29
[40...Ng4± 0.91/24]
41.Nfe6+-
[41.Nxf5? Qd1+ 42.Kh2 gxf4-+]
41...Kg6 42.Ng7?? -3.38/27 Excellent horsemanship.
[42.Qa5+- 4.40/28 avoids the disaster. Nd5 43.Nf8+ Deflection Qxf8 44.Qxd5]
42...Bd7-+ 43.Qd8? -8.12/26
[43.Qh8 -2.77/24 Qe5 44.Qf8]
43...Qc5 (-> ...Qc1+) **44.Nge6 Qc1+ 45.Kh2**

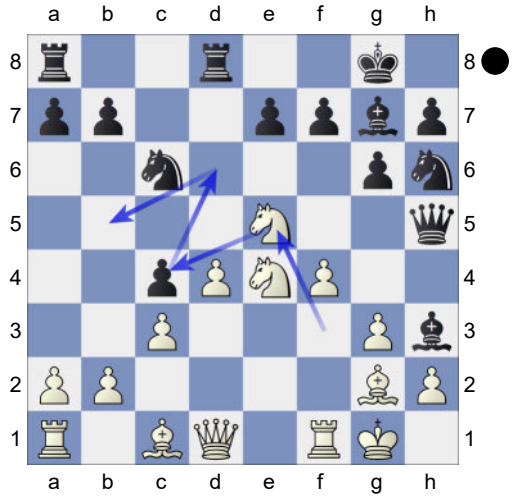
(Diagram)



aiming for Nf8+. **45...f4?** -0.01/21
[Black should try 45...Qe1!-+ -5.22/27 (-> ...Ng4+) 46.Nf8+ Kf7]
46.f3 -25.01/25 Wards off Ng4+
[Not 46.Nf8+? Kf7-+]
[46.exf4= -0.01/21 Bxe6 47.Nxe6]
46...exf3
[46...fxe3 47.Nf8+ Kh5 48.Nxd7 *(48.Qxf6 Qe1+-)* 48...g4 49.Nxf6+ Kxh6 50.Nxg4+ *(50.Nxe4 g3+ 51.Nxg3 Qh1+ 52.Kxh1 Kg6 53.Qe8+ Kg7 54.Ngf5+ Kf6 55.Qe6+ Kg5 56.Qh6#)* 50...Kh5 51.Qd5+ Kg6 52.Qg8+ Deflection *(52.fxe4 Qc8+-)* 52...Kh5 53.Qxh7+ Kg5 54.Qh6#]
47.exf4 Bxe6 Deflection **48.Nxe6 Qc2** Black mates.
[48...gxf4 49.Qd3+ Kf7 *(49...Kxh6 50.Qf5)* 50.Ng5+ Ke7 51.Qxf3± *(51.gxf3 Qe1=)*]
49.f5+ Kh5
[Inferior is 49...Kxh6 50.Qxf6+ Kh5 51.Qxg5#]
50.Ng7+ Kh4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/Black=0.63
51.Qd4+
0-1

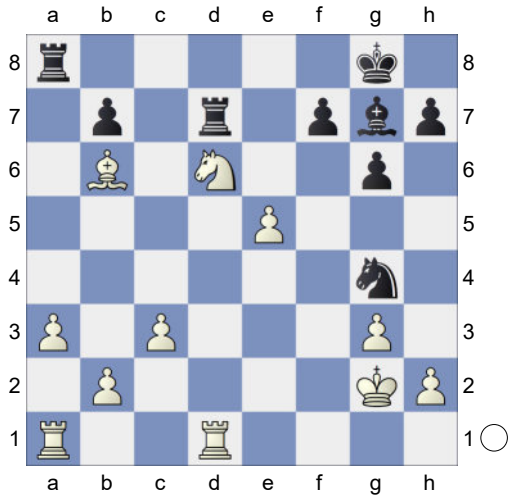
369 **B21**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**
■ **Haldorsen,Benjamin** **2461**
57th World Juniors 2018 (2.1) 06.09.18
[Kitty Kat]

B21: Sicilian: 2 f4 and Morra Gambit
Nisipeanu,L.-D; Stoica,V: 'Inf 72/137'
1.g3 c5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.e4 d5N
[5...d6 6.0-0
A) 6...Nf6 7.d3 0-0 8.h3 *(8.Nc3 Rb8 9.h3 b5 10.g4 b4 11.Ne2 a5 12.Rb1 c4 13.Be3 Ba6 14.Rf2 b3 15.axb3 cxd3 16.cxd3 Nb4 17.Ne1 Rc8 18.f5 Qc7 19.Qd2 Qb8 20.Ra1 Nc6 21.Bh6 Qxb3 22.Bxg7 Kxg7* 1-0 (34) Davies,N-Hendriks,W Staunton Memorial 2009 *)* 8...Rb8 9.a4 a6 10.c3 c4 11.Be3 e5 12.Na3 cxd3 13.Qxd3 d5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.fxe5 Nxe4 16.g4 Bxe5 17.Rad1 Qc7 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Qxe4 Bh2+ 20.Kh1 b5 21.Bf4 0-1 (51) Sanduleac,V (2450)-Nisipeanu,L (2610) Bucuresti 72/137 1998;
B) 6...e6 7.c3 Nge7 8.Na3 0-0 9.d3 Rb8 10.Nc2 b5 11.d4 b4 12.dxc5 bxc3 13.bxc3 dxc5 14.Qe1 Qd3 15.Qf2 Bxc3 16.Be3 Bxa1 17.Rxa1 Rb2 18.Nfe1 Qc3 19.Bxc5 Rd8 20.Ba3 0-1 (23) Sidabutar,U (2445)-Payet,A (2560) (ol) 14/657 Skopje 1972 (7) Rxc2 21.Nxc2 Rd2 22.Qc5 Qxc5+ 23.Bxc5 Rxc2 0-1 Mortensen,E (2445)-Nielsen,P (2560) Aars get2net Cup GM 1999 (7)]
[RR 5...e6 6.Nc3 Nge7 7.e5 d6 8.exd6 Nf5 9.Ne4 b6 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.fxe5 Bxe5 12.Nxc5 Rb8 13.Ne4 Nxd6 14.Nf2 Nf5 15.c3 Bb7 16.Bxb7 Rxb7 17.d4 Bg7 18.Qf3 Rd7 19.Bf4 0-0 20.0-0 Mamedyarov,S (2757)-Donchenko,A (2523) Doha 2014 1-0 (37)]
6.exd5 Qxd5 7.0-0 Nh6
[RR 7...Qd6 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.d3 0-0 10.Kh1 Bg4 11.Be3 b6 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Rac8 14.Rad1 Rfd8 15.a3 Nd4 16.Qf2 e6 17.Ne4 Qc7 18.c3 Nf5 19.Bc1 h5 20.Ng5 h4 21.gxh4 Nh5 22.Ne4 Porozhniak,M (1939)-Cano Gimenez,V (2206) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (64)]
8.Nc3N Black has an edge.
[RR 8.c3 Qd3 9.Ne1 Qd8 10.d3 0-0 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.h3 Nf5 13.Ne4 b6 14.Nf3 Bb7 15.g4 Nd6 16.Ng3 Rad8 17.f5 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 gxf5 19.gxf5 Qd7 20.Ng5 Ne5 21.Qh5 h6 22.Nf3 Bxf3 Sulskis,S (2350)-Szymanski,A (2210) Warsaw 1992 ½-½ (33)]
8...Qh5 9.Ne4 0-0 10.d3 -0.37/21
[10.c3!= 0.00/20 might be stronger.]
10...Rd8 0.21/21
[10...Bh3∓ -0.37/21]
11.c3!= c4 0.73/22
[11...Rb8= 0.16/19 remains equal.]
12.d4± Bh3 13.Ne5



Strongly threatening Qxh5. **13...Qxd1**

14.Rxd1 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Rac8 16.Be3
[16.Nxc4 Nxd4 17.Ne3 Nc6=]
16...e6 1.47/22
[16...Na5± 0.48/22]
17.Nxc4 White is much more active.
17...Nxd4? 4.23/25
[17...Nb4± 1.49/21]
18.Ned6+-
[18.Bxd4 Rxc4 19.Bf2 *(19.Bxa7 Ra8=)* 19...Rf8= *(19...Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Rxe4 21.Rd8+ Bf8 22.Bc5+-)*]
18...Ndf5 19.Bxa7
[19.Nxc8 Rxc8 20.Bxa7 *(20.b3 b5∓)* 20...Rxc4=]
19...Nxd6 20.Nxd6
[20.Rxd6 Re8±]
20...Ra8 21.Bb6 Black is weak on the dark squares
[21.Nxb7? Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Rxa7 23.Rd8+ Bf8-+]
21...Rd7 22.a3 e5 4.59/24
[22...Ng4 2.88/21 23.Nc4 Re7]
23.fxe5 Ng4



24.e6 fxe6 25.Nb5? 0.49/23
[White should play 25.Nc4+- 2.83/22 Rd5 26.Rab1]
25...Rf7 3.34/20
[25...Rad8!± 0.49/23 26.Rxd7 *(26.Bxd8 Ne3+ 27.Kf3 Nxd1=)* 26...Rxd7]
26.Rd6 1.79/21
[⌓26.a4 3.34/20]
26...Ne5? 3.64/22
[26...Rf5 1.79/21 was called for. 27.Nc7 Be5]
27.Rxe6 Nc4 28.Nd6 Nxb2 7.60/22
[⌓28...Nxd6 4.10/24 29.Rxd6 Re8]
29.Nxf7 White is clearly winning.
29...Kxf7 30.Rae1 Bxc3 31.Re7+ Kf8 32.R1e2 Na4 Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.74
33.Bf2
1-0

370 **A20**
□ **Wadsworth,Matthew J** **2351**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**
57th World Juniors 2018 (1.1) 05.09.18
[Kitty Kat]

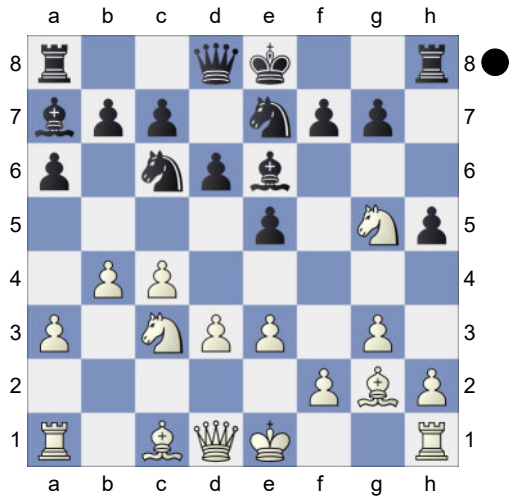
A20: English Opening: 1...e5
1.c4 e5 2.g3 h5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bc5 5.Bg2
[RR 5.a3 d6 6.b4 Bb6 7.Bg2 h4 8.Nxh4 g5 9.Nf3 g4 10.Nh4 Bd7 11.d3 Qf6 12.Ne4 Qe7 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bd2 f5 15.Nc3 Qg7 16.b5 Nce7 17.Bxb7 Rb8 18.Bg2 f4 19.Nd5 Nxd5 Vogel,C (2183)-Rempe,J (2086) Germany 2025 1-0 (49)]
5...d6
[RR 5...h4 6.Nxh4 Rxh4 7.gxh4 Qxh4 8.e3 Qxc4 9.a3 Nf6 10.b4 Bb6 11.Bb2 Qe6 12.Rc1 Ne7 13.Na4 c6 14.0-0 d5 15.f4 e4 16.Nxb6 axb6 17.Qe1 Nf5 18.Bh3 Qe7 19.Bxf5 Bxf5 20.Qh4 Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2607)-Carlsen,M (2847) chess24.com INT 2021 1-0 (75)]

6.d3N
[6.e3 Nge7 7.0-0 Bb6 8.h3 h4 9.Nxh4 Be6 10.d4 Bxc4 11.Re1 Qd7 12.Qa4 d5 13.dxe5 0-0-0 14.Nf3 Qe6 15.b3 Bd3 16.Rd1 Bh7 17.Bb2 Kb8 18.Ne2 Qc8 19.Ng5 Bg6 20.Rac1 Nf5 ½-½ (53) Flores,D (2569)-Bachmann,A (2614) Asuncion zt 2.5 2015 (9) 21.Qf4 Rhe8 22.Nd4 Nfxd4 23.Bxd4 Nxd4 24.exd4 Qd7 25.h4 Bf5 26.Nf3 f6 27.exf6 gxf6 28.Nh2 Re2 29.Rd2 Rxd2 30.Qxd2 Re8 31.a4 a5 32.Qf4 Re2 33.Nf1 Qe6 34.Bf3 Rb2 35.Ne3 Be4 0-1 (53) Flores,D (2615)-Carlsen,M (2826) Olympiad-39 Khanty Mansiysk 2010 (8.1) 36.Bxe4 dxe4 37.Nc4 Rxb3 38.d5 Qe7 39.Nxb6 Rxb6 40.h5 f5 41.Qxf5 e3 42.f4 Qg7 43.Kg2 Qd4 44.Kh3 e2 45.Qc2 Qe3 46.Qxc7+ Ka7 47.Re1 Qf2 48.Qc3 Rb3 49.Qxa5+ Kb8 50.Qd8+ Ka7 ½-½ (53) Petitpas,F (2569)-Mutter,V (2614) Moscow (m/2-rapid) 85/402 2002 (9)]

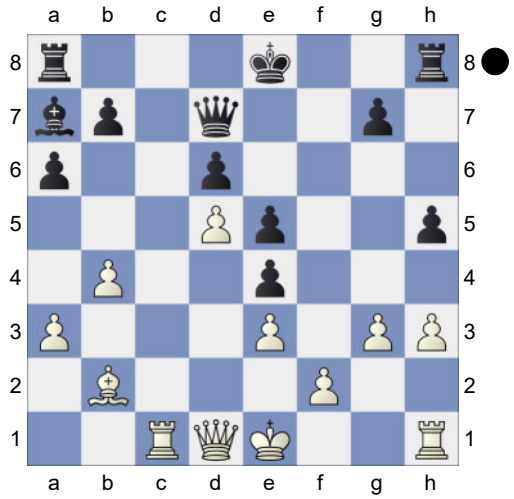
6...Nge7 7.a3 a6N
[RR 7...a5 8.Bd2 Nf5 9.Ne4 h4 10.Nxc5 dxc5 11.Ng5 f6 12.Ne4 h3 13.Bf1 b6 14.e3 Nd6 15.Qf3 Bb7 16.0-0-0 Qd7 17.g4 0-0-0 18.Rg1 Ne7 19.Nxd6+ Qxd6 20.e4 g5 21.Be3 Qe6 22.Rg3 Mihopoulos,K (2064)-Kouskoutis,G (1979) Petroupoli 2014 ½-½ (34)]
[RR 7...a5 8.0-0 Ng6 9.Rb1 h4 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bxh4 Bg4 12.Ne4 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nxh4 14.gxh4 f5 15.Ng5 Rxh4 16.Ne6 Qe7 17.Bd5 Nd8 18.Nxc5 Qg5+ 19.Bg2 dxc5 20.e3 Ne6 21.Qf3 Ke7 22.h3 Keinanen,T (2345)-Stefansson,V (2163) Uppsala 2016 0-1 (46)]

8.e3 White is slightly better. **8...Ba7**

9.b4 Be6 10.Ng5



Nxe6 would now be deadly. **10...Bg4**
11.Bf3 -0.31/20
[Better is 11.Qb3± 0.53/20]
11...Qd7∓ 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Nd8 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Nxf3 c6 16.dxc6 Nxc6 17.Bb2 f6 18.d4 -0.61/24
[18.Rc1= -0.21/21]
18...e4 19.d5 Ne5 20.Nxe5 fxe5 21.Rc1



Bb6 -0.62/23
[21...Qf7!∓ -1.02/24]
22.Rc4 -0.98/23
[22.a4∓ -0.62/23 might be stronger.]
22...Qf5∓ 23.Rh2 Kd7 24.Qa4+ -1.79/23
[24.a4∓ -0.81/23]

24...Ke7-+ 25.b5
[25.Qc2 Rhc8∓]
25...Rhc8 Black is more active. **26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.bxa6 bxa6 28.Qxa6 Bd8** This move loses the game for White. **29.g4?** -5.13/24
[29.Kd2∓ -1.43/24 is tougher.]
29...hxg4 Black is clearly winning. **30.hxg4** -8.01/25
[⌓30.Kd2 -4.76/22 gxh3 31.Bc3]
30...Qxg4 (-> ...Rc2) **31.Kf1 Rc2 32.Qb7+ Bc7 33.Qb5** Against Qe2+ **33...Qd1+** -6.19/5
[⌓33...Bb6 -17.12/28 34.Bc3 Rxc3]
34.Kg2 Qd3 35.Qb4 Qxe3
[35...Qxd5? 36.Bc3∓]
36.Kg1 Rxf2 (-> ...Qg3+) **37.Rxf2 Bb6 38.Bd4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.71
38...Qxd4
[Not 38...Bxd4 39.Qb7+ Kd8 40.Qb8+ Kd7 41.Qb7+ Kd8 42.Qb8+ Kd7 43.Qb7+ Kd8=]
0-1

371 **E11**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2636**
■ **Khoshkalam,Seyed Mehrab** **2182**
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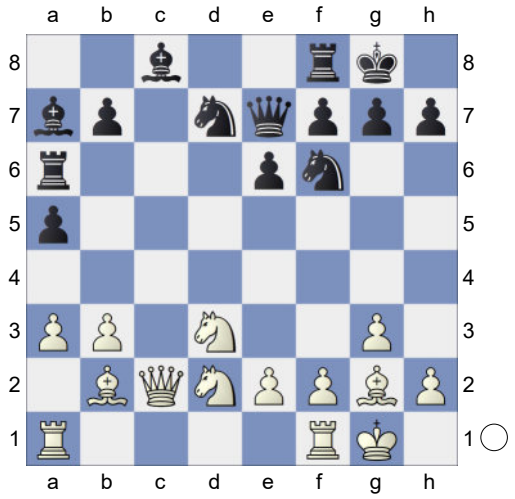
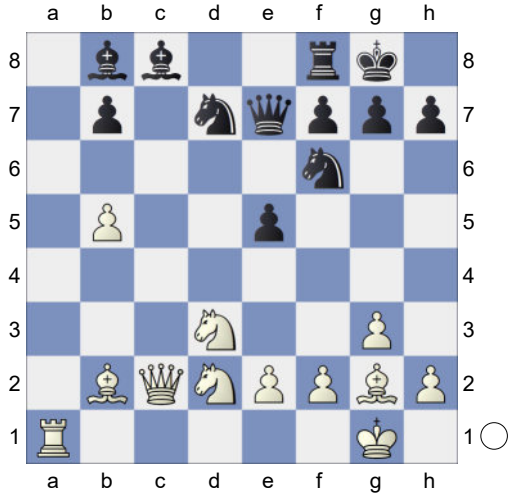
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 d5
[4...b6 5.g3 Ba6 6.Qc2 Bb7 7.Bg2 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 Be7 10.b3 d6 11.Bb2 Nbd7 12.e4 0-0 13.Nd4 Qc7 14.Rac1 a6 15.Nb1 Rfe8 16.Nc3 Bf8 17.Qd2 Rad8 18.Rfe1 Qb8 19.h3 ½-½ (35) Grasser,J (2625)-Sharapov,E (2630) SI.2004.0.00022 (4)]
5.a3 Be7 6.g3N
[6.Qc2 b6 7.e4 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Bb7 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.Be3 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Bxe4 12.Qxe4 0-0 13.Qc6 Nf6 14.Ne5 Bd6 15.0-0-0 Qe8 16.h3 a6 17.g4 Qxc6 18.Nxc6 Rfe8 19.a4 Nd7 20.a5 bxa5 (69) Chapter 2-Game 1 Chapter 2 Game 1]
[6.e3 0-0 7.Be2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.b3 c5 10.Bb2 cxd4 11.exd4 Nc6 12.Rc1 dxc4 13.bxc4 Re8 14.Re1 Bf8 15.Bd3 g6 16.Nf1 Bg7 Example 2024]
6...0-0 7.Bg2 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 a5 10.cxd5 Qxd5 0.59/20
[10...exd5= 0.13/21 feels stronger. 11.e3 Nc6]
[RR 10...exd5 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.Bg5 Nc6 13.Rc1 h6 14.Bf4 Re8 15.Nbd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 g5 17.Be3 Ng4 18.Qd3 Re5 19.Bd2 Nf6 20.Bc3 Qe7 21.Qb5 Ra6 22.Nf3 Bd7 23.Qd3 Bf5 24.Qxa6 bxa6 25.Nxe5 Laznicka,V (2701)-Mudrak,J (2368) Czech Republic 2012 1-0 (32)]
11.b3N
[RR 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.Qxd5 Nxd5 13.Bd2 Nc6 14.Rfd1 a4 15.Nc1 Na5 16.Ne5 Bd4 17.Ned3 Nc4 18.Bxd5 exd5 19.Bc3 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Be6 21.Nb4 Rac8 22.Ncd3 g5 23.Ne1 Rc5 24.Nf3 h6 25.Nd4 Na5 Gritsak,O (2468)-Wempe,J (2289) Hoogeveen 2017 1-0 (58)]
11...Qd8 12.Bb2 White is better.
12...Nbd7 13.Qc2 Qe7 1.37/20
[Black should try 13...b6 0.78/19]
14.Ne1 0.83/20 White is more active.
[Better is 14.Rfd1 1.37/20]
14...Ra6 1.45/22
[⌓14...Ra7 0.83/20]
15.Nd3± Ba7 2.39/21

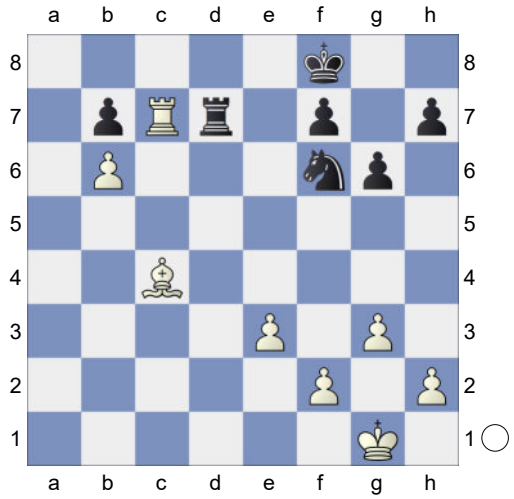
[15...Bd6± 1.27/20 16.Nc4 e5 17.Nxd6 Rxd6]



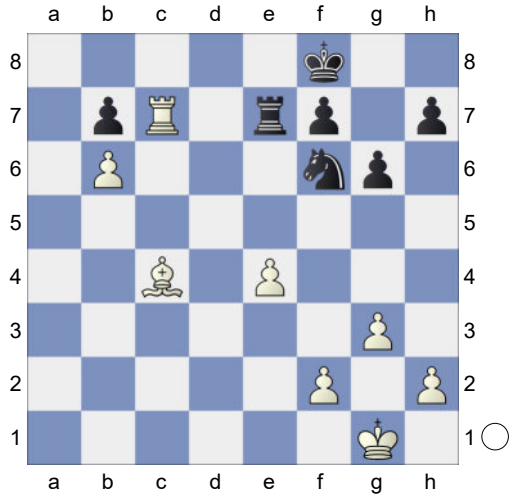
16.b4 1.37/22
[16.a4!+- 2.39/21]
16...axb4 17.axb4 e5 2.04/24
[17...Rxa1± 1.47/20 18.Rxa1 Bb8]
18.b5+- Rxa1 19.Rxa1 Bb8



20.e3 0.75/21
[20.Ra8!+- 1.87/21 and White stays clearly on top. And now Ba3 would win. e4 21.Nf4 Bxf4 22.gxf4]
Black cannot hold the game after this.
20...e4? 2.40/23
[20...Nb6± 0.75/21 was necessary.]
21.Nf4 Re8 22.Ra8 Bxf4 23.Rxc8
[23.gxf4 Nb6 24.Ra7 Nbd5±]
23...Be5 24.Bxe5
[Not 24.Bxe4 Bxb2 25.Bxb7 Be5-+]
24...Qxe5 25.Nxe4
[25.Bxe4 Qxb5 26.Bxh7+ Kf8±]
25...Nxe4 26.Bxe4 Nf6 27.Bd3
[27.Bxb7 Qxb5 28.Rc7 Qb6±]
27...g6 28.Qc7 Qxc7 29.Rxc7
Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **29...Rd8 30.Bc4 Rd7 31.b6 Kf8**

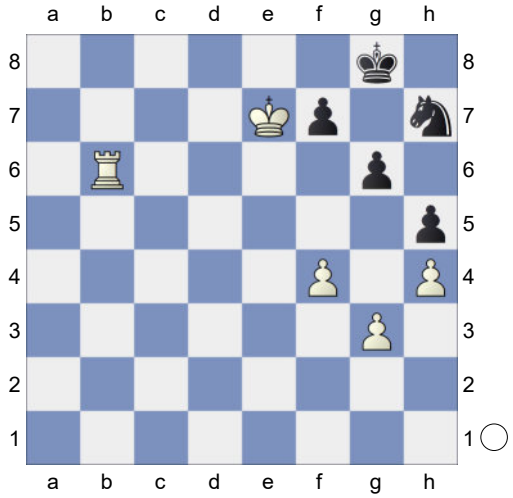


32.e4! Re7
[32...Rd1+ 33.Kg2]



33.e5 Nd7 34.Rxb7 Nxe5 35.Rc7 Nxc4 36.Rxe7
[Weaker is 36.Rxc4 Re1+ 37.Kg2 Rb1±]
36...Nxb6 KR-KN **37.Ra7 h5 38.Kg2**

Kg7 39.Kf3 Nd5 40.h3 Nf6 41.Kf4 Nh7 42.f3 Kf6 43.h4 Nf8 44.Ra6+ Ne6+ 45.Ke4 Kg7 46.Ke5 Nf8 47.Kd6 Kf6 48.Rb6 Kg7 49.Ke7 Nh7 Prevents Rf6 **50.f4 Kg8**



51.f5!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.73
51...Nf8
[51...gxf5 52.Rb5]
1-0

372 **B67**
□ **Ilyasli,Ughur** **2269**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2636**
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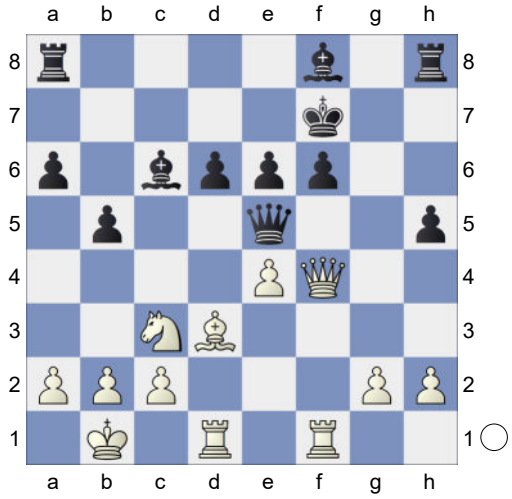
[Kitty Kat]

B67: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 Bd7, lines without 9 f4 Be7
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f4
[9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.Qe1 h6 11.Bf4 Qb8 12.Nd5 Nd7 13.Kb1 b5 14.f3 Bb7 15.Ne3 Be7 16.h4 Qc7 17.Be2 Qc5 18.Rd3 Ne5 19.Rc3 Qb6 20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.Qg3 0-0 22.Ng4 b4 23.Rd3 Rac8 1-0 (60) Kaminski,V (2608)-Kurenny (2609) Sleipner International 1990]
9...b5
[9...Be7 10.Nf3 Qa5 11.e5 Nd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 exd5 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Rxd5 dxe5 16.Nxe5 Rhd8 17.Rxd7+ Rxd7 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 19.Bc4 f5 20.Re1 Re8 21.Rxe8 Kxe8 22.Bd5 Nd4 23.Kd2 b6 24.a4 1-0 (28) 5) Olga The Fourth-Rubtsova,O Queens of the Chess Board 2023]
10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Kb1 Qb6N
[11...Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Be7 13.f5 Qc7 14.Qd2 Qc5 15.Ne2 Bc6 16.Nf4 e5 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Rc8 19.c3 Qb6 20.Be2 Rc5 21.Qd2 0-0 22.Qh6 Qb7 23.g4 Qxe4+ 24.Bd3 Qf4 25.g5 Kh8 26.Qh3 (32) Chapter-Games Chapter 13 (2)]
12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.f5 h5 14.fxe6
[RR 14.h4 Qc5 15.fxe6 fxe6 16.Qf4 Qe5 17.Qf2 b4 18.Nd5 Bg7 19.Nb6 Rd8 20.Nc4 Qc5 21.Qg3 0-0 22.Bd3 Bb5 23.Nd2 Qe5 24.Qxe5 dxe5 25.Bxb5 axb5 26.Nb3 Bh6 27.Nc5 Kf7 28.Rhf1 Ke7 Tsarsitalidis,C (2251)-Durak,C (2420) Kavala 2025 0-1 (59)]
14...fxe6 15.Qf4 0.21/19
[15.Qe1± 0.68/21]
[RR 15.Bd3 0-0-0 16.Ne2 Qc5 17.Rhf1 Qe5 18.Qe3 Kb7 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.c3 Be7 21.Bc2 a5 22.g3 Rc8 23.Qf2 Rc7 24.Rfe1 Rhc8 25.Bb3 Bf8 26.a3 a4 27.Ba2 Re8 28.Ka1 Bh6 29.Nc2 Bg7 Anand,V (2764)-Caruana,F (2819) Paris 2019 1-0 (41)]
15...Kf7N 0.60/22
[15...Qc5= 0.21/19]
[RR 15...Qc5 16.Bd3 Be7 17.Rhe1 Kf7 18.g3 Rag8 19.Ne2 a5 20.c3

Rg5 21.Nd4 e5 22.Qf2 exd4 23.cxd4 Qb6 24.h4 Rg4 25.Bc2 a4 26.Qf5 b4 27.e5 b3 28.axb3 axb3 29.Bd3 Qxd4 30.exd6 Kerek,K (2290)-Mann,G (2280) Hungary 1998 1-0 (36)]
[RR 15...Be7 16.g3 Qc5 17.Bh3 Bd7 18.Ne2 Kf7 19.Qd2 h4 20.Nf4 Rag8 21.Rdf1 Bc8 22.Qe1 hxg3 23.hxg3 Qg5 24.Rh2 Rh6 25.Rfh1 Rgh8 26.Qc3 e5 27.Qxc8 Rxc8 28.Be6+ Kg7 29.Rxh6 Qxh6 30.Rxh6 Bjerre,J (2569)-Adhiban,B (2672) Riga 2021 1-0 (44)]

16.Bd3± Qc5 17.Rhf1 Qe5 1.13/20
[17...Bg7± 0.63/20]

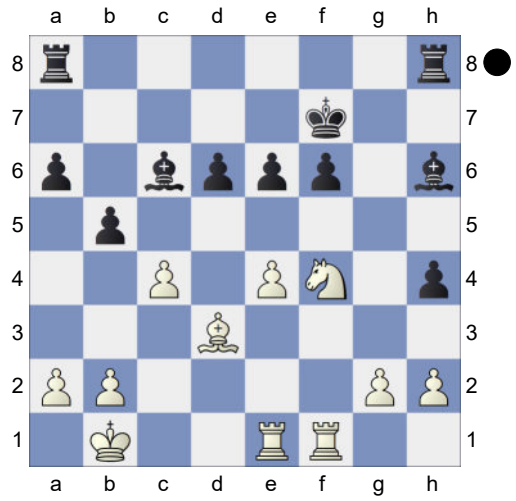


18.Ne2? -0.46/20
[18.Qf2!± 1.13/20]

18...Qxf4!∓ 19.Nxf4 h4 20.Rde1 -0.95/21
[20.g4∓ -0.50/20 should be considered.]

20...Bh6∓ 21.c4 -1.14/22
[White should play 21.g4 -0.72/21]

(Diagram)



21...b4! 22.Re2 -1.69/22
[22.Bc2∓ -1.20/20]

22...Rag8-+ Loses the game. **23.c5?** -3.27/23
[23.b3∓ -1.39/22 was called for.]

23...dxc5 24.e5? -5.08/24
[24.Bxa6 -3.02/21 Rg4 25.g3]

24...f5 25.Rc2 Bxf4 26.Rxf4 Rg4 -2.84/26
[26...Bxg2 27.Rxc5 Rg5 28.Rxb4∓]
[⌓26...Rxg2 -5.86/22 27.Rxc5 Ba8]

27.Rff2? -4.89/24
[27.Rxg4 -2.84/26 was the only chance. fxg4 28.Rxc5 Bxg2 29.Rc7+ Kf8 30.Rc8+ Kg7 31.Rc4]

27...Rd8 28.Rxc5 Rxg2 29.Rxg2 Bxg2 Endgame KRB-KRB. Black is a pawn up. **30.Kc2 Rd4 31.Bxa6 Bd5** Wards off Bc4 **32.a4** -7.09/25
[⌓32.a3 -4.37/22 bxa3 33.bxa3]

32...b3+ 33.Kc3 Rxa4 34.Bb7 Bxb7 KRB-KR **35.Rc7+ Kg6 36.Rxb7** KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **36...Re4 37.Rxb3 f4 38.Rb8 Rxe5 39.Rf8 Rf5 40.Rg8+ Kf6 41.Kd2 Rg5 42.Rh8 Rg2+** Skewer, Double Attack **43.Kd3 Rxb2 44.Rxh4 e5 45.Rh5 Rb3+ 46.Ke2 e4** aiming for ...Rb2+. **47.h4 Rb2+ 48.Ke1 f3** (-> ...e3) **49.Rh6+ Kf5 50.Ra6 e3 51.Ra1 Rh2 52.Ra5+**

Kf4 53.Ra4+ Kg3 54.Kd1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=0.28 (precise)
54...Rd2+
0-1

373 **E05**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2636**
■ **Mosadeghpour,Masoud** **2525**
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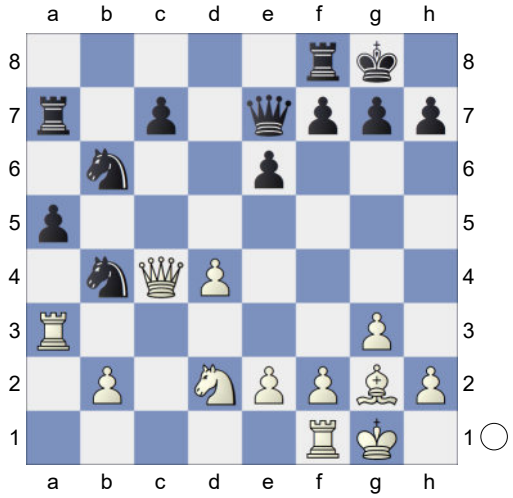
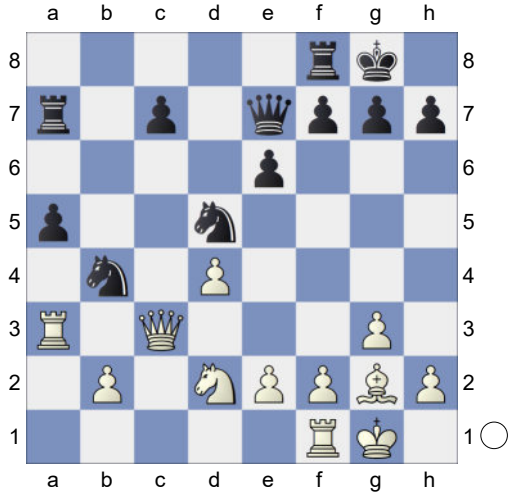
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
-KEY- **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Bg5N**
[9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bg5 *(10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Nc3 Bxf4 12.gxf4 a5 13.e3 Nbd7 14.Qb3 Ra6 15.Rfd1 Qe7 16.Qc2 g6 17.Rac1 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 c6 19.b3 Rb6 20.Nb1 Nd5 21.Nd2 Nb4 22.Qb1 Qh4 23.Be2 Nf6 24.Nf3 Qh3* 1-0 (46) Model Games-2.So- W. vs. Aronian- L. Skil Lifetime Repertoires: Srinath's Catalan (43.2)*)* 10...Nbd7 *(10...Bd5 11.Qc2 Be4 12.Qd1 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Nc3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Qxd4 16.Qxd4 Bxd4 17.Bxb7 Ra7 18.Bf3 Nd7 19.Rfd1 c5* Quickstarter Guide: Catalan-7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 Lifetime Repertoires: Vigorito's Queen' 2024*)* 11.Nc3 h6 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Rfd1 Bd5 14.Qd3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 c6 16.e3 a5 17.h4 h5 18.e4 g6 19.Qe3 Re8 20.Kg2 Kg7 21.Rd3 Qb6 22.Rad1 Rad8 23.e5 Nd7 1-0 (47) Model Games-1.Grischuk- A. vs. Dominguez Lifetime Repertoires: Srinath's Catalan (43.1)]
9...Nd5
[RR 9...Bc6 10.Rd1 b5 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nc3 Qe8 13.d5 exd5 14.Nd4 Qe5 15.e4 dxe4 16.axb5 axb5 17.Nxc6 Nxc6 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qxe4 Qxe4 20.Bxe4 Ra6 21.Nxb5 Ne5 22.Nxc7 Ra2 23.Rb1 Nd7 24.Bc6 Wojtaszek,R (2744)-Giri, A (2777) Shamkir 2018 ½-½ (32)]
[RR 9...Bc6 10.Nc3 b5 11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.Nxb5 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 c6 15.Na3 Qxd4 16.Nxc4 Qc5 17.Be3 Qf5 18.Qxf5 exf5 19.Ne5 Bd6 20.Nxc6 Nxc6 21.Bxc6 Rb8 22.Bd4 Ne4 23.Ra1 h6 24.Ra7 Bodnar,N (2434)-Li,H (1985) Chess. com INT 2021 1-0 (40)]
[RR 9...Bc6 10.Rd1 b5 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nbd2 Nd7 13.Ng5 Bxg5 14.Bxc6 Rb8 15.axb5 axb5 16.Ne4 Be7 17.Ra5 Rb6 18.d5 exd5 19.Ra8 Nb8 20.Rxd5 Qc8 21.Bxb5 Qb7 22.Rxb8 Qxd5 23.Bxc4 Qe5 24.Rxf8+ Maghsoodloo,P (2594)-Toufighi,H (2436) Amol 2018 ½-½ (31)]
10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Qxc4N White is slightly better.
[RR 11.Nbd2 c5 12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.Ng5 f5 14.Qxc4 Rc8 15.Rfc1 Qf8 16.Qb3 Qd8 17.Bxd5 Qxg5 18.Bxe6+ 1-0 (18) Kiik,K (2409)-Malinovsky,I (1995) Jyvaskyla 2017]
11...b5 0.89/22
[Black should play 11...Bc6⩲ 0.35/19]
12.Qc2± bxa4 13.Ne5 Ra7 14.Nxd7 0.43/21
[14.Bxd5± 0.90/21 exd5 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.Nc3 *(16.Rxa4 Qe6±; 16.Qxa4 Rb8=)*]
14...Nxd7⩲ 15.Rxa4 Nb4 16.Qc3 a5 17.Nd2 White is more active. **17...Nb6 18.Ra3 N6d5 19.Qc4 Nb6**

(Diagram)



20.Qc3 0.01/20
[20.Qc1!± 0.94/22]
20...N6d5!=



Excellent horsemanship. **21.Qc1 Rd8** 1.62/22
[21...c6± 1.05/21]
22.Nb3+- a4 1.91/21
[22...Rda8± 1.26/20 is a better defense. 23.Qd2 Nc6]
23.Nc5 e5 2.84/23
[⌓23...Nb6 1.61/19]
24.dxe5
[24.Nxa4 exd4 25.Rd1 d3±]
24...Qxe5 25.Nxa4 1.74/22
[Less strong is 25.Rxa4 Rxa4 26.Nxa4 Qxe2±]
[⌓25.Qd2 3.01/22]
25...Rda8 White is clearly better. **26.Qd1 Ra5** 1.98/20
[26...Qe8± 1.51/23 27.Bxd5 Nxd5]
27.Bf3 1.32/21
[Better is 27.Qb3+- 1.98/20 Rb8 28.Rc1]
27...Qe8 1.78/22
[27...g6± 1.32/21 28.Qb3 Nc6]
28.b3 c6 2.14/20
[⌓28...Rd8 1.63/21]
29.Qd2 Strongly threatening e4.
29...Qe7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.27 (precise)
30.Raa1
1-0

374 **C26**
□ **Grigoryan,K2** **2578**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2636**
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[Kitty Kat]

C26: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6, sidelines
Blanchard 'Master-play, third series' (London, 1895) #9 pp.13-14. **1.e4** Lukacs,Peter **1...e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Bc5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.d3 a6 6.h3 b5N**
[6...d6 7.Nge2
A) 7...h6 8.0-0 Nh7 *(8...Be6 9.Kh2 h5 10.Nd5 Bxd5 11.exd5 Ne7 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Qd7 14.Bg5 0-0-0 15.b4 Ba7 16.Qd3 h4 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nc6 hxg3+ 19.fxg3 bxc6 20.dxc6 Nxc6 21.h4 Kb8 22.Qd5 Rde8 23.Rae1* 0-1 (32) Benavent,C-Ruano Ceballos,L Spain FD'80/01/06 1992 *)* 9.Kh2 0-0 10.f4 f5 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.g4 Bxg4 13.hxg4 Qh4+ 14.Bh3 exf4 15.Nxf4 Ng5 16.Ne4 Rxf4 17.Nxg5 Rxf1 18.Qxf1 hxg5

19.Qf5 Bf2 20.Qd5+ Kh8 21.Qg2 Rf8 22.Bd2 0-1 (25) De Salis,R-Sandford,P Dublin Evening Mail tourney-3 1892-4;

B) RR 7...0-0 8.0-0 Ne8 9.Kh2 f5 10.f4 fxe4 *(*RR *10...exf4 11.Bxf4 Ba7 12.Qd2)* 11.Nxe4 Ba7 12.fxe5 Rxf1 13.Qxf1 Nxe5 14.Ng5 Nf6 *(*RR *14...Qf6 15.Bd5+ Kh8 16.Bf4 h6 17.Bxe5 dxe5 18.Nf7+ Kh7 19.Qg2)* 15.d4 Ng6 16.Nc3 c6 *(*RR *16...d5 17.Nxd5 Bxd4 18.Qc4)* 17.d5;

C) 7...Be6

C1) 8.0-0 Qd7 9.Kh2 h5 10.Nd5 0-0-0 *(10...Nd4 11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.c3 Ba7 13.Nxf6+ gxf6 14.f4 Qe7* Open Games,C-Vienna Game King'S Gambit 347 Linz 2012*)* 11.b4 Ba7 12.Be3 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Rb1 Bxe3 16.fxe3 e4 17.dxe4 h4 18.g4 Qe7 19.Qd4 Kb8 20.a4 Rde8 21.Rf4 Qe5 22.Kg1 Re7 ½-½ (65) Sethuraman,S (2756)-Uyanga,B (2668) 50/196 Chartres 1990;

C2) RR 8.Nd5 h6 *(*RR *8...Bxd5 9.exd5 Ne7 10.Bg5 h6 11.d4 Ba7 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qd3 Qd7 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.Kb1)* 9.c3 0-0 10.Kf1 Bxd5 11.exd5 Ne7 12.Qb3;

C3) RR 8.f4 h6 *(*RR *8...Nd4 9.Nxd4 Bxd4 10.Qf3 c6 11.f5 Bd7 12.g4 h6 13.Bd2 Qc7 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.h4 h5 16.g5 Ng4 17.Rdf1 Qb6 18.Nd1)* 9.Bd2 Qe7 10.Nd5 Bxd5 11.exd5 Nd4 12.c3 Nf5 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.Rf1 Ne3 15.Bxe3 Bxe3 16.Be4 0-0-0 17.Rf3 Bb6 18.Qb3 g6 19.0-0-0 Ne8 20.g4 h5;

C4) 8.g4 Ne7 9.f4 exf4 10.Nxf4 c6 11.Nce2 Ng6 12.d4 Nxf4 13.Bxf4 Ba7 14.d5 cxd5 15.exd5 Bd7 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.0-0-0 0-0 18.Ng3 Nxg4 19.hxg4 Bxg4 20.Rde1 Qc7 21.Bh3 ½-½ (34) Blake,J-Weismann,M Le Illustré tourney-2 1889-93_233905]

[RR 6...d6 7.Nge2 Be6 8.0-0

A) RR 8...h6 9.Be3 *(*RR *9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.exd5 Ne7 11.d4 exd4 12.Nxd4 0-0 13.Nb3 Bb6)* 9...Bxe3 10.fxe3 0-0;

B) RR 8...0-0 9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.exd5

B1) RR 10...Ne7 11.Bg5 Ng6 12.c4 *(*RR *12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Re8 14.c3 h6)* 12...h6 13.Be3 Qd7 *(*RR *13...Re8 14.Qd2 Bxe3 15.fxe3 e4 16.d4 b5 17.b3)* 14.Qd2 Nh7 15.b4 *(* RR *15.d4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Rfe8)* 15...Bxe3 16.fxe3 f5 17.c5 Nf6;

B2) 10...Nd4 11.Nxd4 *(* RR *11.Nc3 h6)* 11...Bxd4 12.c3 Bb6;

C) 8...Qd7 9.Kh2 h5 10.Nd5

C1) RR 10...Bxd5 11.exd5 Ne7 *(*RR *11...Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.c3 Bb6 14.Bg5 0-0-0 15.Qd2)*

C1a) RR 12.c4 Nf5;

C1b) RR 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 0-0-0 14.c4 Nf5 15.Nxf5 Qxf5;

C1c) RR 12.Bg5

C1c1) RR 12...Nfxd5 13.c4 *(*RR *13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Bxb7 Rb8 15.Bxa6*

Rxb2 16.Rb1 Rxb1 17.Qxb1 0-0) 13...Nb4 14.Bxb7 Rb8 15.Bg2 Nbc6 16.Rb1 f6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.fxe3;

C1c2) 12...Qf5 13.Bxf6 *(*RR *13.Qd2 Nexd5 14.c4 Nb4 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Bxb7 Rb8 17.Bg2)*

C1c21) RR 13...Qxf6

C1c211) RR 14.f4 Nf5 15.fxe5 Qxe5 16.d4 Nxd4 17.Re1 *(* RR *17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.Qe2+ Qe5 19.Rae1 0-0)* 17...0-0-0;

C1c212) 14.Nc3 Qg6 *(*RR *14...h4 15.Ne4 Qh6 16.Nxc5 dxc5 17.Re1 hxg3+ 18.fxg3 f6 19.Qg4)* 15.Ne4 Bb6;

C1c22) 13...gxf6 14.d4 Ba7 15.f4 Qg6 16.c3 0-0-0;

C1d) 12.Nc3 0-0-0 13.Bg5 Ne8 14.Ne4 *(*RR *14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Ne4 Bb6)*

C1d1) RR 14...f6 15.Nxc5 dxc5 16.Be3 h4 17.Bxc5 *(*RR *17.g4 Nxd5)* 17...hxg3+ 18.fxg3 Nxd5 19.Qf3;

C1d2) 14...Bb6;

C2) 10...0-0-0 11.b4 *(* RR *11.Bg5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Ne7 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Rde8 15.c4 Nf5)*

C2a) RR 11...Nxb4 12.Nxf6 gxf6 13.c3 Nxa2 *(* RR *13...Nc6 14.d4)* 14.Be3;

C2b) RR 11...Bxb4 12.Nxb4 Nxb4 13.c3 Nc6 *(* RR *13...Nxa2 14.Bg5)* 14.f4 *(* RR *14.d4 d5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.f4 dxe4 17.fxe5 Ng4+ 18.hxg4 Qxd1 19.Rxd1 Rxd1)*;

C2c) RR 11...Bxd5 12.bxc5 Be6 13.f4 exf4 14.gxf4 dxc5 15.f5 Bc4 16.Bf4;

C2d) 11...Ba7 12.Be3

C2d1) RR 12...Bxe3 13.fxe3 h4 *(*RR *13...Bxd5 14.exd5 Ne7 15.c4 Nf5 16.Qd2)* 14.g4 Bxg4 *(* RR *14...Bxd5 15.exd5 Nxb4 16.c4)* 15.hxg4 Nxg4+ 16.Kh1 h3 17.Bf3 Nxb4 18.Ng3 *(*RR *18.Nxb4 Nxe3 19.Qd2 Nxf1 20.Rxf1 c6)*;

C2d2) 12...Bxd5 13.exd5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 *(*RR *14.c3 Ng4+ 15.hxg4 hxg4+ 16.Kg1 Nf3+ 17.Bxf3 gxf3)* 14...Bxd4 15.Rb1 Bxe3 16.fxe3 e4 17.dxe4 h4 18.g4 Qe7 *(* RR *18...Rhe8 19.Qd4 Kb8 20.b5 axb5 21.Qd3)* 19.Qd4 Kb8

C2d21) RR 20.b5 a5 *(*RR *20...axb5 21.Rxb5 Nd7 22.Rfb1 Nc5 23.e5)* 21.b6;

C2d22) 20.a4 Rde8 21.Rf4 Morozevich,A (2756)-Almasi,Z (2668) Istanbul 2000 EXT 2001 [Lukacs,Peter] ½-½ (65) *(*RR *21.b5)*]

[RR 6...d6 7.Nge2 Bd7 8.0-0 h6 9.Kh2 g5 10.Be3 Nd4 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Qf6 13.b4 Bb6 14.c4 a5 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Bd2 axb4 17.f4 g4 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.hxg4 Bc5 20.Bh3

b6 21.Re4 Aaron,D (2306)-Kevlishvili, R (2541) Chicago 2025 0-1]

7.Nge2N

[RR 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Nf3 b4 10.Nd5 d6 11.Nxf6+ Qxf6 12.Qd2 Qg6 13.g4 a5 14.Qf2 Qe6 15.0-0 Bb7 16.Qg3 Ne7 17.Rf2 f6 18.Nh4 d5 19.exd5 Bxd5 20.e4 Bb7 21.Bf3 a4 Pinter,E (2364)-Leniart,A (2473) Banska Stiavnica 2013 0-1 (53)]

7...Bb7 8.0-0 White is slightly better.

8...d6 9.Kh1 Nd4 0.45/21

[9...b4= -0.08/22 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.exd5 Ne7]

10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Ne2 Bb6 12.f4 h6 13.c3 -0.01/20

[13.Qe1± 0.38/19]

13...0-0 14.Bd2 Re8 15.Ng1 exf4 16.Bxf4 c5 17.g4! Nh7 18.Ne2 Nf8 0.36/22

[Black should try 18...Ra7!∓ -0.59/21]

19.Ng3± Ng6 20.Qd2 Re6 21.Nf5 0.01/22

[21.g5!± 0.52/22]

21...Nxf4= 22.Qxf4 Qf8 23.d4 -0.38/22

[23.Rf2= 0.01/22]

23...cxd4 24.cxd4 Rae8 25.d5 Rf6 26.h4 Bd8 0.45/22

[26...Bc8!∓ -0.37/21]

27.Qg3 -0.73/20

[27.Rac1!± 0.45/22 keeps the upper hand.]

27...Bc8∓ 28.Rf2 -1.07/22

[28.g5? hxg5 29.Rac1 *(29.hxg5? Rg6-+)* 29...Bd7 30.hxg5 *(30.Qxg5? Rxf5 31.Qg3 Rh5-+)* 30...Rg6-+]

[28.a3∓ -0.69/20]

28...Re5 29.Raf1 Bd7 -0.46/21

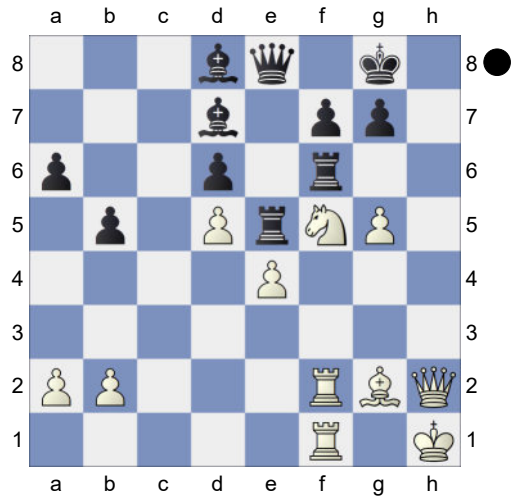
[29...a5∓ -0.93/19]

30.Qh2 -1.03/22

[30.g5 hxg5 31.hxg5 Rg6-+]

[30.a3∓ -0.46/21]

30...Qe8 31.g5 hxg5 32.hxg5



Rfxf5 Discovered Attack **33.exf5 Bxg5 34.Rf3 f6** -0.12/24

[34...Qd8!∓ -0.69/25]

35.Rh3= Bh6! 36.Rxh6! gxh6 37.Qxh6 Qf8 38.Qh3 -1.34/23

[38.Qg6+∓ -0.34/26 Qg7 39.Qh5]

38...Re7!∓ 39.Kg1 -1.74/22

[39.Qa3∓ -1.12/22]

39...Rh7 -0.44/23

[39...Qc8!-+ -1.74/22 Hoping for ... Qc5+. 40.Qg3+ Rg7]

40.Qa3 Qe7 41.Qxa6 Qe5 42.Qb6? -7.99/24

[42.Qa8+∓ -0.62/22 Kf7 43.Qa7]

42...Qh2+-+

[42...Bxf5 43.Rf2∓]

43.Kf2 Rg7

[43...Bxf5? 44.Qb8+ Kf7 45.Qa7+ Kg6 46.Qe3∓]

44.Rg1 Qh4+

[44...Qf4+ 45.Bf3 Qd2+ *(45...Bxf5? 46.Qb8+ Kh7 47.Rh1+ Kg6 48.Qe8+ Rf7 49.Qg8+ Rg7 50.Rg1++-* Skewer *)* 46.Be2 Rxg1 *(46...Qxb2 47.Qd8+ Kf7 48.Qxd7+ Kf8 49.Qxg7+ Ke8 50.Qh8+ Kf7 51.Rg7#; 46...Bxf5? 47.Qd8+ Kh7 48.Rh1+ Kg6 49.Qe8+ Kg5 50.Rh4+-)* 47.Qd8+ Kh7 48.Kxg1

Qe1+ *(48...Bxf5 49.Qe7+ Kg8 50.Qd8+ Kh7 51.Qxf6=)* 49.Bf1 Qe3+ *(49...Bxf5 50.Qxf6 Qg3+ 51.Bg2=)* 50.Kh1 Qe4+ *(50...Bxf5 51.Qxf6 Qf4 52.Kg1=)* 51.Kg1 Qd4+ *(51...Bxf5 52.Qxf6 Qf4 53.Qf7+ Kh8 54.Qf6+ Kh7 55.Bxb5=)* 52.Kh1 Qxd5+ *(52...Bxf5 53.Qxd6 Kg6 54.Qg3+ Kf7 55.Qc7+ Kg8 56.Qg3+ Kf7 57.Qc7+ Kf8 58.Qb8+ Kg7 59.Bg2=)* 53.Bg2 Qxf5 *(53...Qxa2? 54.Qxd7+ Kh6 55.Qxb5+-)* 54.Qe7+ Kg8 55.Qxd6=]

45.Ke2 Qc4+ 46.Kd2 And now Qd8+ would win. **46...Bxf5** (-> ...Qc2+)

[46...Qxa2? 47.Qd8+ *(47.Qxd6? Qa7-+)* 47...Kf7 48.Qxd7++-]

47.Qb8+ Bc8 48.Qb6 Prevents Qd4+.

48...Rg3 -0.01/21

[48...Qxa2 49.Qd8+ *(49.Qxb5 Kf7∓)* 49...Kh7 50.Be4+ *(50.Qxc8 Rxg2+* Remove Defender, Decoy *51.Rxg2 Qxd5+ 52.Kc3 Qf3+ 53.Kb4 Qxg2∓; 50.Rh1+ Kg6 51.Qe8+ Rf7 52.Qg8+ Rg7 53.Be4+ Bf5 54.Rg1+ Kh5 55.Qh8+ Bh7)* 50...f5 51.Rh1+ Kg6 52.Qxd6+ Kf7 53.Qc7+ Kf6 54.Rh6+ *(54.Qxc8 Qxb2+ 55.Ke1 Qa1+ 56.Ke2 Qb2+ 57.Ke1 Qa1+ 58.Kd2 Qd4+ 59.Kc1 Qe3+ 60.Kb2 Qd4+ 61.Qc3 Qxc3+ 62.Kxc3 fxe4=)* 54...Rg6 55.Qd6+ Kg7 56.Qxg6+ Kf8 57.Qf6+ *(57.Bxf5 Qxb2+ 58.Kd3 Qb3+ 59.Ke2 Qb2+ 60.Kf3 Qb3+ 61.Kf4 Qc4+ 62.Ke5 Qe2+ 63.Be4 Qb2+ 64.Kd6 Qg7+-)* 57...Ke8 58.Rh8+ Kd7 59.Qd8#]

[48...Qb4+-+ -3.60/24 49.Kc1 Qf4+ 50.Kb1 Bf5+ 51.Ka1 Qh2 52.Qd8+ Kh7 *(52...Kf7 53.Qc7+ Kg8 54.Qd8+ Kh7 55.Re1-+)*]

49.Be4!= Qb4+ 50.Kc1 Rxg1+ 51.Qxg1+ Endgame KQB-KQB **51...Kf8 52.Qg6 Qd4 53.Qh6+** -0.43/27

[53.a3= -0.01/24 was preferable.]

53...Ke7∓ 54.Qg7+ Kd8 Black continues to play with concentration. **55.Bh7** -1.00/23

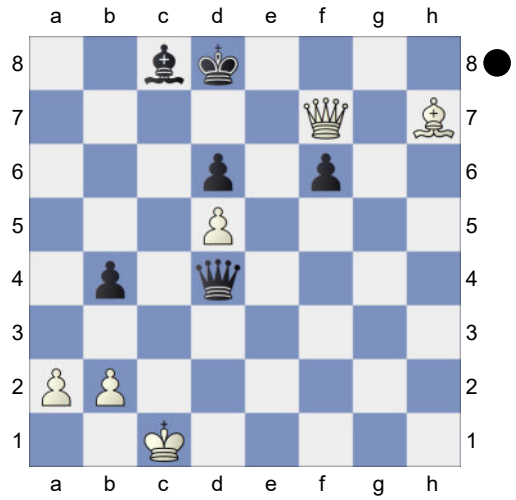
[55.Qg2∓ -0.44/22]

55...b4∓

[55...Qxd5?! 56.Qxf6+ Kc7 57.Qc3+ Kb7 58.Qd3 Qxa2 *(58...Qh1+ 59.Kc2=)* 59.Be4+ *(59.Qxd6 Qc4+ 60.Kd2 Be6=; 59.Qxb5+ Kc7=)* 59...Kc7 60.Qxb5=]

56.Qf7 -1.13/24

[White should play 56.Qf8+ -0.76/25 Kc7 57.Qe7+ Bd7 58.Qe4 Qc5+ 59.Kd2]



56...f5! 57.Bg6

[57.Qf8+ Kc7]

57...Bd7 Prevents Qe8+. Black is more active. **58.Bh5?** -3.88/24

[58.Qg8+∓ -0.91/27 was called for. Kc7 59.Qf7]

58...f4? -0.17/26

[58...Qe3+-+ -3.88/24 59.Kc2 Ba4+ 60.b3 Bd7]

59.Bd1? -8.29/27

[59.Qg8+= -0.17/26 Kc7 60.Qf7]

59...Qe4? -0.01/29

[59...Qe3+-+ -8.29/27 60.Kc2 Ba4+ 61.b3 Bb5 62.Qf6+ Kc7]

60.a3? -34.23/27

[60.Qf8+= -0.01/29 Kc7 61.Qf7]

60...Bf5-+ 61.Qg8+ Kc7 62.Qg7+ Kb6 63.Qg1+ Kb7 (-> ...Qb1+) **64.Kd2 Qxd5+ 65.Kc1 Qd3 66.Qg2+ Be4 67.Bc2 Qe3+ 68.Qd2 Bxc2** -12.51/25

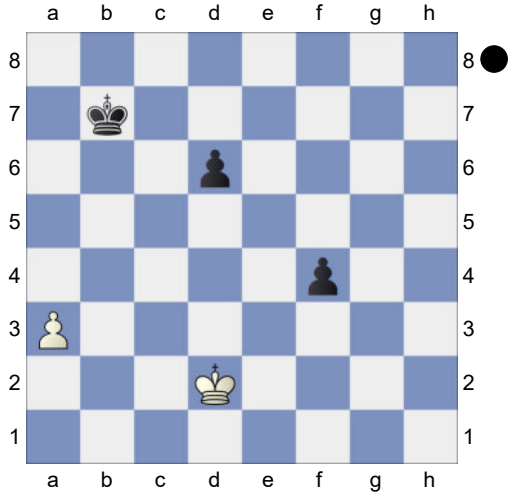
[68...bxa3 69.Qxe3 axb2+ 70.Kxb2 fxe3 71.Bxe4+ d5 72.Bf3=]

[⌓68...Qxd2+ -34.41/29 69.Kxd2 Bxc2 70.Kxc2 bxa3 71.bxa3 d5]

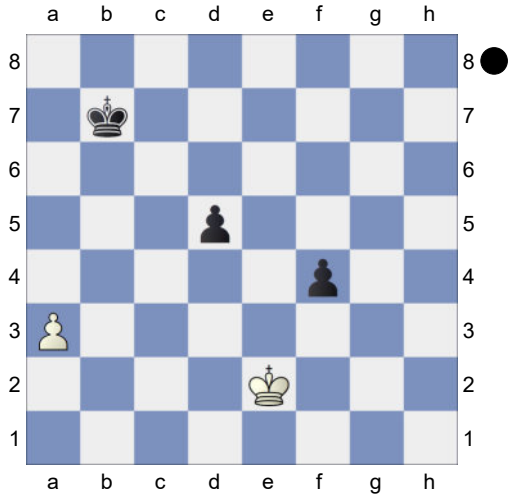
69.Kxc2 Qxd2+

[69...bxa3? 70.Qd5+ Kc7 71.Qa5+ Kd7 72.Qa4+ Ke7 73.bxa3-+]

70.Kxd2 bxa3 71.bxa3



d5! 72.Ke2



Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=0.49

72...d4!

0-1

375 **D62**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2636**

■ **Mousavi,Se** **2458**

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[Kitty Kat]*

D62: Queen's Gambit Declined: Classical: 7 Qc2 c5 8 cxd5

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 e6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 c5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.dxc5

[RR 11.Be2 c4 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Ne5 g6 14.Bf3 Bf5 15.Qa4 a6 16.Qa5 Qd6 17.a4 b6 18.Qc3 b5 19.g4 b4 20.Qd2 Be6 21.g5 Nd7 22.Nxd7 Bxd7 23.Bg2 a5 24.e4 dxe4 25.Bxe4 Rac8 Fayard,A (2071)-Belov,A (2421) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (38)]

11...Nxc5 12.Bd3

[12.Be2 Be6 13.0-0 Rac8 14.Qd2 Ne4 15.Qd4 Qc5 16.Bd3 Qxd4 17.Nxd4 Nc5 18.Rfd1 a6 19.f3 g6 20.Bc2 Bd7 21.Rd2 Rc7 22.Ne2 Ba4 23.Nf4 Rd8 24.Rxd5 Rcc8 25.Rxc5 Rxc5 26.Bxa4 Rd2 1-0 (30) 8.d4 ♗g7 9. ♗d3 (2575)-Apolonov (2415) SVK-ch Banska Stiavnica 2007 (8)]

12...Ne4N

[12...g6 13.Rc1 *(13.0-0 Bg4 14.Nd4 Rac8 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bc2 Qg5 17.f3 Bd7 18.Rfe1 Rfd8 19.Rad1 Qf6 20.Bb3 Ba4 21.Bxa4 Nxa4 22.Rc1 Nc5 23.Red1 Qb6 24.Ne2 Nd7 25.Qd4 Qxd4 26.Nxd4*

Ne5 27.b3 Kf8 (58) Flohr-Vidmar Diagram 264 1936*)* 13...b6 14.0-0 Bg4 15.Nd4 Rac8 16.h3 Bd7 17.Rfd1 Qg5 18.Nf3 Qf6 19.Qc3 Qxc3 20.Rxc3 Na4 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Rd2 Rc1+ 23.Kh2 Kf8 24.Kg3 Ke7 25.Kf4 f6 26.h4 Ra1 27.a3 1-0 (33) Pupols,V (2240)-Orizondo,H (2153) US Masters op 2007 (8) Nc5 28.Nd4 Rc1 29.Kg3 Kd6 30.f3 Re1 31.Be2 Ke5 32.e4 Ne6 33.Nc2 1-0 Banik,H (2240)-Storm,R (2153) Philadelphia Int 1985 (8)]

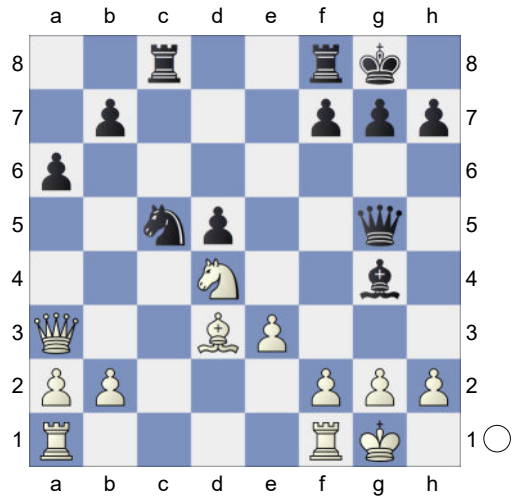
[RR 12...Nxd3+ 13.Qxd3 Qe4 14.Qxe4 dxe4 15.Nd4 Bd7 16.Kd2 Rfc8 17.Rhc1 Kf8 18.Rxc8+ Rxc8 19.Rc1 Rxc1 20.Kxc1 Ke7 21.Kd2 Kd6 22.Kc3 Kd5 23.Kb4 f5 24.Ne2 g5 25.Kc3 Ke5 26.Nd4 h5 27.a3 Reshevsky,S-Thomas,G Margate 1935 ½-½]

[RR 12...h6 13.0-0 Bg4 14.Nd4 Rac8 15.Qd2 Ne6 16.Nb3 Ng5 17.f3 Bd7 18.Rac1 Rfe8 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Bb1 Re8 21.Re1 Bc6 22.a3 Ne6 23.Nd4 Qf6 24.Nxe6 Rxe6 25.Bd3 Re8 26.Bf1 Qe5 27.Bd3 Maghsoodloo,P (2688)-Lalith,B (2529) Makati 2018 ½-½]

[RR 12...h6 13.0-0 Bg4 14.Nd4 Ne6 15.Rac1 Nxd4 16.exd4 Qg5 17.f4 Qf6 18.Qf2 Bd7 19.Rce1 Bf5 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Re5 Qd7 22.f5 Rfe8 23.f6 Rxe5 24.dxe5 d4 25.fxg7 Re8 26.Qd2 Qe6 27.Qxd4 Gonzalez de Vega,J-Cobo Arteaga,E Havana 1952 ½-½ (39)]

13.0-0 Bg4 14.Nd4 White is slightly better. **14...Rac8 15.Qa4 a6 16.Qa5 Nc5 17.Qa3 Qg5**

(Diagram)



Threatens to win with ...Bh3. **18.Rfc1 Bh3 19.Bf1 Ne4 20.Rxc8 Rxc8** 1.17/23

[20...Bxc8± 0.66/22 21.Rc1 Nd2]

21.Qb4± Some like it hot **21...b5** 2.01/23

[21...Rc7± 0.91/20]

22.Qe1 0.56/23

[22.a4+- 2.01/23]

22...Bd7± 23.Rc1 Qd8 24.a3 g6 25.g3 h5 26.Bg2 Rc7 27.Ne2 Bf5 28.h3 Qc8 29.Rxc7 Qxc7 30.Qd1 0.20/23 Against Qc2

[30.Nf4± 0.56/24]

30...Nf6 0.68/23

[30...Qe5!= 0.20/23]

31.Nf4

[31.Bxd5?! Nxd5 32.Qxd5 Qc2 *(32...Bxh3 33.e4=)* 33.Qd8+ Kh7=]

31...Be4 32.Qd4 0.18/23 Wards off Qe5

[32.f3± 0.67/26 g5 33.Nxh5 Nxh5 34.fxe4 Discovered Attack Qxg3 35.Qxh5 Qxe3+ 36.Kf1 Qc1+ 37.Kf2]

32...Qc6 0.68/24

[32...Bxg2= 0.18/23 33.Kxg2 *(33.Qxf6 Be4∓)* 33...Qc6]

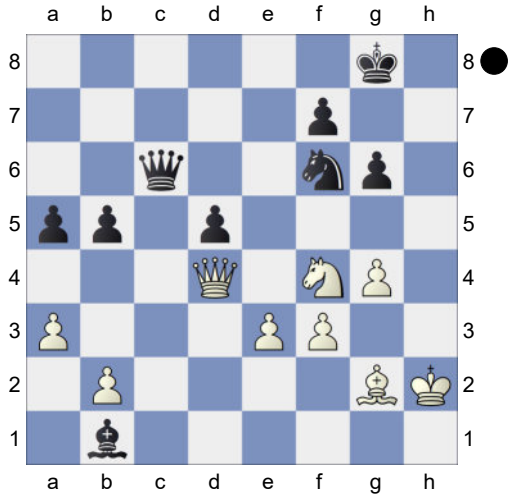
33.Kh2 a5 1.38/26

[33...Bxg2± 0.49/21 34.Kxg2 a5]

34.f3 0.72/26

[White should play 34.Bxe4 1.38/26

dxe4 35.Qd8+ Kg7 36.Qxa5]
34...Bb1± 35.g4 0.11/23
[35.Ne2± 0.84/24]
35...hxg4= 36.hxg4



Ba2 37.Nd3 Bc4 38.Nf2 g5 poses a challenge **38...Nd7 39.g5 Qb6 40.Qd2 f5** 0.37/23 Wards off Ng4
[40...b4= 0.01/22]
41.gxf6 Nxf6 42.f4 Kg7 43.Qc3 Qd6 1.47/23
[43...d4= 0.28/21 keeps the balance. 44.Qxd4 Qxd4 45.exd4 Nh5]
44.Qxa5± White is more active. **44...g5 45.Qa7+ Kg6 46.Nh3** 0.24/24
[46.Qd4± 1.22/24]
46...Nh5? 2.50/23
[46...d4!= 0.24/24 and Black has nothing to worry. 47.Qxd4 Qxd4 48.exd4 g4]
47.Bf3+-
[47.Nxg5 Nxf4 48.Nf3 Ne2+ 49.Kh1 Ng3+ 50.Kh2 Ne2+ 51.Kh1 Ng3+ 52.Kg1 Ne2+ 53.Kh1=]
47...gxf4 48.Bxh5+? 0.94/23
[48.exf4+- 2.70/24 is the precise move to win. Strongly threatening Qg1+. Qf6 49.Qg1+ Kh6 50.Qg5+ Qxg5 Remove Defender 51.fxg5+ Kg6 52.Kg2]
48...Kxh5 Endgame KQB-KQN
49.Qh7+ Kg4 50.Nxf4 0.18/21
[50.exf4± 0.62/24 Kf3 51.Qc2]
50...Kf3= 51.Qh3+ Ke4 52.Kg2 d4 53.Qf3+ Ke5 54.Qh5+ Ke4 55.Qf3+ Ke5 56.Kg3 dxe3
[56...d3 57.Qh5+ Kf6 58.e4 Ke7]
57.Qxe3+
[57.Qh5+ seems wilder. Ke4 58.Qh7+ Ke5 59.Qh8+]
57...Kf5 58.Qf3 Bf7 0.73/22
[58...Ke5= 0.08/22]
59.Qg4+± Ke4 1.44/22
[59...Kf6± 0.61/25]
60.Qe2+ Kf5 61.Qxb5+ Kf6? 2.85/20
[61...Qe5± 0.90/22 62.Qxe5+ Kxe5]
62.a4? 0.43/22
[62.Kf3+- 2.85/20]
62...Qd4 0.90/21
[62...Qe5± 0.43/22 was preferable.]
Black is now going downhill. **63.Kf3 Qd1+** 1.83/19
[63...Ke7!± 0.69/22]
64.Ne2+- Qf1+ 3.17/22
[64...Qd6 1.74/21 was necessary. 65.a5 Bd5+ 66.Kf2 Ke7]
65.Ke3 Qh3+ 66.Kd2 Qh6+ 67.Kc3 Qh3+? 6.54/23
[67...Qe3+ 2.27/22 68.Qd3 Qc5+ 69.Kd2 Ke7 70.Qe4+ Kd6 71.Qd4+ Qxd4+ 72.Nxd4 Be8]
68.Kb4 White is clearly winning.
68...Qh4+ 69.Ka5 Be6 70.Qc5 Qh2 71.Qc3+ Ke7 72.Nd4 Bd7 73.Qc5+ Kd8 74.b4 Qg2 75.b5 Qa8+ 76.Kb4 Qe4 77.Qd6 Qb1+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
78.Ka5
1-0

376 **A36**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2636**
■ **Aryan,C** **2536**
25th Abu Dhabi Masters (4.10) 11.08.18
[D Cummings,TA]*

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 c5 6.Nge2 Nc6 We have reached an evergreen line of the Symmetrical English - White plays the Botvinnik system while Black uses a King's Indian setup with ...c7-c5. We have reached an evergreen line of the Symmetrical English - White plays the Botvinnik system while Black uses a King's Indian setup with ...c7-c5. **7.0-0** Last year I analyzed a game where White tried for an early b2-b4: Last year I analyzed a game where White tried for an early b2-b4:

[7.Rb1 d6 8.a3 a5 9.d3 is Nihal-Adhiban which can be found in the Archives. is Nihal-Adhiban which can be found in the Archives.]

7...Rb8 Black tries for an early ... b7-b5. His other main plan is to clamp down on the d4-square as soon as possible. An example of the latter approach is: Black tries for an early ...b7-b5. His other main plan is to clamp down on the d4-square as soon as possible. An example of the latter approach is:

[7...d6 8.d3 Ne8 9.Be3 Nd4 which is analyzed in Ponomariov-Vachier Lagrave in the Archives]

8.h3 d6 9.d3 a6 We have also looked at:

[9...Ne8 10.Be3 Nd4 11.Rb1 Bd7 12.b4 b6 in Short-Jones in the Archives.]

10.a4 White prevents ...b7-b5 at the cost of leaving a hole on the b4-square. In the game, as often happens, however, White manages to get in b2-b4 anyway, after Black has gone ...Nc6-d4. White prevents ...b7-b5 at the cost of leaving a hole on the b4-square. In the game, as often happens, however, White manages to get in b2-b4 anyway, after Black has gone ...Nc6-d4. **10...Ne8 11.Be3 Nd4** Alternatives are:

[11...Bd7 allows White to play the desirable break allows White to play the desirable break 12.d4 - see Bu Xiangzhi-Ye Jiangchuan in the Archives]

[11...e5 clamps down on the dark squares, and is a pet system of GM Mark Hebden which is well worth studying. See Romero Holmes-Hebden, also in the Archives. clamps down on the dark squares, and is a pet system of GM Mark Hebden which is well worth studying. See Romero Holmes-Hebden, also in the Archives.]

12.Rb1 Bd7 Probably Black's most accurate. Instead:

[12...Nc7 13.b4 Nce6 *(13...b6* is less comfortable now because of the pin along the b-file*;* ShashChess 19.2: *13...b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.bxc5 dxc5 16.cxb5 Qd6 17.e5 Bxe5 18.Ne4 Qd8 19.Bh6 Re8 20.b6 Nd5 21.Nxc5 Rxb6 22.Rxb6 Qxb6 23.Nxd4 Nc3 24.Na4 Qxd4 25.Nxc3 Qxc3 26.Qa4 Rd8 27.Qa7 Qxd3 28.Qxe7 Be6 29.Qc5 Qd6* 0.01/28 *)* 14.bxc5 Nxe2+ 15.Nxe2 dxc5 16.f4 gave White more space in Kosten-Bijaoui, in the archives. gave White more space in Kosten-Bijaoui, in the archives.]

13.b4 b6 Chopra erects a solid blockade on the dark squares. Instead: Chopra erects a solid blockade on the

dark squares. Instead:

[13...Nxe2+ 14.Nxe2 cxb4 opens the queenside where White has more firepower. Now opens the queenside where White has more firepower. Now 15.Rxb4 b5 16.Qb3 Nc7 17.Rb1 bxc4 18.Qxc4 Rxb4 19.Rxb4 Qc8 20.Rb6 a5 21.Nf4 Re8 was played in Vitouch, A (2254) - Vlcek,S (2286) Austria 2015 1/2-1/2 (24), and now was played in Vitouch, A (2254)-Vlcek,S (2286) Austria 2015 □-□ (24), and now 22.h4 would leave White slightly better due to his more active pieces. would leave White slightly better due to his more active pieces.]

14.f4 Nc7

[RR 14...e6 15.Bf2 Nc7 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.Ne2 e5 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Qc2 Ne6 20.Be1 h5 21.Kh2 Ng5 22.Ng1 Qe7 23.Qe2 Qe6 24.Bd2 Bf6 25.Qf2 Be7 26.h4 Nh7 27.Bh3 Qd6 28.Bh6 Bxh3 29.Nxh3 Tirpan,C (2195)-Gaboyan,S (2165) Batumi 2025 0-1 (60)]

15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 f5N

[RR 16...Ra8 17.Bxd4 cxd4 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Ra3 20.Kh2 Bf5 21.Rb3 Qa8 22.Nc1 Rxb3 23.Qxb3 Qa5 24.Rf2 Qe1 25.Qc2 Ra8 26.Re2 Qc3 27.g4 Ra1 28.Qxc3 dxc3 29.Rc2 Bd7 30.Na2 Rd1 31.Nxc3 Grant,J (2275)-Arkell,K (2545) Walsall 1997 0-1 (60)]

[RR 16...Ra8 17.g4 Nce6 18.Ng3 Ra3 19.Nd5 Nc7 20.Nxc7 Qxc7 21.g5 d5 22.exd5 Bf5 23.Ne4 Qd7 24.Kh2 Bxe4 25.Bxe4 Nf5 26.Qg4 e6 27.Bg1 Re8 28.Rfe1 Ra2+ 29.Kh1 h5 30.gxh6 Nxh6 31.Qf3 Melian,J (2247)-Garzon Zapatanga,C (2253) Florianopolis 2024 0-1 (51)]

17.Qd2 The first new move. An earlier game continued:

[17.Kh2 Nce6 *(17...fxe4 18.dxe4 e5* is more effective*)* 18.Nd5 Nxe2 19.Qxe2 and now Nd4? lost quickly to 20.Bxd4 Bxd4 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.Nxe7+ in Miezis,N (2542)-Maurer, F (2165) Triesen 2011 1-0 (22) in Miezis,N (2542)-Maurer,F (2165) Triesen 2011 1-0 (22)]

17...Kh8 18.Kh2 e5 The game has reached its state of maximum tension. Discerning the correct pawn exchanges in such situations are often key to outplaying an opponent. The game has reached its state of maximum tension. Discerning the correct pawn exchanges in such situations are often key to outplaying an opponent. **19.Rf2** White continues to build up, but here was a good time to play:

[19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Bg5 pushing Black's queen around before he can get coordinated. After Qe8 21.Nd5 White is slightly for choice.]

19...Be6 20.fxe5 dxe5 21.Rbf1 Qd6 In contrast to the previous note, Black can now double heavy pieces on the d-file, with pressure on the backward d3-pawn. In contrast to the previous note, Black can now double heavy pieces on the d-file, with pressure on the backward d3-pawn. **22.h4** Around here, White seems to lose the thread of what to aim for. The h-pawn move only serves to weaken White's control of the g4-square. Around here, White seems to lose the thread of what to aim for. The h-pawn move only serves to weaken White's control of the g4-square. **22...Rbd8** More promising for Black was:

[22...Nxe2 23.Nxe2 *(23.Qxe2* is well met by *f4* when *24.gxf4? exf4*

25.Bxf4 Rxf4 26.Rxf4 Bxc3 wins material for Black*)* 23...Rbd8 and Black is better due to his d-file pressure. and Black is better due to his d-file pressure.]

23.Bxd4?! Trading this bishop permanently weakens the dark squares. Trading this bishop permanently weakens the dark squares.

[23.Bg5 was OK for White]

23...exd4 24.Nb1? The knight is hopelessly out of play here.

[24.Nd5 was called for. was called for.]

24...Bc8 Instead:

[24...Ne8! (either now or on the next move) creates the powerful threat of ...Ne8-f6-g4. White doesn't appear to have any good answer to this! (either now or on the next move) creates the powerful threat of ...Ne8-f6-g4. White doesn't appear to have any good answer to this!]

25.Qe1 fxe4

[25...Ne8!]

26.Rxf8+ Rxf8 27.Rxf8+ Qxf8 28.Bxe4 Bh6 After the rook exchanges, Black is still better, but the game continues. After the rook exchanges, Black is still better, but the game continues. **29.Kg2 Ne8 30.Nd2 Nd6 31.Bd5 Bg4?!** Here:

[31...Qe7 keeps White tied down to the defence of the two knights.]

32.Ng1 Nf5 33.Nf1 White has managed to unravel his pieces. **33...Ne3+ 34.Nxe3 Bxe3 35.Be4 Kg7 36.Nf3 Qe7 37.Qa1 Bc8 38.Qa8 Qd7 39.Ng1** Chances are now equal, as Black has no way to break through. Chances are now equal, as Black has no way to break through. **39...Qg4 40.Qa7+ Kh6??** Allowing Maghsoodloo to strike out of nowhere! Instead: Allowing Maghsoodloo to strike out of nowhere! Instead:

[40...Bd7 holds because 41.Qxb6?? fails to Qd1 and Black mates.]

41.Qf7! Amazingly, White has weaved a mating net. **41...Qd7 42.Qf6** Here:

[42.Qf8+ Qg7 43.Qxc8 is a simple win of a piece, although in the game Black doesn't have a good move either. is a simple win of a piece, although in the game Black doesn't have a good move either.]

42...Bxg1 43.Kxg1 Qh3 44.Qf8+ Kh5 45.Bf3+ Bg4 46.Qf4 Mate will follow in a few moves.

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377 **A00**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2636**

■ **Sanal,Vahap** **2518**

Chess.com INT blitz (5) 07.08.2018

[TA]*

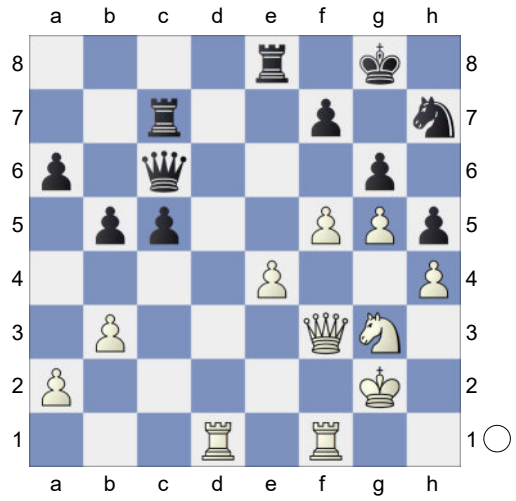
A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.d3 Bg7 5.Nc3 d6 6.h3**

[RR 6.g5 Rb8 7.h4 h5 8.f4 a6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.0-0 e6 11.Bd2 Nge7 12.Qe1 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 b5 14.Rb1 0-0 15.b3 d5 16.cxd5 exd5 17.e4 Nb4 18.Qe2 d4 19.Nd1 Nxa2 20.Ra1 Nc3 Omariev,M (2304)-Sindarov,J (2706) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (48)]

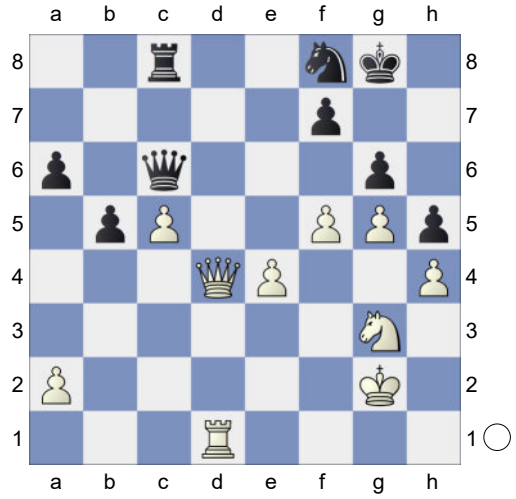
[RR 6.g5 h6 7.h4 Bg4 8.Nf3 Qd7 9.Be3 hxg5 10.hxg5 Bh3 11.Bxh3 Rxh3 12.Rxh3 Qxh3 13.Kd2 0-0-0 14.Qh1 Qf5 15.Qh7 Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 d5 17.cxd5 Qxd5 18.Qh4 e5 19.Kc2 Nge7 20.Nd2 Nf5 Omariev,M (2304)-Coro,L (2438) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (33)]

6...Nf6N
[6...e5 7.Bd5 Nge7 8.Nf3 Nb4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 Nbxd5 11.cxd5 a6 12.a4 b6 13.e4 Bd7 14.Be3 h5 15.g5 f5 The Grob-B: 1...c5 2006]
7.e3N
[RR 7.e4 Rb8 8.Nge2 a6 9.f4 h5 10.g5 Nd7 11.Be3 Nd4 12.Qd2 b5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rab1 Bb7 15.Kh1 e6 16.b3 Qa5 17.Rf2 Rfe8 18.Rbf1 Ba8 19.h4 Qb4 20.Qc1 Qa5 21.Bd2 Nxe2 Omariev,M (2304)-Sjugirov,S (2680) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (36)]
7...a6 8.Nge2 The position is equal.
8...Rb8 9.Rb1 Bd7 10.b3 b5 11.Bb2 Qc8 0.65/13
[11...0-0= 0.13/10]
12.Ng3 h5 13.g5 Nh7 14.h4 0-0 15.Qd2 Ne5 16.0-0 0.32/13
[White should play 16.f4± 0.87/15 Ng4 17.Nd5]
16...Bh3± 17.f4 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Ng4 19.Nd5 Qd7 0.93/11
[19...Qb7!± 0.33/8 20.Bxg7 Kxg7]
20.Bxg7± Kxg7 21.e4 e6 22.Ne3 The board is on fire. **22...Nxe3+ 23.Qxe3 Rfe8 24.Qd2 d5 25.cxd5 exd5 26.Qc3+ Kg8 27.f5 dxe4 28.dxe4**
[28.Qxc5? Rbc8 *(28...Qxd3? 29.fxg6 fxg6 30.Qc6+-; 28...exd3? 29.Qf2-+)* 29.Qb6 Rc6-+ *(29...exd3 30.fxg6 Re6 31.gxf7+ Kf8 32.Qg1=)*]
28...Rbc8 0.99/22
[28...Qc6± 0.55/20]
29.Rbd1 Threatening mate with fxg6.
29...Qc6 30.Qf3 Black must now prevent fxg6. White is much more active.
30...Rc7 1.21/11
[30...Nf8± 0.61/11]

(Diagram)



31.Rd5 0.77/9
[⌓31.e5! 1.21/11]
31...c4 32.b4 c3? 3.15/11
[Better is 32...Nf8± 0.46/11]
33.Rc5+- Qd7 3.65/17
[⌓33...Qb7 2.27/9 34.Qxc3 *(34.Rxc3 Rxc3 35.Qxc3 Nf8±)* 34...Rxc5 35.bxc5 Rc8]
34.Qxc3 2.06/9
[34.Rxc3? Qd2+ 35.Rf2 Qxc3-+]
[⌓34.Rd1 3.65/17 Qc8 35.Qxc3]
34...Rxc5 35.bxc5 Qc6? 5.35/14 Black is weak on the dark squares
[35...Rc8 2.59/8 is a better defense. 36.Qb3 Nf8]
36.Qd4 Rc8 37.Rd1 And now Qd5 would win. **37...Nf8**



38.Rc1 fxg6 is the strong threat. **38...a5** 2.34/18
[38...Nd7± 1.13/5 keeps fighting. 39.Kh2 *(39.fxg6 fxg6 40.Rc2 Qe6±)* 39...Qc7 *(39...Nxc5? perishes. 40.fxg6 fxg6 41.e5+-)* 40.fxg6 fxg6]
39.Qd5 b4 1.96/10
[39...Qc7± 1.56/9]
40.fxg6 Nxg6 41.Nxh5→ White attacks with force. **41...a4?** 5.10/22
[41...Nxh4+ 1.89/14 42.Kf2 Qc7 43.Nf6+ Kf8 44.Nd7+ *(44.e5 Rd8±)* 44...Ke8]
42.Qxc6 Rxc6 Endgame. KRN-KRN
43.Nf6+ Kg7 44.h5 Nf4+ 45.Kf3 Nd3 6.68/15
[45...Ne6 1.96/10]
46.Rd1 White is clearly winning.
46...Rxc5 47.h6+ Kg6 48.Rxd3 Rxg5 49.h7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.65. Loses game: ---
Black=1 Mistake: White=3
Black=10 Inaccurate: White=7
Black=5 OK: White=13
Black=11 Best: White=3 ---
1-0

378 **B06**
□ **Mammadzada,G** **2442**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2638**
22nd Voronezh Master Open (3.9)
[TA]*

B06: Modern Defence
1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 a6 5.Qd2 b5 6.h4 h5 7.f3 Nd7 8.0-0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Bb7 9.Nh3 Ngf6 10.Kb1**
[RR 10.Qe1 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Bg5 Qe7 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Bh6 15.Qe3 Bxg5 16.hxg5 Nh7 17.f4 exf4 18.Qxf4 0-0 19.g4 h4 20.Kb1 Qe5 21.Qf2 Qg3 22.Qxg3 hxg3 23.Rg1 Nb6 24.Rxg3 Rad8 Larino Nieto,D (2451)-Almeida Quintana,O (2494) Madrid 2025 1-0 (57)]
10...e6 11.Ng5 Qe7 12.Ne2
[12.Bd3 Nb6 13.a3 Nfd7 14.g4 0-0-0 15.Qf2 c5 16.e5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Bxe5 18.Nce4 Nd5 19.Bc1 f6 20.Nh3 Qc7 21.c4 Nb6 22.cxb5 c4 23.bxa6 Bxa6 24.Bc2 hxg4 25.Nf4 Rhe8 26.Nxg6 g3 0-1 (45) Kuznetsov,F (2254)-Kamsky,G (2665) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Late blitz 2023 (11)]
[RR 12.Qf2 Nb6 13.Bd3 Nfd7 14.Qg3 b4 15.Ne2 c5 16.e5 dxe5 17.dxc5 Nd5 18.Bf2 0-0 19.Ne4 Bc6 20.Qg5 Rfd8 21.Qxe7 Nxe7 22.Nd6 Bf8 23.Ng3 Nc8 24.Be4 Nb8 25.Nc4 Bd5 26.Nxe5 Ne7 Harikrishna,P (2732)-Xiong,J (2709) Lichess.org INT 2020 1-0 (66)]
12...c5N
[12...Rd8 13.g3 c6 14.Bh3 e5 15.Qa5 exd4 16.Bxd4 c5 17.Qc7 Ne5 18.Qxd8+ Qxd8 19.Bxe5 0-0 20.Bxd6 Re8 21.Bxc5 Qc7 22.Bd6 Qb6 23.Nf4 Nh7 24.Nxh7 Kxh7 25.a3 a5 26.Rd3 b4 27.e5 0-1 (30) Brkic,A (2590)-Sjugirov,S (2652) EU-ch 19th Batumi 2018 (5) Bxe5 28.Rhd1 Bg7 29.a4 Ba6 30.R3d2 b3 0-1 Brkic,A (2454)-Jankovic,A (2477) CRO-ch Zagreb 2004 (5)]
[RR 12...Nb6 13.b3 d5 14.e5 Nfd7 15.Nf4 c5 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Bd3 Qc7 18.Bxc5 Qxc5 19.Ngxe6 fxe6 20.Nxe6 Qe7 21.Bxg6+ Kd7 22.Bf5 Ke8 23.f4 Rh6 24.Nd4 Bf8 25.Rhe1

Qa3 26.Qd3 Bc8 27.Bg6+ Wagner,D (2581)-Gretarsson,H (2401) Chess.com INT 2020 0-1 (63)]
[RR 12...Rd8 13.g3 c6 14.Bh3 e5 15.Qa5 exd4 16.Bxd4 c5 17.Qc7 Ne5 18.Qxd8+ Qxd8 19.Bxe5 0-0 20.Bxd6 Re8 21.Bxc5 Qc7 22.Bd6 Qb6 23.Nf4 Nh7 24.Nxh7 Kxh7 25.a3 a5 26.Rd3 b4 27.e5 Brkic,A (2590)-Sjugirov,S (2652) Batumi 2018 0-1]

13.c3 0.10/19
[13.dxc5± 0.49/20 dxc5 14.Nf4]

13...e5 0.58/22
[13...Nb6!= 0.10/19]

14.Nc1 -0.26/21
[White should try 14.dxc5± 0.58/22 dxc5 15.c4]

14...exd4= 15.cxd4 0-0 16.Nb3 Rad8
[16...c4!? 17.Na5 Bxe4+ 18.Nxe4 *(18.fxe4 Nxe4 19.Qe1 Ndf6±)* 18...Nxe4 19.fxe4 Qxe4+ 20.Ka1 Rfe8±]

17.Na5 Ba8 18.Bd3 Rfe8 19.Rhe1 Nb6 20.Bc2 Qc7 21.dxc5 dxc5 22.Bf4 Qc8 23.Qf2 Rxd1+
[23...Nh7 feels hotter. 24.Rxd8 Qxd8 25.Qxc5 Na4]

24.Rxd1 Nbd7 0.50/24
[24...Nfd7= -0.01/21]

25.Qg3 -0.01/23
[25.Bd6± 0.50/24]

25...Nh7 26.Qh3 -0.50/25
[26.Nxh7= 0.01/21 Kxh7 27.Qh3]

26...Nxg5 -0.11/25
[26...Nhf8∓ -0.50/25 is more appropriate. 27.Bd6 c4]

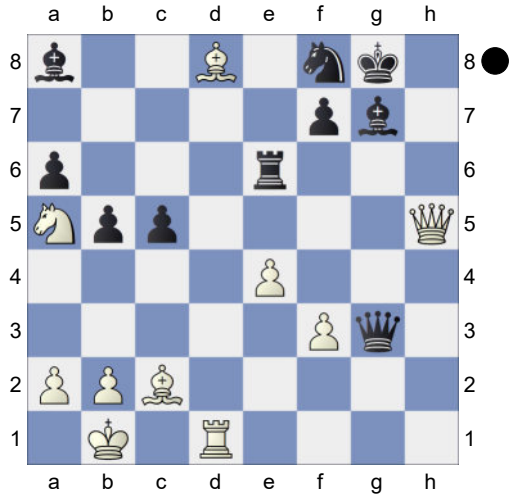
27.Bxg5 Re6 Threatening ...c4. **28.g4 hxg4 29.Qxg4 Qc7 30.h5** Deflection

30...gxh5 31.Qf5 -2.51/23
[31.Qxh5? Qe5-+]
[31.Qh3∓ -0.51/23]

31...Nf8-+ 32.Bd8 -3.58/22
[32.Bd2 -2.23/21 might work better. h4 33.Qg4]

32...Qg3!
[32...Qe5 33.Qxe5 Bxe5 34.Nb3∓]

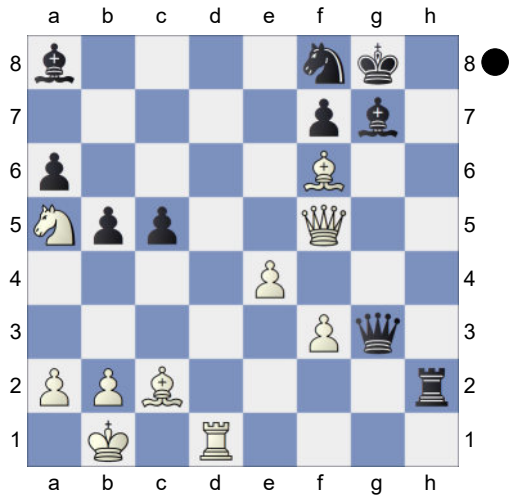
33.Qxh5



Rh6? -0.32/24
[33...c4!-+ -4.48/24 Hoping for ...Rd6. 34.Rc1 Qf2]

34.Qf5 -1.80/23
[34.Qxc5∓ -0.32/24 Qxf3 35.Qf5]

34...Rh2→ Black wants a kill. **35.Bf6?** -5.16/24
[35.Qxc5? Qxf3 36.Re1 Rh1-+]
[35.Nb3 -1.81/22 is tougher.]



35...Qg2! 36.Rc1 and Bxg7 should not be overlooked **36...Bh6** (-> ...Qxc2+!)

37.f4 Ne6 38.Be5 c4 -0.83/21 Repels Nb3
[38...Qf3-+ -5.28/24 is more deadly. 39.Rg1+ Bg7]
39.Qf6? -#4/10 Wards off Rxc2
[39.a4∓ -0.83/21]
39...Bf8? -3.79/25
[Inferior is 39...Bxe4 40.Qh8#]
[39...Qxc2+ -#4/10 mates 40.Rxc2 Rh1+ *(40...Bxe4 41.Qh8#)* 41.Rc1 Bxe4+ 42.Ka1 Rxc1#]
40.Bd4? -#5/12
[40.a4-+ -3.79/25 c3 *(40...Bxe4? 41.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 42.Ka2-+)* 41.Qf5]
40...Bxe4 -15.60/30
[⌓40...Qxc2+ -#5/12 41.Rxc2 Rh1+ *(41...Bxe4? 42.Be3-+)* 42.Bg1 Rxg1+ 43.Rc1 Bxe4+ 44.Ka1 Rxc1#]
41.Rg1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.61
41...Rh1 -7.16/27
[⌓41...Qxg1+ -14.39/24 42.Bxg1 Rxc2 *(42...Bxc2+? 43.Kc1-+)*]
0-1

379 **A34**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2615**
■ **Sethuraman,Sandeep** **2631**
2nd Sharjah Masters 2018 (6.1) 16.04.18
[Cummings, D, TA]*

A34: Symmetrical English: 2 Nc3, lines with ...d5
1.Nf3 ChessBase II This game starts with a Reti move-order but transposes to the Rubinstein variation of the English, which is more often reached by the move order: **1...d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c5**
[3...c6 4.0-0 Bf5 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Qe1 h6 8.e4 Bh7 9.Ne5 c5 10.f4 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Kh1 a5 13.Qe2 a4 14.a3 Qc7 15.g4 h5 16.g5 Ng4 17.Nf3 f6 18.exd5 1-0 (45) C 06/32 (2551)-Oliver,T (2525) FULL THEORY chess.com INT 2020 (9)]
4.c4N
[4.b3 g6 5.Bb2 Bg7 6.c4 d4 7.b4 0-0 8.0-0 Nfd7 9.d3 e5 10.bxc5 Nxc5 11.Nfd2 Re8 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Na6 14.Nd2 Bh3 15.Re1 Nc5 16.Bd5 Rc8 17.a4 Be6 18.Bg2 Qd7 1-0 (41) Nadrowski,J-Grabner,H EU/M/1097 corr ICCF 1995]
[4.0-0 Nc6 *(4...e6 5.d3 Be7 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.e4 Nbd7 8.e5 Ng4 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Re1 b5 11.Nf1 Bb7 12.h3 Nh6 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.N1h2 Kh8 15.Qd2 h5 16.Qh6 h4 17.Nxh4 Nxe5 18.N4f3 Nxf3+ 19.Nxf3* 1-0 (42) Ravisekhar,R (2325)-Miheso, C Thessaloniki ol (Men) 1988 (2)*)* 5.d3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.a3 0-0 8.Rb1 a5 9.Bg5 a4 10.Nd2 e6 11.e4 d4 12.Ne2 Qc7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.f4 Bg7 15.g4 f5 16.gxf5 exf5 17.e5 g5 18.fxg5 Nxe5 Kovalenko,V (235 (2350)-Kumar,N (2390) 80/575 Kalkata 2000]
4...Nc6 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nc3 Nc7 etc.
7.0-0 e5 8.b3 An interesting try, although the mainline is:
[8.d3 Be7 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nc4 see for example Tomashevsky-Najer in the Archives]
[8.Ne1 is also covered in several Archived games, and can sometimes transpose to the main game]
[RR 8.d3]
8...Be7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Ne1 Going directly for the double-edged positional threat of 11 Bxc6. Instead:
[10.Rc1 f6 11.Ne1 Bd7 12.Nd3 Rc8

13.f4 is the subject of Aronian-Svidler in the Archives]

[RR 10.Qc1 f6 11.Rd1 Bd7 12.d3 Rc8 13.Qd2 b6 14.e3 f5 15.Ne2 Bf6 16.d4 cxd4 17.exd4 e4 18.Ne5 Bg5 19.Nf4 Nd5 20.Bf1 Bxf4 21.gxf4 Be6 22.Rac1 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Qh4 24.Bc4 Qg4+ Srijak,S (2019)-Mohota,N (2153) Guntur 2025 0-1]

10...Be6N Black chooses to ignore the "threat". Black has also tried:

[10...Bg4 which is a more active post for the bishop. After 11.Rc1 Qd7 12.Na4?! -0.61/23 *(12.Nd3 Qxd3 13.exd3 Bxd1 14.Nxd1* is a better try.*; 12.Nd3=* -0.15/20 *)* 12...Ne6 -0.03/22 *(12...b6! 13.Nd3 f6* leaves White's knights offside*; 12...b6∓* -0.61/23 *)* 13.Nd3= Qxd3! 14.exd3 Bxd1 15.Rfxd1 Rad8?! 0.71/24 *(15...Rac8* is around equal*; 15...Rfc8=* -0.02/22 remains equal.*)* 16.Bxc6± bxc6 Glicenstein,A (2293)-Kryvoruchko,Y (2474) Deizisau 2005 1/2-1/2 (22), and now 17.Bxe5 gives White an edge]

[10...Bd7 0.22/20 10...Qd7 -0.17 transposes to Reinderman-Bok, which favoured White after 11.Nd3 f6 12.f4 *(*RR *12.Rc1 Rc8 13.f4)* 12...exf4 *(*RR *12...exf4 13.Nxf4 Rb8 14.Rc1 b6 15.e3 Bd6 16.d4 Qe8 17.Ne4 Bxf4 18.exf4 cxd4 19.Re1 Qd8 20.Nd6 Ne7 21.Qxd4)* 13.Nxf4 etc., see the game in the Archives.]

[RR 10...Bf5 11.Ne4 f6 12.Nd3 Ne6 13.f4 exf4 14.gxf4 Qd7 15.Rc1 b6 16.Rc3 Rad8 17.Ng3 Ned4 18.Nxf5 Qxf5 19.Nf2 Qh5 20.Re1 Nb4 21.Rh3 Qf7 22.e3 Ne6 23.a3 Nd5 24.Qc2 f5 25.Nd3 Le Quang,K (2268)-Van den Brande,W (2248) Belgium 2004 1-0 (61)]

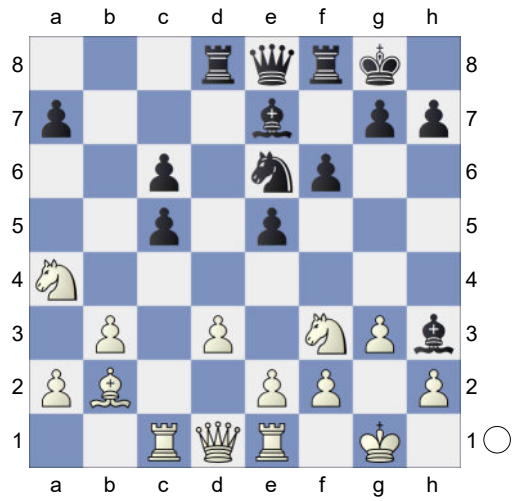
[RR 10...Qd7 11.Nd3 b6 12.Bxc6 Qxc6 13.Nxe5 Qe6 14.Nd3 Bb7 15.Nf4 Qd7 16.d3 Rad8 17.f3 f5 18.Qd2 Bg5 19.Rad1 Ne6 20.e3 Rfe8 21.Nce2 Ba6 22.Nc1 Nc7 23.Qf2 Nd5 24.Rfe1 Qf7 25.a3 Maghsoodloo,P (2679)-Esipenko,A (2584) Wijk aan Zee 2019 ½-½]

[RR 10...Bd7 11.Nd3 f6 12.f4 Bd6 13.Ne4 Qe7 14.Rc1 b6 15.b4 Nxb4 16.Nxb4 cxb4 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.fxe5 fxe5 19.Bxa8 Rxa8 20.Qb3+ Ne6 21.Qe3 Nd4 22.Bxd4 exd4 23.Qf3 Rd8 24.Qf7+ Kh8 25.Rc7 Rotstein,A (2528)-Duquesnoy,J (2225) Cannes 2005 EXT 2022 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (32)]

11.Bxc6 bxc6 Black has an edge.

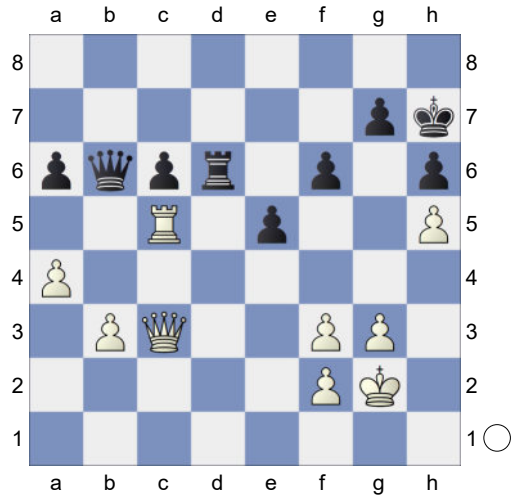
12.Nf3 f6 13.d3 Bh3 14.Re1 Ne6 A typically unbalanced scenario in this setup - White has a far superior pawn structure but his king is exposed due to the missing light-squared bishop.

15.Rc1 Qe8 16.Na4 Rd8



17.Rc4 A nice way to activate the rook, combining attack with defence, since the rook eyes the kingside. **17...Qg6?!** 0.36/21 After this, White piles the pressure on the c5-pawn. Black should go for activity, with for example:

[17...Nf4!? 0.40/22 17...Nd4 0.01 with one possible outcome being 18.Nxc5 -0.01/21 *(18.Bc1!± 0.40/22)* 18...Ng2= 19.Rf1 Bxc5 20.Rxc5 Kh1 would now be deadly. Nf4 Threatens to win with ...e4!. 21.Re1 Ng2 with a draw by repetition!]
[17...Nd4= -0.16/21]
18.Ba3± Rd5 19.Qc1 Bg4 1.55/22 The c5-pawn is doomed, but Black targets the d3-pawn in return.
[Black should play 19...Nf4± 0.45/20]
20.Bxc5 1.06/22 White goes for clarity.
[20.Nh4 1.14/23 20.Nxc5 1.54 is also promising, for example Qh5 21.f3 Bh3 22.Nxc5 when Black doesn't have enough compensation for the pawn]
[⌓20.Nxc5 1.55/22 Bxc5 21.Bxc5 Nxc5 22.Rxc5 Bxf3 23.exf3]
20...Nxc5± 21.Nxc5 Bxf3 1.53/22
[⌓21...Qh5 0.79/20]
22.exf3 Bxc5 23.Rxc5 Qxd3 24.Kg2 We have reached a major piece endgame, where White retains the advantage due to Black's weak c6-pawn.
[24.Rxc6?! Qxf3 25.Rc3 Qg4=]
24...Rxc5 25.Qxc5 Endgame KQR-KQR **25...Qa6 26.Qc2** 1.16/22
[White should try 26.a4+- 2.15/23]
26...Rd8 27.Re3 h6 28.h4 Qb7 29.Rc3 Rd6 30.Rc5 White is playing for two results, while Black has to defend passively and wait. **30...Qb6** 2.19/24
[30...Qd7± 1.33/24 31.h5 Kh8]
31.a4 Kh8 32.Rc4 a6 1.89/26
[32...Qb7± 1.48/27 33.h5 Qc7]
33.Rc5 1.44/27
[33.b4+- 1.89/26]
33...Qb7 2.23/26
[33...a5± 1.44/27 34.Qc3 Rd3 35.Rxc6 *(35.Qxd3 Qxc5 36.Qe4 Kg8±; 35.Qxa5 Qxa5 36.Rxa5 Rxb3=)* 35...Qxb3 36.Qxa5 Kh7]
34.h5+- Fixing the light square weaknesses on the kingside. But does White have enough resources to break through? **34...Qb6** 2.40/30
[34...Qd7 1.97/30 35.Qc4 Qe8]
35.Qc3 Kh7? 3.71/30
[35...Qc7 1.97/27 36.Qc4 Qb6]



36.b4 Kh8 37.Qc4 Kh7 38.Qc2+ 1.74/29
[38.f4 further opening the position, although the win is still far off.]
[⌓38.f4 3.37/29]
38...Kh8 39.Qc3 Kh7 2.15/26
[39...Kg8± 1.58/28 is a better defense. 40.Qc4+ Kh7]
40.Qc4 Kh8 41.Qf7 Kh7? 8.07/27 Black has been moving his king back and forth for the last 5-6 moves and finally misses a threat. Instead:
[⌓41...Rd8 1.62/23 42.Qe7 Rg8]
42.Qg6+ White is clearly winning.
42...Kh8 43.Rxe5 winning at least a pawn due to the pin on the 6th rank. Its all over. **43...fxe5 44.Qxd6** KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **44...Kh7 45.Qxe5 Qxb4 46.Qe4+ Qxe4 47.fxe4 Kg8 48.Kf3 Kf7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25

(precise) /Black=0.68
49.Ke3 The pawn endgame is a simple win for White.
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□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2558**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2601**
ch-IRI 2018 Bushehr IRI (1.4) 09.03.2018
[McDonald, N, TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.Re1 Bc5 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.Be3N
[10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4
A) 11...g5 12.Bg3 0-0 13.dxe5 *(13.Qd3 Nh5 14.Nbd2 Qf6 15.Bd5 Rae8 16.a4 Nxg3 17.hxg3 exd4 18.axb5 axb5 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.Nxd4 Bd7 21.N2f3 b4 22.Nf5 Bxf5 23.exf5 bxc3 24.bxc3 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Kg7 26.Nh2 h5 27.g4 h4* 0-1 (41) Dolmatov,S-Eingorn,V USSR (ch) 41/177 1986*)* 13...Nxe5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Qf3 Qe7 16.Qf5 Kg7 17.Bxe5 Rad8 18.Re2 Rfe8 19.Bxf6+ Qxf6 20.Qxf6+ Kxf6 21.Nd2 a5 22.Rae1 a4 23.Bc2 Ba6 24.h3 Re7 25.b4 c5 26.Nf1 ½-½ (34) Franzen,J (2562)-Timmerman,G (2710) corr FIN jub30 GM-1 1991;
B) 11...Qe7 12.a4 g5 13.Bg3 h5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Rxa8+ Bxa8 16.h4 g4 17.Ng5 Nd8 18.Na3 Nd7 19.Nc2 f6 20.Ne3 fxg5 21.Nf5 Qh7 22.Qd3 Rf8 23.hxg5 Bxe4 24.Nxd6+ cxd6 25.Rxe4 Qf5 26.g6 0-1 (38) 9.♕h7 cd4 10.♘e2 dc3_7007 (2440)-Vit Spelar Sgf3 (2500) World Junior Ch., Goa (Game 25) 2002;
C) 11...0-0 12.a4 exd4 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.cxd4 Re8 16.Nc3 Na5 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Bc2 b4 19.Na4 Ba7 20.Qd3 Nc6 21.e5 dxe5 22.dxe5 Qg6 23.Qxg6 fxg6 24.Bxg6 Re6 ½-½ (35) Zlebcik,L-Sykora,J CZE-ch1 corr8284 1982]
10...0-0 **11.Nbd2** **Re8** Black has developed his pieces, established himself in the centre, and secured his king. His last move has introduced the idea of a discovered attack on the e4-pawn, so White closes the centre. **12.d5** **Na5**
[RR 12...Ne7 13.Bxb6 cxb6 14.Bc2 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nd7 16.Nh4 Nf8 17.Nf1 Nfg6 18.Nxg6 fxg6 19.h4 Rf8 20.Ne3 Bc8 21.g3 Bd7 22.Kg2 Rf7 23.Be2 Raf8 24.f3 Qd8 25.Qd2 g5 26.hxg5 Ng6 27.Nf1 Tikhonovetskiy, A (1971)-Kozlov,A (2189) Sochi 2025 0-1 (91)]
13.Bxb6 **cxb6** QUESTION: Here for once is a positional question. How are we to interpret the exchange on b6? What are the good and bad points of the black pawn moving from c7 to b6 as regards the pawn structure and possible plans resulting from it? White has an edge. **14.Bc2** ANSWER: The transfer of the black pawn to b6 means that the d6-pawn no longer has a defender. This could be of consequence if White manages to put a knight on f5 or (after deep preparation) engineers the pawn advance f2-f4, when the black centre structure comes under pressure. The disappearance of the c-pawn also means that Black no longer has the option of ...c7-c6 to stab at the d5-pawn

and increase the scope of his bishop on b7. In fact this bishop is left staring at a brick wall on d5, unless Black manages to arrange ...f7-f5 in a favourable way to undermine the e4-pawn, when the white centre becomes shaky. If this isn't possible the bishop could well be rerouted to the more open c8-h3 diagonal. Thinking more positively for Black, the exchange on b6 has given his queen's rook the semi-open c-file where it can support the knight when it goes to c4.

[It is worth considering if White's natural retreat of his bishop is inaccurate. After 14.Nf1 Nor would Black be entirely comfortable after

A) 14...Nxb3 15.axb3 White's pawns have been strengthened and Black has lost his counterplay based on ...Nc4. *(15.--? -5.38/22 15.axb3 0.24)*;

B) Or 14...Rc8 15.Ng3 Nc4 16.Qc1 and White is ready to play 17 Nf5 and then whittle away at the black queenside with 18 a4.;

C) 14...Bc8 15.a4 0.03/22 *(15.Ng3± 0.42/19)* 15...Bd7 16.axb5! Bxb5 0.62/23 *(16...axb5= 0.22/22 17.Bc2 Qc7)* 17.Ng3 etc. White has potential on both sides of the board typical of the Ruy Lopez.]

14...Nc4 Now the knight has a pleasant post in enemy territory. It can only be exchanged off at the cost of straightening out Black's pawns and leaving him with a queenside space advantage after 15 Nxc4?! bxc4. **15.b4N** -0.02/23 If White's previous move was questionable this is definitely so.

[Instead 15.Qc1! planning 16 a4 would avoid weakening himself on the c-file.]

[15.Qc1± 0.38/22 feels stronger.]

[RR 15.Rb1 Rc8 16.Nf1 Nh5 17.g3 g6 18.Ne3 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Ng7 20.Rf1 Rf8 21.Rf2 f5 22.Qe2 Rc7 23.Rbf1 Rcf7 24.Bd3 fxe4 25.Bxe4 Bc8 26.Nd2 Rxf2 27.Rxf2 Rxf2 28.Qxf2 Nh5 29.Bf3 Nf6 Gonzalez Vidal,Y (2386)-Perez Rodriguez,L (2402) Havana 1999 1-0 (72)]

[RR 15.Rb1 Nxd2 16.Nxd2 g6 17.Nf1 Nh5 18.Qd2 Bc8 19.Qh6 Qf6 20.g3 Qg7 21.Qxg7+ Kxg7 22.Ne3 Bd7 23.Bd3 Rac8 24.Rbd1 Rf8 25.Be2 Kh6 26.Rd2 f5 27.exf5 gxf5 28.Bxh5 Kxh5 29.f4 Rce8 Hansen,S (2480)-Furhoff,J (2320) Copenhagen 1998 ½-½ (53)]

15...Rc8 Black has to be content with a backward pawn to attack. **16.Qc1**

[Sensibly guarding the a3-square as 16.Nf1 -0.40/23 16.Bb3 0.21 Na3! leaves the c3-pawn in trouble e.g. 17.Qd2 Qc7 when 18.Re3? -3.84/22 allows *(18.Rac1!∓ -0.54/23)* 18...Nc4 .]

16...Nh5 **17.Nf1** -0.31/23 QUESTION: What should Black play to energise his game?

[17.Nxc4= 0.21/22 bxc4 18.Qd1]

17...Rc7

[It feels like Maghsoodloo's previous move prepared 17...f5! but then he lost heart. while after

A) This would have been a highly logical way to undermine the d5- and e4-pawns. Simply bad for White would then be 18.Ng5? -1.74/22 18.N3d2 -0.50 Nf4 etc; *(18...--? 0.40/22 18...Nf4 -1.66)*;

B) or 18.exf5 Bxd5;

C) 18.N3d2 fxe4 19.Bxe4 Nf4 White has to worry about the loose

pawns on d5 and c3.]

18.g3

[Having been let off once, White should deter Black's ...f7-f5 advance with 18.Ne3 .]

18...Bc8 0.28/22

[Again 18...f5 was consistent, though it requires a more vigorous response to 19.Ng5 : fxe4! 20.Ne6 Rxe6 21.dxe6 d5 and Black's massive centre gives him more than enough compensation for the slight material investment.]

[18...f5∓ -0.32/25]

19.Ne3 Now White manages to stabilise his centre and can think about drumming up an initiative. **19...Bd7 20.a4 Qf6** 0.72/24 The queen proves ineffective here and is soon withdrawn.

[It was better to bolster the queenside with 20...Qc8! .]

[20...Qc8= -0.11/24 21.axb5 Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Bxb5 *(22...Rxc3 23.Rxc3 Qxc3 24.Ra3±)*]

21.Bd1! Rec8 QUESTION: What happens if Black tries 21...bxa4, hoping to exploit the fact that the bishop on d1 must stay guarding f3?

[ANSWER: I'm always impressed when I see a player dictate a game from the first rank in the style of Karpov. The bishop retreat not only defends f3 but has designs on the knight on h5 beyond it. Thus after 21...bxa4? 3.12/22 21...Nxe3 0.39 22.Nxc4! Rxc4 23.Nd2! two black pieces are hanging.]

[21...bxa4? 22.Nxc4 Rxc4 23.Nd2± *(23.Bxa4? Bxa4 24.Nd2 Bb5-+)*]

22.axb5

[If 22.Nxc4 Rxc4 23.Nd2? -4.67/24 Black escapes the trap with *(23.axb5!±* 0.45/23 stays ahead. *Rxc3 24.Qg5)* 23...Rxc3 attacking the white queen.]

22...Bxb5 23.Nf5 0.01/24

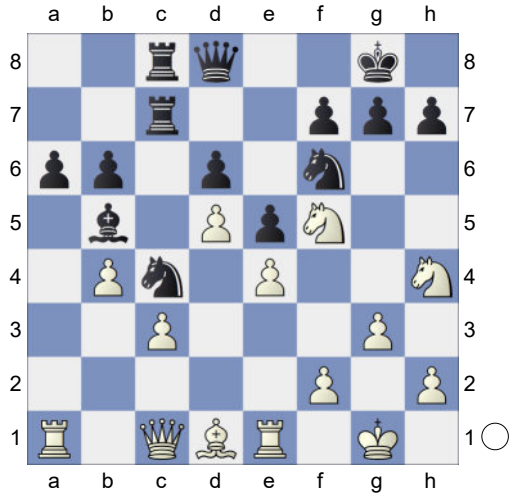
[23.Nxc4± 0.74/22 Rxc4 24.Ra3]

23...Qd8!=

[Not liking the dark square holes in his kingside after 23...g6 0.39/23 23...Qd8 0.01 24.Nh6+! Kg7 0.86/21 *(24...Kh8=* 0.15/21 *)* 25.Ng4 0.01/20 . Nonetheless, as we saw in Chapter Three letting a white knight sit with impunity on f5 is seldom a happy state of affairs for Black in the Ruy Lopez. Maghsoodloo's queenside pieces are impressive, but no challenge has been made to the white centre with ... f7-f5. This gives Firouzja a freehand to prepare an attack on the kingside involving a dangerous piece offer. Objectively speaking the position is still dynamically balanced, but it's not much fun for Black. *(25.Be2!±* 0.86/21 *)*]

24.N3h4! An important preparatory move which ensures White maintains a knight on f5 even after the looming sacrifice.

24...Nf6



QUESTION: So where will the sacrifice take place, and how do you assess the position after it? (see the next two

comments). ANSWER: **25.Nxg7!** Breaking up the defensive wall in front of the black king and clearing the way for the entrance of White's queen and second knight. Decoy **25...Kxg7 26.Nf5+ Kf8 27.Qh6+ Ke8 28.Qg7!** ANSWER: The black king has been driven to the centre by the marauding white queen and knight. He will have to stay there for a while as 28...Kd7? 29 Qxf7+ forces mate. I like the quiet touch of White's last move which says to his opponent "it's your turn to move: how can you get out of this mess?" Nonetheless Black has adequate defensive resources to maintain equality. In other games in this book – for example those featuring Wei Yi, Koneru and Carlsen – we have seen a recipe in which the attacker sacrifices to chase the king towards the centre and then mates him there with a couple of deft strokes. Here it is not so easy. There is a clump of pawns, both white and black, blocking any frontal attack on the king. White has a fearsome queen and knight but they aren't deadly enough on their own to decide the game. They need the help of other pieces, and there are none that can join the attack for the moment. **28...Ra8!** Clearing the c8-square as a flight square for his king.

[28...Nd2 29.Ra2 Nc4 *(29...Nfxe4 30.Qg8+* Deflection *Kd7 31.Qxf7+; 29...Ndxe4 30.Rxe4 Rxc3 31.Be2+-)* 30.g4±]

29.Be2! White plans to move his bishop to h3 where it can add weight to the attack by preventing the black king fleeing to d7, or else harass it on that square or c8. **29...Rca7?** 5.04/24 QUESTION: This gives White the chance for some pawn power. Can you see the general idea, if not all the fine details?

[After 29...Kd7! White has nothing better than the forcing sequence 30.Qxf7+ -0.72/25 *(30.Bxc4!=* -0.11/26 remains equal. *Bxc4 31.Qxf7+ Kc8 32.Qe6+ Kb8 33.f4 exf4 34.e5 Nxd5 35.exd6)* 30...Kc8∓ 31.Qe6+ Bd7 32.Nxd6+ Kb8 33.Nf7! Bxe6 34.Nxd8 Bd7 35.Nf7! with an unclear endgame in which he has three pawns for the piece. Prevents Nd6]

[29...Kd7= -0.01/25]

30.Bf1? 1.57/24 The consistent move.

[ANSWER: But Firouzja could have cracked the defensive shell around the black king for a second time in the game with 30.f4! . We should use this exciting position as the chance to train our tactical flair. The key theme is getting a white rook into the attack. We could divide it into three sections: The rook crashes through along the f-file. Finally if

A) Breaking through with a rook along the e-file. After the helpful 30...exf4? 9.12/24 30...h5 4.78 White smashes through with 31.Bxc4 Bxc4 32.e5! dxe5 33.Rxe5+ Kd7 34.Qxf7+ Kc8 35.Ne7+ Kc7 *(*or *35...Rxe7 36.Rxe7* and White wins the knight to start with*)* 36.Nc6+ Qd7 37.Re7 and it's all over.;

B) A rook supports the attack down the d-file. If Black tries 30...a5 then White can utilise another pawn: 31.fxe5 dxe5 32.d6! . Again the black position falls apart for example axb4 33.Rxa7 Rxa7 34.Rd1! bxc3 35.d7+! 9.81/5 *(⌓35.Bxc4!* #17/27 *Kd7 36.Qxf7+*

Kc6 37.Bxb5+ Kxb5 38.Qxa7 Nxe4 39.Qc7 c2 40.Rc1) 35...Nxd7+- 36.Bxc4 Bxc4 37.Qh8+ Nf8 38.Qxf8+ (neater than just taking the queen) Kxf8 39.Rxd8# .;

C) 30...h5 (unlike the other black pawn moves this does no direct harm, but it is hardly inspiring if Black has no better use of a tempo) 31.Bxc4 *(if 31.fxe5* Black has *Nxe5* , a resource not available in the variation above after 30...a5 as the bishop on b5 would hang*)* 31...Bxc4 32.fxe5 dxe5 33.Ne3! b5 *(or 33...Bb5 34.c4* 35 preparing Rf1*)* 34.Nxc4! bxc4 35.Rf1 Qb6+ 36.Kg2! Ke7 37.Rf3 (intending to crash through along the f-file after 38 Raf1) Rg8 38.Rxf6! Rxg7 39.Rxb6 and the endgame is dead lost for Black.]

[30.f4+- 5.04/24 h5 31.Rad1]

30...Nd2± 31.Bg2 -0.01/23 Meeting the threat of 31...Nf3+ winning the exchange.

[In fact, there was still the chance to use pawn power with 31.c4! when a sharp line is Nf3+ 2.30/22 *(31...Nxc4?* 6.03/24 31...Bxc4 1.12 *32.Rac1 Rc8 33.f4; ⌓31...Bxc4* 1.73/23 *32.Bg2 Nb3)* 32.Kh1 Nxe1 33.Rxe1 Ba4 34.f4! Kd7 35.Qxf7+ Kc8 36.Qe6+ Kb8 37.fxe5 Ng4 38.c5! Nxe5 39.Nxd6 1.87/24 . QUESTION: How do you assess the position reached in this sharp variation? ANSWER: White has a massive centre of three passed pawns and a continuing initiative for a rook. His king being more or less safe is an important factor in his favour. Nonetheless positions of this kind with an unusual material imbalance are very hard to judge. Still 39...Ng6 40 Nc4! looks very much in White's favour. Black can try to improve with *(39.Ra1±* 1.25/23 *Bb5 40.Nxd6)* 39...Re7+- 40.Qf6 Raa7 , getting his rooks into the game, but 41.Rc1! threatens to take on b6 and then give a killing check on c8. If this is stopped with bxc5 then 42.bxc5 leaves the black king more exposed.]

[31.c4+- 2.26/26]

31...a5? 1.92/21 Maghsoodloo wants some pawn power of his own. He is willing to sacrifice back a piece to activate his rooks and create a passed pawn. Naturally he doesn't want to wait until White finally organises a central breakthrough.

[However it was a good moment to evacuate the king from the centre with 31...Kd7 1.03/22 31...Nc4 -0.01 32.Qxf7+ Kc8 33.Qe6+ Kc7 . Then in order to keep essential dynamism once White is again compelled to use pawn power: 34.c4! Nxc4 35.Rec1 Kb8 (menacing White with the threat of 36...Bd7 when his queen has no good square, so his next move is forced) 36.Rxc4! Bxc4 37.Nxd6 Rc7 38.Qxe5 . This is not as good for White as the sacrifice discussed in the previous note, as Black could force the exchange of queens with Nd7 39.Qd4 Qf6 , though after 40.Qxf6 Nxf6 41.e5 Ng4 *(not 41...Nxd5?* 6.46/24 41...Ng4 0.83 *42.Nxc4* when d5 is dropping *)* 42.e6 the strong white centre pawns are enough for at least equality.]

[31...Nc4!= -0.01/23 and Black stays

safe.]

32.Rad1!+- axb4

[It's too late to go back as after 32...Nc4 33.Bf1! (the pressure against c4 is stronger now that the bishop on b5 is no longer supported by a pawn on a6) axb4? 3.92/22 *(33...Kd7± 1.48/20)* 34.cxb4+- Ba6 35.f4! White has a decisive attack.]

33.Rxd2? 0.01/21

[White should try 33.cxb4± 1.54/22 Ra2 34.g4]

33...Ra1!⇄ Black puts up resistance

34.Rdd1 Rxd1 35.Rxd1 b3

[Rather than 35...bxc3? 6.30/23 35...b3 0.42 as Black wants a pawn on b2 to support a possible invasion with Ra1.]

36.Bh3 0.01/24

[Upon 36.f4 Black's queenside action is just enough to hold the balance: b2! 37.fxe5

A) or 37...dxe5 1.30/26 37...Ra1 0.01 38.d6! and Black is busted as. d7+! would kill now. Ra1? #3/8 *(38...Bd3± 1.08/23 39.Bh3 b1Q 40.Rxb1 Bxb1)* 39.d7+! Nxd7 *(or 39...Bxd7 40.Qh8+ mates)* 40.Nd6+ will mate on f7;

B) 37...Ra1 38.Nxd6+ Qxd6! 39.exd6 Rxd1+ 40.Kf2 b1Q 41.Qh8+ Kd7 42.Bh3+ Kxd6 43.Qf8+ Kc7 *(if 43...Ke5?? #1/6* 43...Kc7 -0.01 *44.Qe7#)* 44.Qc8+ Kd6 (-> ...Qc2+) 45.Qf8+ with a draw by perpetual.]

[36.Rb1± 0.64/26]

36...Be2

[QUESTION: After 36...b2 37.Qh8+ Kd7 how should the game finish? ANSWER: With the game move Black is playing with fire. Instead 36...b2! forces White to call it a draw with 38.Nd4+ Ke7 *(if 38...Kc7?* 8.13/19 38...Ke7 -0.01 *39.Nxb5+* comes with check *)* 39.Nf5+! Kd7 40.Nd4+ with a draw by repetition.]

37.Rb1 b2 0.66/27

[The tempting 37...Bd3 can be met by 38.Bf1! when Black should swap on f1 as Bxb1?? #3/8 *(38...Bxf1±* 0.47/20 *39.Nh6 Qe7)* 39.Bb5+ Nd7 40.Qg8# is mate.]

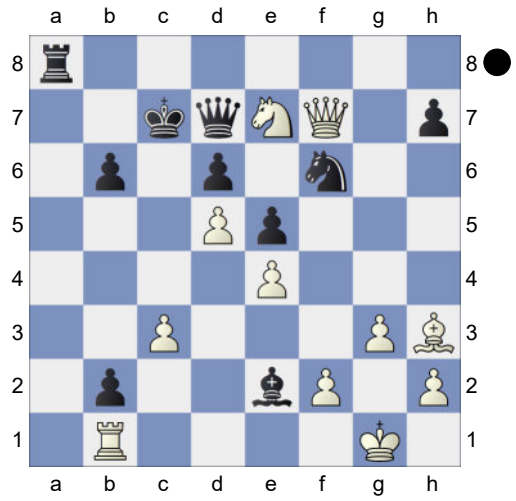
[Better is 37...Bd3= 0.08/25 38.Nh6 *(38.Rxb3 Ra1+ 39.Kg2 Bf1+* Deflection *40.Kf3 Bxh3∓)* 38...Qe7]

38.Qh8+? -0.37/5 Perhaps in time trouble (after all it's been a hugely complex struggle) White becomes confused and makes a couple of useless moves with his queen.

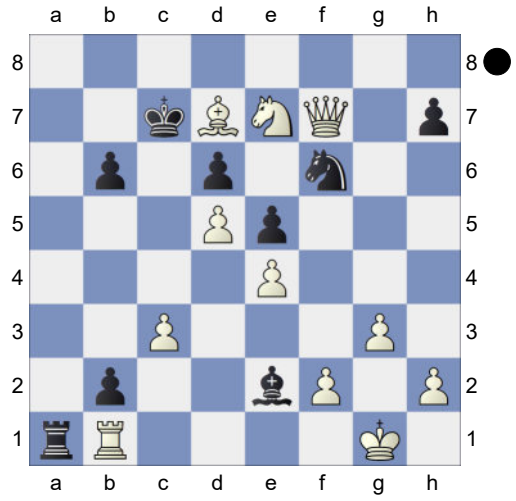
[The priority should be to neutralise Black's counterplay based on the passed pawn and White's vulnerable back rank. Correct was 38.Kg2! Bd3 (this is a scary move for White as it hits both b1 and e4, but f7 proves even more of a problem for Black) 39.Nh6 0.01/21 (threatening mate) *(39.Rxb2!±* 0.54/26 *Bxe4+ 40.f3 Bxf5 41.Bxf5)* 39...Bxe4+= 40.f3! Bg6! 41.Bf5! (reintroducing the theme of mate on f7 after Bxg6) Qe7 42.Qh8+! Qf8 43.Qxf6 Qxh6 44.Rxb2 Qc1 45.Rc2 Qa3 46.c4 . The exchange of pieces has reduced the threats to Black's king though he is a little uncomfortable sitting in the centre. On the other hand White has regained his material and extinguished the danger emanating from the queenside. His king is now much safer and he can try to build up his initiative against its opposite number.]

[38.Rxb2 Ra1+ 39.Kg2 *(39.Bf1?*

Bxf1-+) 39...Bf1+ 40.Kf3 Bxh3-+]
[38.Kg2!± 0.66/27 Bd3 39.Nh6 *(39.Rxb2 Bxe4+ 40.f3 Bxf5±)* 39...Bxe4+ *(39...Bxb1 40.Qxf7#)* 40.f3 Bxd5 41.Rxb2]
38...Kd7∓ The board is on fire. **39.Qg7?** -3.94/30 When the blood has been stirred by violent attacking blows it's hard to switch to a defensive posture.
[White can hold on if he retreats his knight and then goes into an endgame: 39.Ne3+! Kc7 40.Qxd8+ Kxd8 41.Rxb2 . Here we see the value of the knight on e3. It guards the f1-square so that Black can't win the white bishop with ...Ra1+ followed by ...Bf1+ and ...Bxh3. So play might continue Bf3 42.Rxb6 Ra1+ 43.Nf1! Ke7 and White can begin to free himself with 44.c4 Nxe4 and ...Nc3 would now be decisive 45.Bg2 etc.]
[39.Nd4+? Kc7 40.Qxd8+ Kxd8 41.Rxb2 *(41.Nxe2? Ra1-+)* 41...Ra1+-+]
[39.Ne3+!= -0.10/27 and White has nothing to worry. Kc7 40.Qxd8+ Kxd8 41.Rxb2]
39...Kc7!-+ 40.Qxf7+? -5.38/27
[Much weaker is 40.Rxb2 Ra1+ 41.Kg2 Bf1+ 42.Kf3 Bxh3-+]
[40.Kg2 -3.11/28 Ra1 41.Rxb2 *(41.Qxf7+? Qd7-+)* 41...Bf1+ Deflection 42.Kf3 Bxh3 43.Qxf7+ Nd7 *(43...Kb8 44.Ne7-+)* 44.Qxh7 Bxf5 45.Qxf5]
40...Qd7 41.Ne7
[Because he wasted time with 39 Qg7 the f1-square proves fatally weak after 41.Qxd7+ Nxd7 42.Rxb2 Ra1+ 43.Kg2 Bf1+ 44.Kf3 and Bxf1 should not be overlooked Bxh3 when the endgame offers little hope.]



A last gamble. **41...Ra1!** -9.93/24
42.Bxd7
[After 42.Kg2 winning the bishop is again the simplest way for Black: Ng4 43.Rxb2 Bf1+ 44.Kf3 Bxh3 when he is a piece up and White has no more attack.]



QUESTION: I know what move you are itching to play, but hold on! If you think for a little while you can win the game at once. ANSWER:. Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/ Black=0.48
42...Bf3! . A sudden end to a crazily complicated battle. The white king is denied an escape square on g2 so

there's no way to stop mate on the first rank.
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e5
[6...e6 7.g4 h6 8.Bg2 Be7 9.Qd3 Nfd7 10.Be3 Ne5 11.Qe2 b5 12.f4 Nc4 13.Nf5 0-0 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.Bc1 Bb7 16.b3 Nb6 17.h4 Qc7 18.Bb2 d5 19.0-0-0 b4 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.g5 Qxf4+ 22.Kb1 N8d7 23.Bc1 Qg3 24.gxh6 g6 25.h7+ Kh8 26.Bh3 d4 27.Rxd4 Bc6 28.h5 g5 29.Bf5 f6 30.Bb2 a5 31.h6 Qc7 32.Qd2 Qf4 33.Qxf4 gxf4 34.Rd6 Ne5 35.Rxf6 Rxf6 36.Bxe5 Nd7 37.Bxd7 Kxh7 38.Bxf6 Bxd7 39.Rf1 Kxh6 40.Rxf4 Kg6 41.Bd4 Kg5 42.Rf7 Be8 43.Rf2 Bg6 44.Be3+ Kh4 45.e5 Re8 46.Rf6 Kh5 47.e6 Be4 48.Kb2 Bg6 49.c4 Bd3 50.Bd2 Kg4 51.Rf4+ Kg3 52.Rd4 Bg6 53.Rd6 Kg4 54.e7 Bf5 55.Rd4+ Kh5 56.Rd5 Kg6 57.Rxa5 Rxe7 58.Bxb4]
7.Nde2 h5
[7...b5 8.g4 b4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Qxd5 Ra7 11.Be3 Be6 12.Qd3 Rb7 13.Bg2 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Ng3 Bg5 16.Rfd1 g6 17.b3 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nc6 19.Ne2 a5 20.Rd3 Qb8 21.Rad1 Rd7 22.Bf1 f6 23.c4 Kg7 24.f4 Bf7 25.Bg2 a4 26.Kh1 Qc7 27.Qd2 Qb6 28.Rf1 Rdd8 29.Rdf3 Qc5 30.Rd3 Rde8 31.Rd1 Rd8 32.Kh2 Rd7 33.Rf3 Bg8 34.Rd3 Qf2 35.Rf1 Qc5 36.Kh1 h6 37.Rd1 Qa7 38.Rf3 Rdd8 39.Kh2 Qc7 40.Rg3]
8.g3 Be7
[8...Nbd7 9.Bg5 Be7 10.a4 b6 11.Bg2 Bb7 12.0-0 Rc8 13.h4 0-0 14.Qd2 Rc5 *(14...Rc4 15.Rfd1 Qa8 16.Bh3 Rd8 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Bxg5 19.hxg5 Bc8 20.Bg2 Qb8 21.b3 Rc7 22.Bf3 g6 23.Nc3 f5 24.gxf6 Nxf6 25.Ne4 Nxe4 26.Bxe4 Rf8 27.Bxg6)* 15.Rfd1 Qb8 16.Nc1 Rc4 17.Nb3 Qc7 18.Qe2 Re8 19.Nd2 Rb4 20.Rab1 g6 21.Nf1 Nh7 22.Be3 Nhf6 23.Qe1 Rc4 24.Bg5 Rd4 25.Ne3 Bf8 26.Ra1 a5 27.Qe2 Nxe4 28.Bxe4 Bxe4 29.Nxe4 Rxe4 30.Qb5 Rc8 31.c3 Qb7 32.b4 Qc6 33.f3 Rxe3 34.Qxc6 Rxc6 35.Bxe3 Rxc3 36.Bd2 Rxf3 37.bxa5 bxa5 38.Kg2 Rb3 39.Bxa5 Rb2+ 40.Kf1 f5 41.Be1 Rb6 42.Bf2 Ra6 43.Rdb1 e4 44.Rb7]
[8...Be6 9.Bg2 b5 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Be3 Nb6 12.b3 Be7 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.a4 bxa4 15.Nxa4 Nxa4 16.Rxa4 0-0 17.Rfa1 Rfc8 18.c4]
9.Bg2 b5
[9...Nbd7 10.a4 b6 *(10...Nc5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.0-0 Rc8 13.a5 0-0 14.b3 Re8 15.Re1 Bd7 16.h4 Be6 17.Qd2 g6 18.Red1 Kg7 19.Bxf6+ Bxf6 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.Qxd5 Rc6 22.b4 Ne6 23.c3 Qc7 24.Rd3)* 11.Bg5 Bb7 12.0-0 Rc8 13.h4 Rc7 14.Re1 Qa8 *(14...0-0 15.Nc1 Rc4 16.Qe2 Qc7 17.Nb3 Rb4 18.Red1 Re8 19.Qd2 Rc4 20.Qe2 g6 21.Re1 Rb4 22.Rad1 Rc8 23.Bd2 Bf8 24.Bg5 a5 25.Rb1 Nh7 26.Bd2 Qb8 27.Rec1 Nhf6 28.Bg5 Qa8 29.Nd2 Nh7 30.Bh3 Nxg5 31.Bxd7 Rd8*

32.hxg5 Rxd7 33.b3 Qd8 34.Nd5 Bxd5 35.exd5 Be7 36.Nc4 Bxg5 37.Rf1 Rc7 38.c3 Rcxc4 39.bxc4 Rxa4 40.c5 dxc5 41.Rfe1 Qxd5 42.Rxb6 e4 43.Qb5 Ra3 44.Qe8+ Kh7 45.Qxe4 Qxe4 46.Rxe4 Rxc3 47.Rc6 Bd2 48.Re2 Rc1+ 49.Kg2) 15.Rb1 0-0 16.Nc1 Re8 17.Nb3 Bf8 18.Qf3 Ng4 19.Rbc1 Rec8 20.Qd3 f6 21.Be3 f5 22.Nd2 Be7 23.Bg5 Nc5 24.Qe2 Bxg5 25.hxg5 f4 26.Bh3 Rf8 27.Bxg4 hxg4 28.Qxg4 Qe8 29.Kg2 Qg6 30.Nf3 fxg3 31.fxg3 Rcf7 32.Nh4 Rf2+ 33.Kg1 Qe6 34.Qxe6+ Nxe6 35.Ng6 R8f3 36.Nh4]

[9...0-0

A) 10.g4 h4 11.a4 Be6 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.f4 Rc8 14.Kh1 *(14.f5 Bc4 15.Kh1 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.b3 Bxe2 18.Nxe2 Qc7 19.g5 Nh7 20.f6 gxf6 21.c4 fxg5 22.Nc3 Qd8 23.Nxb5 Nc5 24.Bd2 Ne6 25.Nc3 Ra8 26.Rxa8 Qxa8 27.Nd5 Qb7 28.Qh5 Kg7 29.Ne3 Nf6 30.Nf5+ Kg8 31.Qh6 Nh7 32.Qh5 Nf6 33.Qf3 Nf4 34.Bxf4 gxf4 35.Ra1 Bd8 36.Qd1 Qb4 37.Qxd6 Qxb3 38.Nh6+ Kg7 39.Nf5+ Kg8 40.Nh6+ Kg7 41.Nf5+ Kg8 42.Nh6+)* 14...exf4 15.Bxf4 Bc4 16.Re1 Ne5 17.Nd4 Re8 18.Nf5 Bf8 19.Qd2 Be6 20.Bg5 g6 21.Nd4 Be7 22.Bxh4 Nh7 23.Bxe7 Qxe7 24.Qf2 Kg7 25.Rad1 Ng5 26.Kg1 Rh8 27.Re3 Rh6 28.Rg3 Rch8 29.Qe3 Nc4 30.Nxe6+ Nxe6 31.Qe2 Nxb2 32.Rb1 Nf4 33.Qf1 Nxg2 34.Kxg2 Nxa4 35.g5 Rh5 36.Qf6+ Qxf6 37.gxf6+ Kxf6 38.Nxa4 b5 39.Nb6 Kg7 40.Nd5 Re5 41.Kf3 Rh4 42.Nf4 Rc5 43.Ng2 Rc3+ 44.Ne3 Kf6 45.Rd1 Ke6 46.Rd3 Rxd3 47.cxd3 a5 48.Ke2 Kd7 49.Kd2 Rh8 50.Rg5 Rb8 51.Nc2 a4 52.Kc3 Rc8+ 53.Kb2 Rc5 54.h4 Ke7 55.Ne3 Kf8 56.Nd5 Rc8 57.h5 Kg7 58.hxg6 fxg6 59.Rxg6+;

B) 10.Be3 Nbd7 11.a4 Qc7 12.g4 hxg4 13.hxg4 Nb6 14.g5 Ng4 15.Qd3 Qd8 16.a5 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Nc4 18.Qg3 Bxg5 19.b3 Nxa5 20.Rxa5 Qxa5 21.Qxg5 Be6 22.Qh5 f6 23.Bf3]

[9...Be6 10.a4 *(10.Be3 Nbd7 11.0-0 b5 12.Qd2 Rc8 13.a4 b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Bf5 16.Rfc1 a5 17.c3 b3 18.Re1 Nb6 19.Nc1 Nc4 20.Qe2 Bc2 21.Nd3 0-0 22.Bc1 h4 23.g4 Bg5 24.Be4)* 10...Nbd7 11.0-0 Rc8 12.a5 h4 13.g4 Nh7 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.Qxd5 Rc6 16.c3 0-0 17.f4 Qc7 18.Be3 exf4 19.Nxf4 Bg5 20.Kh1 Ne5 21.Qa2 Re8 22.Nd5 Qd7 23.Bd4 Kh8 24.Nb6]

10.Nd5

[10.a4 or 10...b4 11.Nd5 Sensibly guarding the a3-square as 11...Nxd5 12.Qxd5! leaves the c3-pawn in trouble e.g. Ra7 13.Be3 when Be6 allows 14.Qd3 . Instead 14...Rb7! planning 16 a4 would avoid weakening himself on the c-file. It is worth considering if White's natural retreat of his bishop is inaccurate. After 15.f4 Nor would Black be entirely comfortable after 15...Qc8 16.b3 a5 17.0-0-0 Qc6 18.g4 etc. White has potential on both sides of the board typical of the Ruy Lopez. Na6 19.f5 White's pawns have been strengthened and Black has lost his counterplay based on ... Nc4. Bc8 Or 20.Ng3 h4 21.Nh5 Kf8

and White is ready to play 17 Nf5 and then whittle away at the black queenside with 18 a4. 22.Qd5 Rc7 23.Qxc6 Rxc6 24.Rd5]

10...Nxd5

[10...Nbd7 11.Nxe7 Qxe7 , getting his rooks into the game, but 12.Bg5! threatens to take on b6 and then give a killing check on c8. If this is stopped with Bb7 then *(12...Qe6* and it's all over.or *13.h4 0-0* and White wins the knight to start with A rook supports the attack down the d-file. If Black tries *14.a3* then White can utilise another pawn: *Bb7 15.Nc3 a5!* .

Again the black position falls apart for example *16.Qe2 Ba6 17.Bh3 b4! 18.Nb5 Qe7! 19.0-0 Nc5 20.a4 Rab8 21.b3 Ne6* (neater than just taking the queen) *22.Bxe6 Qxe6* . After *23.Bxf6!* White has nothing better than the forcing sequence *Qxf6 24.Rfd1 Rfd8 25.Rd2 Qg6 26.Rad1 Rd7 27.Kh2 Rbd8 28.Qc4 Kh7* with an unclear endgame in which he has three pawns for the piece. Not liking the dark square holes in his kingside after *29.f3 Rc8 30.Qe2 Rc5* . Nonetheless, as we saw in Chapter Three letting a white knight sit with impunity on f5 is seldom a happy state of affairs for Black in the Ruy Lopez.

Maghsoodloo's queenside pieces are impressive, but no challenge has been made to the white centre with ...f7-f5. This gives Firouzja a freehand to prepare an attack on the kingside involving a dangerous piece offer. Objectively speaking the position is still dynamically balanced, but it's not much fun for Black. If *31.Kh3 Qe6+ 32.Kg2* Black escapes the trap with *Kg8* attacking the white queen. ANSWER: I'm always impressed when I see a player dictate a game from the first rank in the style of Karpov. The bishop retreat not only defends f3 but has designs on the knight on h5 beyond it. Thus after *33.Kf2? Bxb5 34.axb5 Qh3!* two black pieces are hanging. It was better to bolster the queenside with *35.Qf1!* . Again *35...Qh2+* was consistent, though it requires a more vigorous response to *36.Qg2* : *Qxg2+! 37.Kxg2 Rxb5 38.Rxd6 Rc7* and Black's massive centre gives him more than enough compensation for the slight material investment. Having been let off once, White should deter Black's ...f7-f5 advance with *39.Kh3* . It feels like Maghsoodloo's previous move prepared *39...Rbc5!* but then he lost heart. while after *40.R1d5 f6 41.Rd8+ Kf7* White has to worry about the loose pawns on d5 and c3. This would have been a highly logical way to undermine the d5- and e4-pawns. Simply bad for White would then be *42.R8d7+? Kg6* etc; *)* 13.Nc3 leaves the black king more exposed. Qe6 *(13...Rc8 14.h4* ANSWER: But Firouzja could have cracked the defensive shell around the black king for a second time in the game with *14...0-0!* .

We should use this exciting position as the chance to train our tactical flair. The key theme is getting a white rook into the attack. We could divide it into three sections:The rook crashes through along the f-file. Finally if *15.a3* (unlike the other black pawn moves this does no direct harm, but it is

hardly inspiring if Black has no better use of a tempo) *Rfe8 16.0-0 Nb6 17.a4 Rxc3! 18.bxc3 Nxa4 19.Qd2 Rc8 20.Rfd1 Nxc3 21.Qxd6 Qxd6* (intending to crash through along the f-file after 38 Raf1) *22.Rxd6 Ne2+! 23.Kf1 Rxc2* and the endgame is dead lost for Black. or *24.Rd8+ Kh7* preparing 35 Rf1 if *25.Rd2* Black has *Rxd2* , a resource not available in the variation above after 30...a5 as the bishop on b5 would hang Breaking through with a rook along the e-file. After the helpful *26.Bxd2?* White smashes through with *Nd4 27.f3 Nd7! 28.Rc1 Nc6 29.Kf2 Kg8 30.Bh3 Nb6 31.Be3 g6 32.Bxb6*) 14.h4]

11.Qxd5 Ra7 Black has developed his pieces, established himself in the centre, and secured his king. His last move has introduced the idea of a discovered attack on the e4-pawn, so White closes the centre.

12.Be3 Rb7

[12...Qa5+ 13.Nc3 Be6 14.Qd2! Rc7 15.0-0 Rc8 16.Rfd1 Nd7 17.Bf1 Nf6 18.a3 0-0 19.Nd5 Qd8 20.Nxe7+ Qxe7 with a draw by perpetual. if 21.Bg5 Rc6 or 22.Bg2 Rfc8! and Black is busted as 23.Rac1 Qc7 24.Bxf6 gxf6 will mate on f7 or 25.c3 Kg7 mates Rather than 26.h4 as Black wants a pawn on b2 to support a possible invasion with Ra1. It's too late to go back as after 26...a5 27.Bf3! (the pressure against c4 is stronger now that the bishop on b5 is no longer supported by a pawn on a6) Bb3 28.Re1 b4 29.axb4! White has a decisive attack. However it was a good moment to evacuate the king from the centre with 29...axb4 30.Re3 Rh8 31.Kg2 Qb7 . Then in order to keep essential dynamism once White is again compelled to use pawn power: 32.Rd3! Qa6 33.Qe3 Be6 (menacing White with the threat of 36...Bd7 when his queen has no good square, so his next move is forced) 34.Rd2! Qb7 35.Qe2 bxc3 36.Rxc3 . This is not as good for White as the sacrifice discussed in the previous note, as Black could force the exchange of queens with Rxc3 37.bxc3 Qc6 , though after]

[12...Be6 13.Qd2 Rb7 14.f4 Nd7 the strong white centre pawns are enough for at least equality. not 15.b3 Nf6 when d5 is dropping In fact, there was still the chance to use pawn power with 16.0-0-0! when a sharp line is Qa8 17.g4 Rc7 18.Ng3 0-0 19.f5! h4 20.g5 Nh7 21.fxe6 hxg3 22.exf7+ Kxf7 23.Kb1! Kg8 24.h4 .

QUESTION: How do you assess the position reached in this sharp variation?

ANSWER: White has a massive centre of three passed pawns and a continuing initiative for a rook. His king being more or less safe is an important factor in his favour. Nonetheless positions of this kind with an unusual material imbalance are very hard to judge.

Still 39...Ng6 40 Nc4! looks very much in White's favour. Black can try to improve with]

13.Qd2

[13.0-0-0 Nd7 14.Qd2 with a draw by repetition. if 14...0-0 15.g4 comes with check Upon 15...h4 Black's queenside action is just enough to hold the balance: 16.f4!]

13...Nd7 QUESTION: Here for once is a

positional question. How are we to interpret the exchange on b6? What are the good and bad points of the black pawn moving from c7 to b6 as regards the pawn structure and possible plans resulting from it?

14.Nc3 ANSWER: The transfer of the black pawn to b6 means that the d6-pawn no longer has a defender. This could be of consequence if White manages to put a knight on f5 or (after deep preparation) engineers the pawn advance f2-f4, when the black centre structure comes under pressure. The disappearance of the c-pawn also means that Black no longer has the option of ...c7-c6 to stab at the d5-pawn and increase the scope of his bishop on b7. In fact this bishop is left staring at a brick wall on d5, unless Black manages to arrange ...f7-f5 in a favourable way to undermine the e4-pawn, when the white centre becomes shaky. If this isn't possible the bishop could well be rerouted to the more open c8-h3 diagonal.

Thinking more positively for Black, the exchange on b6 has given his queen's rook the semi-open c-file where it can support the knight when it goes to c4.

[14.b3]

14...Nf6 Now the knight has a pleasant post in enemy territory. It can only be exchanged off at the cost of straightening out Black's pawns and leaving him with a queenside space advantage after 15 Nxc4?! bxc4.

[14...0-0?? 15.Nd5 Nf6 16.Nxe7+ is mate. QUESTION: After 16...Qxe7 17.0-0 Qe6 how should the game finish?

ANSWER: With the game move Black is playing with fire. Instead 36...b2! forces White to call it a draw with 18.Bg5]

15.a3?! If White's previous move was questionable this is definitely so. **15...a5** Black has to be content with a backward pawn to attack. **16.0-0 Be6**

[16...0-0 17.Qd3 Bd7 and White can begin to free himself with 18.Rfc1 Qc8 19.h4 etc. The priority should be to neutralise Black's counterplay based on the passed pawn and White's vulnerable back rank. Correct was 19...Ng4! 20.Nd5 (this is a scary move for White as it hits both b1 and e4, but f7 proves even more of a problem for Black) Bd8 (threatening mate) 21.b4 Be6 22.Bd2 Qb8! (reintroducing the theme of mate on f7 after Bxg6) 23.bxa5 Qa7 24.Rf1 Bxa5 25.Bxa5 Qxa5 26.Bf3 Kh7 27.Rab1 Ra8 . The exchange of pieces has reduced the threats to Black's king though he is a little uncomfortable sitting in the centre. On the other hand White has regained his material and extinguished the danger emanating from the queenside. His king is now much safer and he can try to build up his initiative against its opposite number. The tempting 28.Bxg4 can be met by hxg4! when Black should swap on f1 as]

17.b4 QUESTION: What should Black play to energise his game?

17...0-0

[17...a4 18.Bg5 Qd7 when the endgame offers little hope. White can hold on if he retreats his knight and then goes into an endgame: 19.Bxf6! Bxf6 20.h4 0-0 21.Rfd1 . Here we see the value of the knight on e3. It guards the f1-square so that Black

can't win the white bishop with ... Ra1+ followed by ...Bf1+ and ...Bxh3. So play might continue Rc8 22.Nd5]

18.Nd5N

[18.Bg5 QUESTION: I know what move you are itching to play, but hold on! If you think for a little while you can win the game at once.

ANSWER: 18...Qd7! . A sudden end to a crazily complicated battle. The white king is denied an escape square on g2 so there's no way to stop mate on the first rank.After 19.bxa5 winning the bishop is again the simplest way for Black: Rc8 20.a4 b4 21.Nb5 Bxh3 when he is a piece up and White has no more attack. Also good enough to win is 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Qxb4 . Because he wasted time with 39 Qg7 the f1-square proves fatally weak after 23...h4 24.Bxh3 Qxh3 25.Ra3 Be7]

[RR 18.Kh2 axb4 19.axb4 Qc7 20.Rfc1 Rc8 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 Bd7 23.Ra6 Qc4 24.Bc5 dxc5 25.d6 e4 26.dxe7 Be8 27.Qd8 Rbb8 28.Qd6 cxb4 29.Qe5 Qc7 30.Qxe4 b3 31.Ra3 b2 32.Rb1 Rb6 Aravindh,C (2749)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2757) Tashkent 2025 ½-½ (76)]

18...axb4 19.Nxf6+ Now White manages to stabilise his centre and can think about drumming up an initiative.

[19.axb4 Nxd5 20.exd5 Bd7 21.Ra6 h4 22.f4 exf4 23.Bxf4 hxg3 24.Bxg3 Rb6 25.Ra7? Perhaps in time trouble (after all it's been a hugely complex struggle) White becomes confused and makes a couple of useless moves with his queen. Rb8 26.Be4? When the blood has been stirred by violent attacking blows it's hard to switch to a defensive posture. Ra8 27.Rxa8 Qxa8 28.Qe2 A last gamble. f5]

19...Bxf6

[19...gxf6! ANSWER: The black king has been driven to the centre by the marauding white queen and knight. He will have to stay there for a while as 28...Kd7? 29 Qxf7+ forces mate.

I like the quiet touch of White's last move which says to his opponent “it's your turn to move: how can you get out of this mess?”

Nonetheless Black has adequate defensive resources to maintain equality. In other games in this book – for example those featuring Wei Yi, Koneru and Carlsen – we have seen a recipe in which the attacker sacrifices to chase the king towards the centre and then mates him there with a couple of deft strokes.

Here it is not so easy. There is a clump of pawns, both white and black, blocking any frontal attack on the king. White has a fearsome queen and knight but they aren't deadly enough on their own to decide the game. They need the help of other pieces, and there are none that can join the attack for the moment.

20.axb4! Clearing the c8-square as a flight square for his king. Qc8 White plans to move his bishop to h3 where it can add weight to the attack by preventing the black king fleeing to d7, or else harass it on that square or c8.

21.Kh2 QUESTION: This gives White the chance for some pawn power. Can you see the general idea, if not all the fine details? Rd8 The consistent move. 22.Ra3 Rbd7 Meeting the threat of 31...Nf3+ winning the

exchange. 23.Rfa1 Maghsoodloo wants some pawn power of his own. He is willing to sacrifice back a piece to activate his rooks and create a passed pawn. Naturally he doesn't want to wait until White finally organises a central breakthrough.]

20.axb4 Qc8 The queen proves ineffective here and is soon withdrawn.

21.h4! Qc6 QUESTION: What happens if Black tries 21...bxa4, hoping to exploit the fact that the bishop on d1 must stay guarding f3? **22.Ra3 Rc7 23.Rc1 g6 24.c3!** An important preparatory move which ensures White maintains a knight on f5 even after the looming sacrifice.

24...Bg7 QUESTION: So where will the sacrifice take place, and how do you assess the position after it? (see the next two comments).

ANSWER: **25.Kh2!** Breaking up the defensive wall in front of the black king and clearing the way for the entrance of White's queen and second knight.

25...Rfc8 26.Rca1 Kh7 27.Rc1 Rd7 0-1

382 **A12**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2594**
■ **Wen Yang** **2608**
Aeroflot Open A 2018 (6.16) 25.02.2018
[Kitty Kat]

A12: English Opening: 1...c6 with b3 by White

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.b3 Bg4 5.Bb2 Nbd7 6.h3N

[6.Be2 e6 7.h3 *(7.0-0 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.d3 h6 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Nd4 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Bf6 14.Rac1 Re8 15.b4 Qb6 16.Nf5 a5 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Rb1 Qc7 20.Qb2 Qe5 21.Qxe5 Rxe5* ½-½ (43) Pissano,R (2425)-(5...Be7) : Caruana - Giri (2355) PERLIPEAD40 pr-32 email 2012 (3)*)* 7...Bh5 8.d3 *(8.Nc3 Bd6 9.d3 h6 10.a3 0-0 11.g4 Bg6 12.Rg1 e5 13.h4 dxc4 14.dxc4 Nc5 15.g5 e4 16.Nd2 hxg5 17.hxg5 Nh7 18.Ndxe4 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Be7 20.Bd3 Bxg5 21.Qc2 Qe7 22.Nxg5 Nxg5* 1-0 (30) Sanjuan Garcia,M (2651)-Omuku,E (2546) 67/87 Cappelle la Grande 1996 *23.Bxg6 Nf3+ 24.Ke2 Nxg1+ 25.Rxg1 fxg6 26.Qxg6 Rf7 27.Rh1 Qe8 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Rh4 Qc8 30.Re4* Chapter A00-Games Chapter A00 Game 8*)* 8...Bd6 9.Nbd2 Bg6 10.Nh4 Qe7 11.a3 0-0 12.0-0 e5 13.Qc2 Rac8 14.Rfc1 b6 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Nxg6 hxg6 17.Bf3 N7f6 18.b4 Qe6 19.Qa4 Rfd8 20.Rc2 Bb8 1-0 (29) Granda Zuniga,J (2657)-Ladron De Guevara Pinto,P (2353) 32nd Benasque Open 2012 (3.2)]

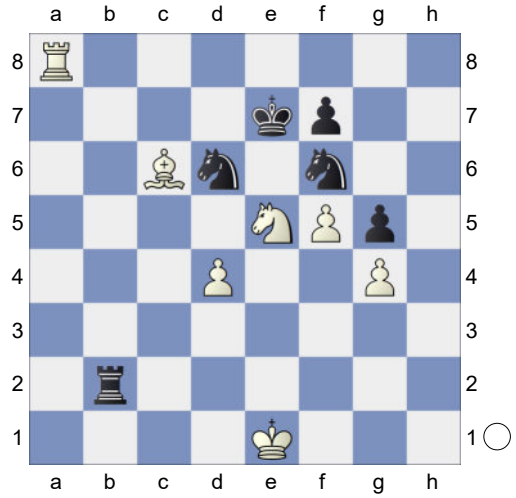
6...Bxf3

[RR 6...Bh5 7.g4 Bg6 8.g5 Ne4 9.h4 h5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Bb5 a6 12.Bxd7+ Qxd7 13.Ne5 Qf5 14.f3 Nc5 15.d4 Nd3+ 16.Nxd3 Qxd3 17.Qxd3 Bxd3 18.Kd2 Bf5 19.Ba3 f6 20.Nc3 Rd8 21.Ke2 Erigaisi,A (2782)-Carlsen,M (2837) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (48)]

7.Qxf3 e6

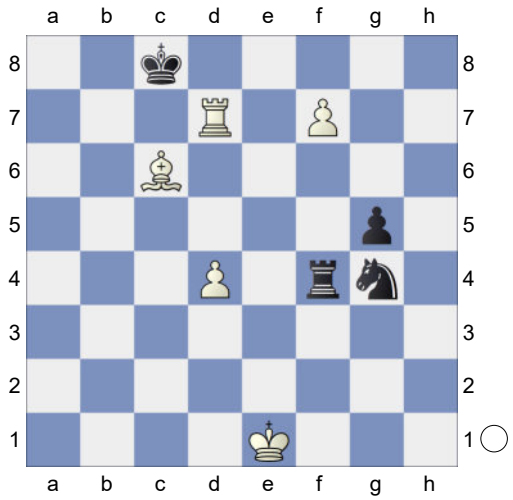
[RR 7...e5 8.g4 e4 9.Qd1 h6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Bb5 Be7 12.Nc3 a6 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Ne2 0-0 15.Nd4 Ne8 16.0-0 Bf6 17.d3 Nd6 18.dxe4 Nxe4 19.Rc1 Rfe8 20.Qe2 Ng5 21.Kg2 Re4 22.Nf5 Maghsoodloo,P (2676)-Guliyev,N (2538) Europe Echecs INT 2020 1-0

(61)]
8.g3N
[RR 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Bb5 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rc1 a6 12.Bf1 Qa5 13.a3 Qb6 14.Qd1 Rac8 15.Nc3 Bd6 16.Na4 Qa7 17.Bd4 Qb8 18.b4 e5 19.Bb2 b5 20.Nc3 Nb6 21.d3 Rfe8 22.Ne2 Na4 Taimanov,M (2407)-Sakaev,K (2648) St Petersburg 1999 ½-½ (44)]
[RR 8.Nc3 Bd6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Qf5 Qe7 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Rfe8 13.Rac1 a5 14.Rc2 Bb8 15.h4 Qd6 16.Qh3 h5 17.d4 Ng4 18.Re1 Ndf6 19.Bd3 Bc7 20.Rce2 Ne4 21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.d5 Rad8 Taimanov,M (2540)-Vaganian,R (2550) Moscow 1976 0-1 (34)]
8...Bd6 9.Bg2 Qe7 10.0-0 White has an edge. **10...0-0 11.Qe2 a5 12.Nc3 Ba3 13.d4 Bxb2 14.Qxb2 h6 15.Rfe1 Rfd8 16.a3 Ne8 17.c5 e5 18.f4** -0.61/21
[Better is 18.Ne2= -0.01/20]
18...e4 19.b4 axb4 -0.01/21
[19...b6∓ -0.47/19 feels stronger.]
20.axb4= g5 21.Qf2 Ng7 22.b5 Nf8 23.f5 Nd7 24.g4 Qf6 25.Qb2 b6? 4.60/25
[25...h5± 0.71/23]
26.bxc6? 0.33/20
[26.Rxa8+- 4.60/25 Rxa8 27.Ra1]
26...Qxc6± 27.Qb3
[27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.Qb3 bxc5 29.Nxd5 Kf8 30.Rc1]
27...bxc5 and ...Nf6 should not be overlooked **28.Qxd5**
[28.Nxd5 feels hotter. Kf8 29.Rxa8 Rxa8 30.Rc1]
28...Qxd5 29.Nxd5 Rxa1 30.Rxa1 cxd4 31.exd4 Ne8 32.Ne7+
[32.Ra6 Kg7∓]
32...Kf8 33.Nc6 Rc8 34.Bxe4 h5 35.Bf3 hxg4 36.hxg4 Ndf6 37.Ne5 Rc2! 38.Ra7 Nd6 39.Ra6 Nde8 1.25/27
[39...Ke7± 0.61/25]
40.Kf1 0.56/26
[40.Bc6!± 1.25/27]
40...Rd2 41.Ra4 Nd6 42.Ke1 Rb2 43.Ra6 Nde8 44.Ra8 Rb4 45.Rd8 White is much more active. **45...Rb2** 1.47/25
[45...Ra4!± 0.62/25]
46.Bc6± Black must now prevent Bxe8.
46...Ke7 47.Ra8 Nd6



48.Ra7+! Kd8? 5.06/28
[48...Kf8± 1.33/30 is tougher.]
49.Nxf7++- White is clearly winning.
49...Nxf7 50.Rxf7 Nxg4 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **51.f6 Rf2** 7.06/28
[⌓51...Rb6 4.92/26 52.Rd7+ Ke8]
52.Rd7+ Ke8 53.Ra7+ Kd8 54.f7 Rf4 55.Rd7+ Kc8

(Diagram)



56.Re7! Kd8 57.Re8+ Kc7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.44
58.Bd5
[Worse is 58.f8N Kxc6 59.Ng6 Kd7 60.Nxf4 Kxe8=]
1-0

383 **A07**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2594**
■ **Sjugirov,S** **2652**
Aeroflot Open A 2018 (3.6) 22.02.2018
[TA]

A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems
Sagar,Shah: 'Kramnik was on a high after three wins in the three previous rounds. (draws in the first two rounds). Today he played the young Russian Sanan Sjugirov. In 2010, Sanan had beaten Magnus (2826) in Khanty Mansiysk Olympiad 2010. So he could not be taken lightly.
' **1.Nf3** Sagar,Shah **1...d5 2.g3 Bg4 3.Bg2 Nd7 4.0-0 c6 5.d3 Ngf6 6.Qe1 e5 7.e4 Bd6**
[RR 7...dxe4 8.dxe4 Bd6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nc4 Bc7 12.a4 Re8 *(RR 12...b5 13.axb5 cxb5 14.Ne3 Nxe4 15.Nh4)* 13.Nh4 Nc5 14.Nf5 Ne6 15.Be3]
8.h3 Bh5
[RR 8...Bxf3 9.Bxf3 dxe4 10.dxe4 0-0]
9.Nh4 The position is equal. **9...0-0**
10.g4 Bg6
[10...Nxg4 11.Nf5 Bc5 12.hxg4 Bxg4 13.Be3 Re8]
11.g5
[RR 11.Nf5 Bxf5 12.exf5 *(RR 12.gxf5 Re8)* 12...h6 13.Qd1 Re8 14.Re1 *(RR 14.h4 Nh7)* 14...Qb6]
11...Nh5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Nxg6 hxg6
[13...fxg6 simplifies 14.Bxd5+ Kh8 15.Nc3 Nf4]
14.Bxd5 Nf4
[14...Bc5 feels hotter. 15.Nc3 Ng3 16.Ne4 Nxf1 17.Qxf1 Rc8]
15.Bxf4
[15.Bxb7 Qxg5+ 16.Kh1 Qh5 17.Bxf4 exf4-+]
15...exf4 16.h4 Qc8 17.Qe4
[RR 17.Nc3 Ne5 18.Qe4 Qg4+ 19.Qg2 Qxh4]
17...Qxc2
[RR 17...Re8 18.Bxb7 *(RR 18.Qxg6 Ne5 19.Qe4 Ng6 20.Qxg6 Qg4+ 21.Kh1 Qh3+ 22.Kg1 Qg4+)*
A) RR 18...Rxe4 19.Bxc8;
B) RR 18...Qxc2 19.Qc6 Qxc6 *(RR 19...Qxb2 20.Bxa8 Qxa1 21.Qxd6)* 20.Bxc6;
C) 18...Qc7 19.Qc6 Rac8 20.Qxc7 Rxc7 21.Bd5 Rxc2 22.Na3 Bxa3 23.bxa3 Rc5]
18.Na3N
[18.Nc3 Qxb2 *(RR 18...Rae8 19.Qxg6)* 19.Qxg6
A) RR 19...Qxc3 20.Qxd6
A1) RR 20...Rad8 21.Rac1
A1a) RR 21...Qxd3 22.Bxf7+;

A1b) RR 21...Qa5 22.Be4 *(RR 22.Bxb7 Qf5)* 22...Nf6 23.Qc7 Qxc7 24.Rxc7 Nxe4 25.dxe4;

A1c) 21...Qe5 22.Qxe5 Nxe5 23.Bxb7 Rxd3;

A2) 20...Ne5 21.Rac1 Qd4 *(RR 21...Qb2 22.Rfe1 Nxd3 23.Bxf7+ Rxf7 24.Qxd3)* 22.Rc4 *(RR 22.Bxf7+ Rxf7 23.Qxd4 Nf3+)* 22...Qb2 *(RR 22...Nxc4 23.Bxf7+)* 23.Re4 *(RR 23.Rxf4 Rad8)* 23...Nf3+ 24.Kg2 Nxh4+ 25.Kh3 Nf3 26.g6 Ng5+ 27.Kh4 Nxe4 28.dxe4;

B) RR 19...Be5 20.Qh5 Qxc3 21.g6 Nf6 *(RR 21...Rfd8 22.Rac1 Qd4 23.Bxf7+)* 22.gxf7+ Rxf7 23.Bxf7+ Kf8 24.Qh8+ Kxf7 25.Qxa8;

C) 19...Bc5 20.Ne4 Qe5 *(RR 20...Qd4 21.Bb3 Qxd3 22.Nf6+; RR 20...Rad8 21.Rab1 Qd4 22.Bb3 Be7; RR 20...Ne5 21.Nf6+ Kh8 22.Qh7#; RR 20...Rae8 21.Rae1)* 21.Bb3

C1) RR 21...f3 22.Rae1 Qf4 23.Qh5 g6 24.Qxg6+ Kh8 25.Qh5+ Kg7 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.d4 Bxd4 28.Qg6+ Kh8 29.Qd6 Qg4+ 30.Qg3 *(RR 30.Ng3 Qh3)* 30...Qxg3+ 31.Nxg3;

C2) RR 21...Be7 22.Rae1;

C3) 21...Bxf2+ 22.Nxf2 *(RR 22.Kxf2 Qb2+ 23.Kg1 Qxb3 24.Qxg7+ Kxg7 25.axb3 f6 26.Ra5 fxg5 27.Rxg5+ Kh7 28.Kh1)* 22...f3 23.Ne4

C3a) RR 23...Qb2 24.Rxf3 *(RR 24.Nf6+ Nxf6 25.gxf6 Qd4+ 26.Kh2 Qxh4+ 27.Kg1 Qd4+)* 24...Qxb3 *(RR 24...Qxa1+ 25.Rf1 Qd4+ 26.Rf2 Qa1+ 27.Kg2)* 25.Qxg7+ Kxg7 26.axb3;

C3b) 23...Qd4+

C3b1) RR 24.Kh2 Qb2+ 25.Nf2 *(RR 25.Rf2 Qxa1)* 25...Qxb3 26.Qxg7+ Kxg7 27.axb3 Nc5;

C3b2) 24.Kh1 Qb2 25.Nf6+ 1-0 Hantel,T (2760)-Topp (2673) blindfold Sydney 1885 (6) RR 25...Nxf6 26.gxf6]

[RR 18.Nc3 Qxb2 19.Qxg6 Bc5 20.Ne4 Qe5 21.Bb3 Bxf2+ 22.Nxf2 f3 23.Ne4 Qd4+ 24.Kh1 Qb2 25.Nf6+ 1-0 (25) Kramnik,V (2760)-Sjugirov,S (2673) Doha 2014 CBM 164 [Sagar,Shah]]

[RR 18.Qxg6 Bc5 *(RR 18...Qxb2 19.Qxd6 Qxa1 20.Qxd7)* 19.Qh5 Qxd3 20.g6 Qg3+ 21.Kh1 Qh3+]

18...Bxa3

[RR 18...Qxb2 19.Nc4]

19.bxa3 Nc5!

[RR 19...Rad8 20.Qxf4 Nc5]

[RR 19...Rae8 20.Bxf7+ Kxf7 21.Qd5+ Ke7 22.Rac1 Qa4 23.Rc4 Qa6 24.Rb1]

20.Qxg6 Rad8! 21.Qf5 Some like it hot **21...Qxd3 22.Qxd3 Nxd3 23.Bxb7 Nc5** 1.06/23

[23...g6± 0.37/25]

24.Bf3± Rd3 25.Kg2 Rxa3 26.Bd5 0.68/24

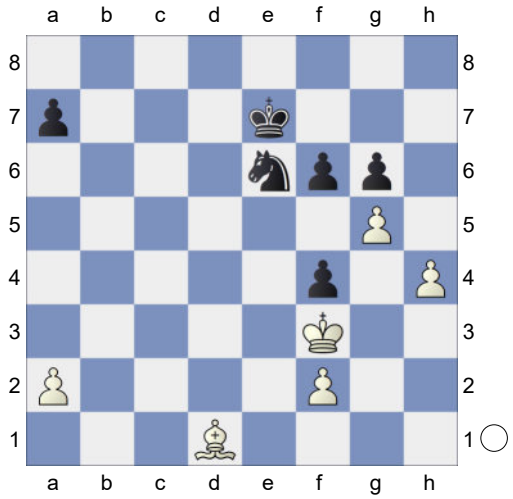
[26.Rfd1± 1.08/21]

26...Rd8 27.Rfd1 Bxf7+! is the strong threat. **27...Kf8 28.Rab1 g6 29.Rb4** 0.50/24

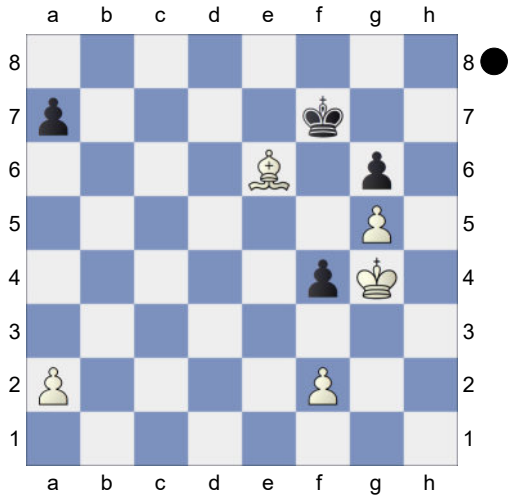
[White should try 29.Bc4± 1.06/24 Rxd1 30.Rxd1]

29...Ne6± 30.Rb3 Loses the game. **30...Rxb3** 1.84/29

[Black should play 30...Ra4± 0.32/23]
31.Bxb3+-
[Weaker is 31.axb3 Kg7=]
31...Rxd1 32.Bxd1± Endgame KB-KN
32...Ke7? 5.33/28
[32...Nd4 1.95/33 33.Kh3 f5]
33.Kf3+- White is clearly winning. **33...f6**



34.Kg4 fxg5 35.hxg5 Kf8 36.Bc2 Kg7 37.Bb3 Kf7 30.65/36
[⌓37...Nf8 4.93/30 38.Kxf4 Nh7]
38.Bxe6+



Remove Defender **38...Kxe6 39.Kxf4 Kd5 40.Ke3 a5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.63
41.a4
1-0

384 **A26**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2594**
■ **Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin** **2577**
26th Fajr Open 2018 (8.1) 09.02.2018
[Kitty Kat]*

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0 5.c4
[5.d3 d5 6.a3 *(6.Nbd2 b6 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bb7 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.e5 Nd5 11.a3 e6 12.Nc4 Ba6 13.Bg5 Qc8 14.Rfe1 h6 15.Bd2 Rd8 16.b4 g5 17.h3 Nf8 18.Bf1 Ng6 19.Qe4 Bb7 20.Qg4 Nde7* 1-0 (85) Mukhtarova,V (1978)-Kamenskaya,M (1571) Kerkinitida Cup Rapid 2023 (4) *)* 6...a5 7.Nbd2 Nc6 8.e4 e5 9.Re1 h6 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nc4 Re8 12.a4 Ndb4 13.Bd2 f6 14.Bxb4 axb4 15.a5 Ra6 16.Nfd2 Be6 17.Nb3 Bf8 18.Qe2 Bf7 19.Qf1 Kg7 ½-½ (56) Stark,L (2490)-Rossmann,E (2520) USSR (ch) 16/391 1973 (3)]
5...d6N
[5...d5 6.d3 c6 7.Qb3 Nbd7 8.Nc3 Qa5 9.Bd2 dxc4 10.Qxc4 Nb6 11.Qh4 Qh5 12.Qxh5 Nxh5 13.a4 a5 14.Be3 Nd7 15.Nd2 f5 16.f4 e5 17.Nc4 Re8 18.Kh1 Ra6 19.Nd6 Rf8 20.Ra3 1-0 (50) Dorner,J-Van Kempen,H Corr Pelikan mem 1997 exf4 21.gxf4 g5 22.fxg5 f4 23.Bg1 Be5 24.Nxc8 Rxc8 25.Rb3 b6 26.Bh3 Rd8 27.Ne4 c5 28.Bg4 Ng7 29.Bxd7 Rxd7 30.Rxf4 c4 31.dxc4 Rd1 32.Nf6+ Kf7 33.Re4 Bd6 34.Rd3 Rxd3 35.exd3 1-0 (50) Martin,J (2285)-4.a3 ♗a6 5.♕b3 (2069) 42/259 Nikea 1986 (11.8) Kg6 36.Ne8 Nxe8 37.Rxe8 Kxg5 38.Re6 Bb4

39.c5 Ra8 40.c6 Rc8 41.d4 Kg4 42.d5 h5 43.Kg2 h4 44.h3+ Kf5 45.Bxb6 Bd2 46.Be3 Bb4 47.Kf3 Rg8 48.Bf4 Bc5 49.c7 Rc8 50.Re2 1-0 Martin,J (2285)-4.a3 ♗a6 5. ♕b3 (2069) 42/259 Nikea 1986 (11.8)]

6.Nc3 e5 7.d3 Nc6 8.Rb1 a5 9.a3 Re8 10.Nd2 Be6 11.b4 axb4 12.axb4 Qd7 13.b5 White is slightly better.

13...Nd8 14.Nd5N

[RR 14.Re1 Bh3 15.Bh1 c6 16.Qb3 h6 17.Bb2 Ne6 18.Na4 Qc7 19.Ra1 Nd4 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.Ne4 Ng4 22.bxc6 bxc6 23.Qb6 Qxb6 24.Nxb6 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 f5 26.f3 fxe4 27.fxg4 exd3 28.exd3 Re3 Titscher,L (2147)-Wang,P (2389) Prague 2025 ½-½ (42)]

[RR 14.Bb2 Bh3 15.Ra1 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Ne6 18.Nf3 Nc5 19.Qa7 e4 20.dxe4 Nfxe4 21.Nxe4 Rxe4 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qa1+ f6 24.Nd4 Qf7 25.Rc1 Qe7 26.e3 h5 27.Nf3 Nb3 28.Qc3 Nxc1 Admiraal,M (2441)-Kevlishvili,R (2417) Chess.com INT 2017 0-1 (39)]

14...Nxd5 15.cxd5 Bg4 16.f3 Bh3 17.Qc2 0.28/21

[17.Bxh3!± 0.66/23 Qxh3 18.Qc2]

17...Bxg2= 18.Kxg2 b6 19.Nc4 f5 20.e4 Nf7 21.Be3 Ra7 22.Rf2 Bh6 23.Bxh6 Nxh6 24.Qc1 Nf7 0.84/20

[24...Kg7± 0.36/21 deserves consideration.]

25.Rc2 0.09/20 White is more active.

[25.Ne3!± 0.84/20]

25...Nd8 0.65/21

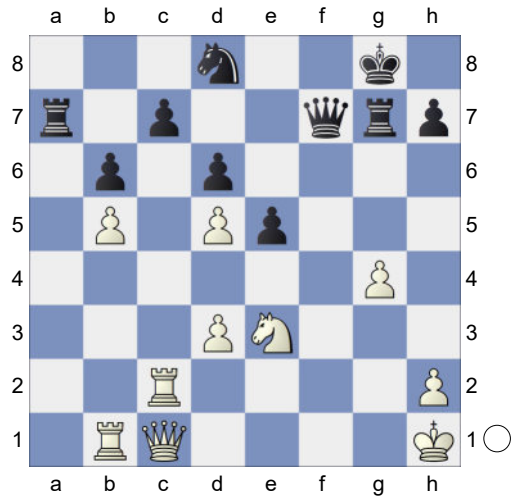
[25...h5= 0.09/20]

26.Ne3± Re7 1.46/21

[Better is 26...Nf7± 0.62/22]

27.exf5± gxf5 28.g4 Rg7 29.Kh1 fxg4 30.fxg4 Qf7 2.35/21

[⌓30...Nf7 1.75/23]



31.Rg2!+- Kh8 32.Qc2 Dodges Ra4

32...Qf4 33.Qe2 Qd4 34.Qf3 0.77/22 Against Rf7

[34.Nf5?! Qxd5 35.Nxg7 Kxg7±]

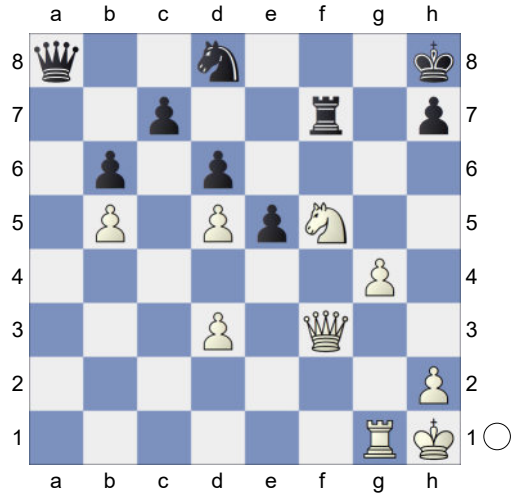
[34.g5+- 1.67/25 has better winning chances.]

Loses the game. **34...Rf7?** 3.29/28

[34...Qf4± 0.77/22 35.Qxf4 exf4]

35.Nf5 Ra1 36.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 37.Rg1 Qa8 3.89/23

[37...Qa4 2.13/26 was necessary. 38.Rb1 Qa2]



38.Qe4! Nb7 39.d4 Against Nc5

39...Qa4 6.66/23

[⌓39...Qe8 4.65/22 40.Ra1 Rf8]

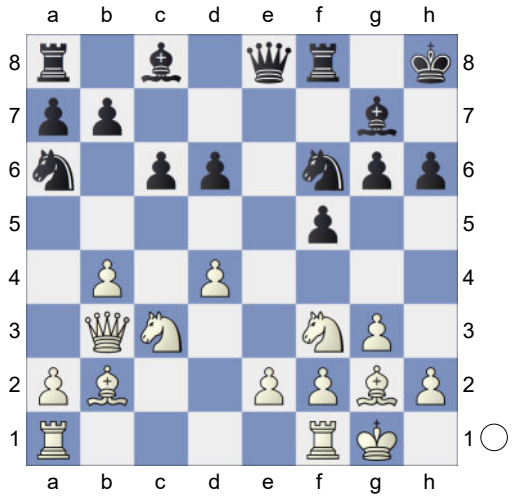
40.Re1 2.88/21
[⌓40.Qd3 6.66/23 dxe5 would now be deadly. Qa8 41.dxe5 dxe5 42.Qc3]
40...Rd7? 9.21/25
[40...Rf8 2.88/21 41.h3 *(41.dxe5 Qxe4+ 42.Rxe4 Nc5±)* 41...Qxb5]
41.g5 Qb4 42.g6 hxg6 43.Qh4+
White mates.
[43.dxe5? Qxe4+ *(43...Qxb5? 44.e6+-)* 44.Rxe4 gxf5-+]
43...Kg8 44.Rg1
[And not 44.dxe5 Qxh4 *(44...Qxb5?* loses. *45.e6+-)* 45.Nxh4 dxe5∓]
44...Rg7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.84
45.Qf6
1-0

385 **A87**
□ **Volkov,Sergey** **2568**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2685**
Saint Petersburg 138/41 2018
[TA]

1.d4 Meulders,Richard **1...d6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 f5 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 Qe8 8.b4!? c6**
[8...e5 - 120/41]
[RR 8...e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Ba3 *(RR 10.b5 e4 11.Nd4 Qf7 12.Qb3 c5 13.bxc6 Nxc6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Ba3 Rd8 16.Rac1 Be6 17.Qa4 Rac8 18.Bc5 Nd7 19.Be3 Nb6 20.Qa6 Bxc4 21.Qa5 Nd5 22.Rfd1 Re8 23.Bd4 Nxc3 24.Bxc3 Bxe2)* 10...e4 11.Nd4 Rf7 12.Qb3 Nc6 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.b5 Qe8 15.f3 Be6 16.Rad1 a6 17.bxa6 *(RR 17.fxe4 axb5 18.Nxb5 Nxe4)* 17...Rxa6 18.fxe4 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Rxf1+ 21.Rxf1 b5 22.Qe3 bxc4 *(RR 22...Bxc4 23.Bd5+ Re6 24.Bxe6+ Qxe6 25.Qxe6+ Bxe6 26.Rc1; RR 22...Qd7 23.Qf3 Bxc4 24.Bb2 Qd6 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Qc3+ Kg8 27.Bc2 Qc5+ 28.Rf2 Rxa2 29.Bd3 Ra6 30.Bxc4+ Qxc4 31.Qf3 Qc1+ 32.Kg2 Qc6 33.e4 Qe8 34.Qb3+ Qe6 35.Qxb5 Qxe4+ 36.Kh3 Qe6+ 37.Kg2)* 23.Bc5 Mamedyarov,S (2757)-Svidler,P (2758) Khanty-Mansiysk 2014 CBM 160 [Meulders,Richard] 1-0 (31) RR 23...c6 24.Rd1 Rxa2 25.Bxc6 Qxc6 26.Rd8+ Kf7 27.Qf4+ Bf5 28.Qxc4+ Be6 29.Qf4+ Bf5 30.Qc4+]
[RR 8...h6 9.Bb2 c6 10.d5 a5 11.a3 axb4 12.axb4 Rxa1 13.Bxa1 Na6 14.Qb3 c5 15.b5 Nb4 16.Bb2 e5 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Ba3 Qf7 19.Nd2 d5 20.cxd5 Nfxd5 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Bxc5 Nc3 23.Qa3]
9.c5
[9.Qb3 Kh8 10.b5 e5∞]
[RR 9.Bb2 Na6 10.a3 Bd7 11.Qc2 h6 12.e4 fxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Bf5 15.Qe3 Qf7 16.Rac1 g5 17.h4 g4 18.Nd2 Nc7 19.f3 Qe6 20.Qb3 gxf3 21.Rxf3 Qg6 22.Re3 Rae8 23.d5 cxd5 Nguyen,N (1855)-Nguyen,M (1726) Hanoi 2024 ½-½ (56)]
9...h6N
[9...Ne4 10.Nxe4 fxe4 11.Ng5 d5 12.f3 h6 13.Nh3 exf3 14.exf3 a5∞]
[RR 9...Nbd7 10.Ng5 dxc5 11.bxc5 e5 12.d5 Nxc5 13.Ba3 b6 14.dxc6 e4 15.Bxc5 bxc5 16.Qd6 h6 17.Nb5 Qd8 18.Qxd8 Rxd8 19.Rad1 Rf8 20.Nc7 Rb8 21.Nge6 Bxe6 22.Nxe6 Rfe8 23.Nxg7 Kxg7 24.f3 Marchuk,R (2080)-Pogosyan,S (2444) Loo 2021 1-0 (40)]
10.Qb3+ Kh8?!

[10...Qf7 11.Qxf7+ Rxf7 12.Bb2 Ne4∞]

11.Bb2 Na6 12.cxd6 exd6 Diagram



13.d5! Nc7

[13...Bd7 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Qc4 Nc7 16.Qf4 Qe7 17.Rfd1 Nce8 18.Nd4±]

14.Nd4

[14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Rfd1

A) 15...Be6 16.Qc2 Ncd5 17.b5 cxb5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 *(18...Bxd5 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Qc1 Bf7 21.Qxh6+ Kg8 22.Ng5 Bxg5 23.Qxg5±)* 19.Bxg7+ Kxg7 20.Qb2+ Nf6 21.Rxd6±;

B) 15...d5 16.e3 Rb8 17.Ne2±]

14...Bd7

[14...Ncxd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 *(15...cxd5 16.Rac1 Rf7 17.b5±)* 16.b5 Bd7 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.Bxd5 Bxd5 20.Bxg7+ Kxg7 21.Qxd5±]

15.a4

[15.Rac1 Rc8 *(15...cxd5 16.e3 Rc8 17.Nxd5 Ncxd5 18.Bxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5±)* 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Rfd1 c5 *(17...g5!?)* 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.Nf3 Bc6±]

15...g5

[⩲15...Ncxd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Nf3 *(18.e3 g5 19.Rfd1 f4⇄)* 18...Qe6 *(18...Qxe2 19.Bxg7+ Kxg7 20.Rfe1 Qc4 21.Qb2+ d4 22.Nxd4±)* 19.Bxg7+ Kxg7 20.Qc3+ Kg8 21.Qc7 f4⇄]

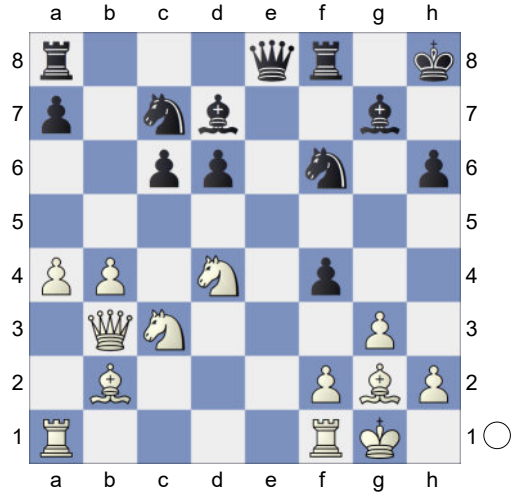
16.e3

[16.dxc6 bxc6 17.b5 c5 18.Nc6 d5 *(18...f4 19.Rad1 fxg3 20.Rxd6 gxh2+ 21.Kh1 Ng4 22.Ne4+-)* 19.Nxd5 Ncxd5 20.Bxd5 Nxd5 21.Bxg7+ Kxg7 22.Qxd5 Bxc6 23.bxc6 Rf6 24.Rfc1 Qxc6 25.Rxc5 Qxd5 26.Rxd5±]

16...f4?

[16...Ncxd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 f4⇄]

17.dxc6 bxc6 18.exf4 gxf4 Diagram



19.Nde2?

[19.Rae1! Qh5 *(19...Qf7 20.Qxf7 Rxf7 21.b5+-)* 20.Ne4

A) 20...Ng4 21.Nf3+-;

B) 20...Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Qf7 *(21...d5 22.Bb1+-; 21...Nd5 22.b5+-; 21...Rae8 22.Bxc6+-)* 22.Qc2 d5 23.Bd3 Rac8 24.Re2+-;

C) 20...Nfd5 21.Nxd6+- *(21.Rc1+-)*]

19...Ne6

[19...fxg3 20.fxg3 *(20.hxg3? Ng4-+)* 20...Qe3+ 21.Kh1 Ng4

22.Nf4 Rxf4! 23.Rxf4 Nd5 24.Rf3 Nf2+ 25.Rxf2 *(25.Kg1 Nh3+ 26.Kh1=)* 25...Qxf2∞]

20.b5 d5

[20...Rb8]

21.bxc6 Bxc6 22.Nb5

[22.Rae1 Rb8 23.Nb5 Bxb5 24.axb5 Qxb5 25.Qxb5 Rxb5 26.Ba3 Re8 27.Nxf4 Nxf4 28.Rxe8+ Nxe8 29.gxf4 Nf6=]

22...a6 23.Nbd4 Nxd4 24.Nxd4 Rb8 25.Qc2 Ne4

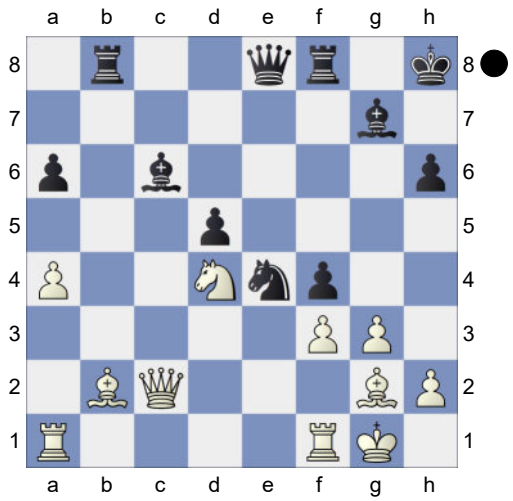
[25...Ng4

A) 26.h3 fxg3 27.hxg4 Rxb2! 28.Qxb2 gxf2+ 29.Rxf2 Qe3 30.Ra3 *(30.Rd1? Bxa4 31.Rdd2 Rxf2 32.Rxf2 Bxd4∓)* 30...Qxd4 31.Qd2 Rxf2 32.Qxf2 Qd1+ 33.Kh2 Qxg4∞;

B) 26.Rae1 Qh5 27.h3 fxg3 28.fxg3 Rxf1+ 29.Bxf1 Ne5 30.Bg2 Bd7∞]

26.Qxc6

[26.f3 Diagram



Nxg3! 27.hxg3 *(27.Rfe1 Ne4 28.fxe4 f3 29.Bxf3 Rxf3 30.e5 Rf4∞)* 27...Rxb2 28.Qxb2 Qe3+ 29.Kh1 Qxd4 30.Qxd4 Bxd4∞]

26...Qxc6

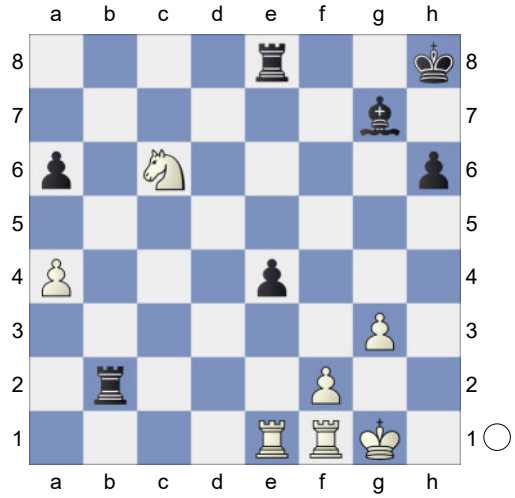
[26...Rxb2]

27.Nxc6 Rxb2 28.Bxe4

[28.Rad1 fxg3 *(28...f3 29.Bh3 Nd2 30.Rfe1 Ne4 31.Rf1=)* 29.hxg3 Nxf2 30.Rxd5 Ng4=]

28...dxe4 29.Rae1 fxg3 30.hxg3 Re8

Diagram



31.a5!= Ra2 32.Re3 Bf6 33.Rb1 Re6 34.Rb6 Bg5 35.f4 Rd6 36.Kf1 Rd1+ 37.Re1 Rxe1+ 38.Kxe1 Bf6 39.Ne5

[39.Rxa6 Bc3+ 40.Kf1 Kg7 *(40...e3 41.Ra8+ Kg7 42.Re8 Bd2=)* 41.Ra8 Kf7 42.Rc8 Bxa5 43.Nxa5 Rxa5=]

39...Kg7 40.Rxa6 Be7?!

[40...h5 41.Ra7+ *(41.Nc4 Bd4=)* 41...Kg8 42.a6 h4 43.gxh4 e3 44.Ra8+ Kh7 45.Ra7+ Kg8=]

41.Ra7?!

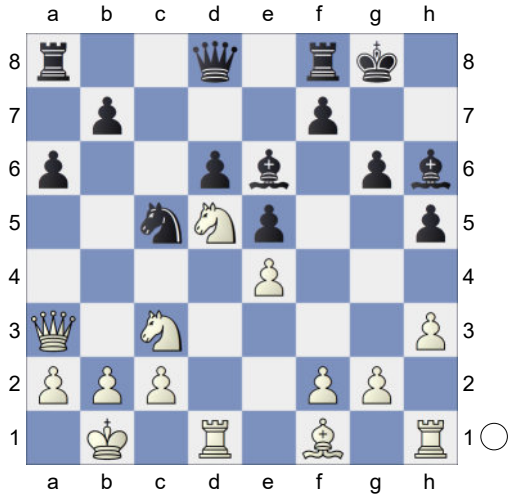
[41.Rg6+ Kh7 *(41...Kf8 42.Rb6 Kg7 43.a6 h5±)* 42.Rb6 Bc5 43.Rb7+ Kg8 44.Ng4 Rxa5 45.Nf6+ Kf8 46.Nxe4±]

41...Kf6 42.Ng4+ Ke6 43.f5+ Kxf5 44.Rxe7

½-½

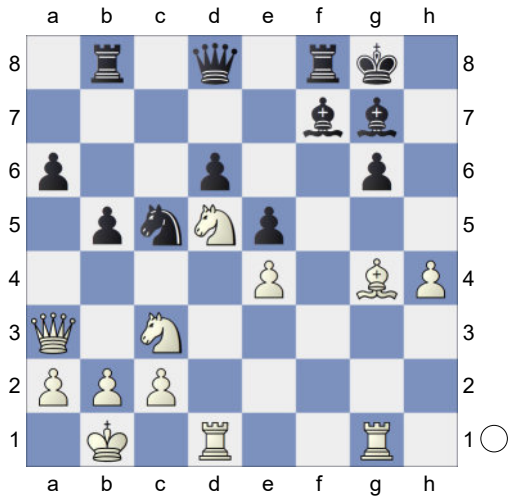
386 **B90**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2649**
■ **Vavulin,Maksim** **2559**
Gebze 138/99 2018
[TA]*

1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.h3 e5 7.Nde2 h5 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Nd5 Qd8 11.Qd3 g6 12.0-0-0 Bh6+
[12...Nd7 - 127/76]
13.Kb1 Nd7 14.Qa3 Nc5 15.Nec3 0-0 Diagram



16.h4!N
[16.Be2 b5 17.g4 h4⇄]
16...b5 17.f3 f5
[17...Kh8 18.Be2 Rb8 19.g4↑]
[RR 17...Rb8 18.b4 a5 19.Qxa5 Qxa5 20.bxa5 Na4 21.a6 Rfc8 22.a7 Rb7 23.Nxb5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5 Nc3+ 25.Ka1 Nxd5 26.Nxd6 Ra8 27.Nxb7 Ne3 28.Na5 Rxa7 29.Nc4 Nxc2+ 30.Kb2 Ne3 31.Nxe3 Bxe3 32.Bb5 Duda,J (2729)-Grischuk,A (2657) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½ (49)]
18.Be2
[⩲18.exf5 gxf5 19.Be2 Rc8 *(19...Bg7 20.g4 - 18.Be2)* 20.Rhg1! (Δ g4) *(20.f4±)* 20...Kh8 *(20...Qxh4? 21.Rh1 Qg5 22.f4 exf4 23.Rxh5 Qg7 24.Rdh1+-)* 21.g4↑]
18...Bg7N
[18...f4!? 19.b4 Nd7 *(19...Nb7∞)* 20.Qa5 Qxa5 21.bxa5 Kf7∞]
[RR 18...f4 19.b4 Nb7 20.Qb2 Rf7 21.a3 Kh7 22.Rd2 Qb8 23.Rhd1 Nd8 24.a4 bxa4 25.Nxa4 Bf8 26.Rd3 Rb7 27.Rb3 Nc6 28.c3 Ne7 29.Bc4 Nxd5 30.Bxd5 Bxd5 31.Rxd5 Be7 32.Qd2 Qe8 33.Nb2 Babula,V (2309)-Borhy,M (2385) Slovakia 2024 1-0 (58)]
19.g4
[19.exf5! gxf5 20.g4 hxg4 21.fxg4 fxg4 *(21...Kh8 22.gxf5 Bxf5 23.Rdg1±)* 22.Rhg1± Qxh4? 23.Nc7+-]
19...hxg4
[19...f4 20.gxh5 gxh5 21.Bf1! Kh8 22.b4 Nd7 23.Bh3±]
20.fxg4
[20.exf5! gxf5 - 19.ef5]
20...fxg4
[20...f4!?]
21.Rhg1± Rb8?
[21...Kh7 22.Bxg4 Bxg4 23.Rxg4 Rf3 24.Qb4±]
22.Bxg4 Bf7 Diagram
[22...Bxg4 23.Rxg4 Rf3 24.Rxg6 a5 25.b4±]

(Diagram)



23.h5!+- gxh5 24.Bf5 Kh8 25.Ne2 Bh6 26.Qh3 Rg8 27.Rxg8+ Qxg8 28.Rg1 Qf8 29.Ng3 Rb7 30.Nf6
[30.Nxh5 Bxd5 31.exd5 Rf7 32.Ng7!+-]
30...b4 31.Ngxh5 a5 32.Nh7 Bxa2+ 33.Kxa2 Rxh7 34.Bxh7 Kxh7 35.Qg4 Qf7+ 36.Kb1 Ne6 37.Nf6+
1-0

387 **D70**
□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2739**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2569**
5th Asian Indoor 2017 (3.1) 22.09.2017
[Sadorra,Julio, TA]*

This game occured in the 3rd round of the prestigious Asian Indoor Games, which happens every 4 years, between the top players of Iran and Vietnam.
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 g6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.h3 0-0
This slightly worse Grünfeld has been used by a few super-GMs, notably Mamedyarov. **8.Be3**
[8.Be2
A) 8...Nc6 9.Be3 *(9.d5 Na5 10.Bg5 c6⇄* 0-1 (41) Alsina Leal,D (2530)-Artemiev,V (2682) Minsk BLR 2017 *)* 9...f5 10.exf5 Bxf5 11.Qb3+ Kh8 12.d5 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 a typical scenario 14.0-0 e6 15.f4 Bg7 16.g4 Qh4! 17.Kh2? White cracks under pressure *(⌓17.Rf3! Bxg4* Kuzubov was probably scared of this and missed the intermmediate move *18.Bf2! Qh5 19.hxg4 Qxg4+ 20.Bg3±* after which Black will struggle to prove sufficient compensation.*)* 17...exd5 18.Bxb6?! *(18.gxf5 d4→)* 18...axb6 19.gxf5 Rae8→ 0-1 (28) Kuzubov,Y (2558)-Mamedyarov,S (2646) Dubai 2005;
B) 8...f5!? the appeal of this line comes mainly from the simple plan of opening up the game with f7-f5, quickly pressuring the White centre and getting active piece play. 9.0-0 Nc6 10.d5 Ne5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Bh6 Rf7 13.f4 *(13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Bf3 Qd6 15.Re1±)* 13...Bxc3! 14.bxc3 fxe4 15.c4 Qd6 16.Qd4 Bf5 *(16...Na4!?)* 17.Rad1 Na4⇄ 18.Kh1?! *(18.g4 Bd7)* 18...Qf6!↑ 0-1 (42) Fressinet,L (2700)-Mamedyarov,S (2764) Beijing 2012]
8...Nc6
[RR 8...f5 9.Qc2 Nc6 10.0-0-0 Kh8 11.a3 a5 12.Kb1 fxe4 13.Nxe4 Bf5 14.Bd3 Nd5 15.Bd2 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Ng5 Ra6 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Rhe1 Qd7 20.Bc1 Bf6 21.Qc4 Rd6 22.Ka1 e5 23.g4 Har Zvi,R (2513)-Mamedyarov,S (2770) Chess.com INT 2020 0-1 (44)]
9.Bb5 f5N I think this is the most logical way to play this line, à la Mamedyarov!
[Black has also tried other moves here: 9...Bd7 10.0-0 a6 11.Be2 Re8 12.Rc1± 1-0 (41) Fridman,D (2629)-

Smith,T (2193) Helmond 2013. And White is comfortable with his space and central control while Black is struggling to find counterplay.]

[Or 9...Na5 10.Qe2 a6 11.Bd3 Nc6 *(11...f5!? 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.0-0 Qd6 14.Rac1 Nc6 15.Be4±)* 12.d5 White has a 100% score in this position and it is practically difficult to play this for Black already. Ne5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 1-0 (29) Hebden,M (2523)-Rozycki,B (2085) London 2014, and now White could have played the simple and strong 14.f4± Bg7 15.0-0 f5? 16.e5! with a strategically winning position.]

[RR 9...a6 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Qc1 c5 12.dxc5 Nc4 13.0-0 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 Rb8 15.Rad1 Qe8 16.Rd2 Qc6 17.Rc1 f5 18.Nd5 Re8 19.Nd4 Bxd4 20.Qxd4 e5 21.Qc4 Kh8 22.f3 a5 23.Qc3 Ra8 24.exf5 Duhayon,Y (2263)-Van Weersel,A (2155) Brasschaat 2006 1-0 (32)]

[RR 9...Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Qb3 e6 12.Ne5 Qd6 13.Bf4 Qxd4 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bxc7 Nc4 16.Rd1 Qc5 17.0-0 Rfc8 18.Rd7 a5 19.Rfd1 Qb4 20.Na4 Qxb3 21.axb3 Nxb2 22.R1d6 Nxa4 23.bxa4 c5 24.Kf1 Gritsayeva,O (2161)-Kirchei,V (2058) Sochi 2025 0-1 (42)]

[RR 9...Na5 10.Qe2 c6 11.Bd3 Be6 12.Rd1 h6 13.Ne5 Qd6 14.f4 Qb4 15.a3 Qb3 16.f5 gxf5 17.exf5 Bc4 18.Qg4 h5 19.Qxh5 f6 20.Bh6 Bxh6 21.Qxh6 fxe5 22.f6 Rxf6 23.Qg5+ Kf8 24.dxe5 Zilberstein,D (2310)-Braylovsky,G New York 1998 1-0 (33)]

10.Qb3+N Both a new and a logical continuation, which I think Liem came up with otb.

[Another good way to increase the edge was 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.0-0 fxe4 12.Nxe4 Nd5 13.Qe2 Bf5 14.Nc5 Rb8 15.Rac1 Qd6 16.b3± 1-0 (21) Verbesek,W-Yangibayev,R GER email 2008]

10...Kh8 A critical moment in the game, in which I remember seeing Liem thinking for a while before playing his next. **11.Rd1!?**

[One wonders what deterred Liem from ruining Black's pawn structure. 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.0-0

A) 12...fxe4

A1) 13.Nxe4

A1a) 13...Rxf3!? 14.gxf3 Nd5 *(14...Bxh3? 15.Ng5)* 15.Kg2 Bf5⩲;

A1b) 13...Bxh3? 14.Neg5;

A2) 13.Ne5! Qe8 14.Nxe4±;

B) 12...f4 It's possible that he was bothered by this idea

B1) 13.Bc1 h6!? *(13...Ba6 14.Rd1)*;

B2) 13.Bd2 Ba6 *(13...Bxd4 14.Rfd1 e5 15.Ne2 c5 16.Bc3! Qe7 17.Nfxd4!! cxd4 18.Nxd4 exd4 19.Bxd4+ Rf6 20.Qc3 Kg7 21.Rac1+-; 13...h6 14.Rac1 g5 15.Ne2±)* 14.Rfd1 Bc4 one can easily overestimate the activity of Black's pieces or his potential dynamic ideas but it is actually not enough to offset his weaknesses. 15.Qc2

B2a) 15...Be6 16.Ne2;

B2b) 15...Qd6 16.b3 Ba6 17.e5 *(17.Bc1!?)* 17...Qe6 18.Ne4 Qf5 *(18...Be2 19.Rdc1 Bxf3 20.Ng5±)* 19.Rdc1±;

B2c) 15...h6 16.b3 Be6 17.Ne2±]

11...Na5 12.Qb4 a6 13.Qxa5
[The more restrained move 13.Be2 can be met by Nc6 *(13...fxe4* is met once again by the typical *14.Ne5!±* as in one of the lines examined earlier on move 11.*)* 14.Qc5 f4 15.Bc1 Qd6! a typical Grünfeld queen move, which here helps Black to achieve dynamic balance. 16.Qxd6 *(16.0-0? Nxd4!; 16.e5 Qxc5 17.dxc5 Nd7 18.Nd5 Ndxe5 19.Nxc7 Rb8⇄)* 16...cxd6 17.0-0 Bd7=]
13...axb5 14.Qxb5 fxe4 This is another critical moment: Which square is better for the knight, e5 or g5? **15.Ng5!?** Liem chooses the more logical way and easier position to play. His choice prevents Black from using the e6-square for his bishop.
[The other choice may be slightly better, but White has to find a number of precise moves to obtain something special. 15.Ne5 Be6 *(15...c6 16.Qb3)*
A) 16.h4!? c6 17.Qe2 Nd5 18.Nxe4 Rxa2 19.h5 Bxe5 *(19...Nxe3 20.Qxe3 Bxe5! 21.dxe5 Qa5+ 22.Nc3 gxh5=)* 20.dxe5 Bf5∞;
B) 16.a3 c6 17.Qb4 Nd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5=;
C) 16.d5;
D) 16.0-0
D1) 16...Bxa2 17.b3! *(17.Nxa2 Rxa2 18.Qb3 Qd5∓)* 17...c6 18.Qb4 Nd5 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Rd2!↑;
D2) 16...c6 17.Qb4! Qc7 *(17...Nd5 18.Qxb7 Rb8 19.Qxc6 Rb6 20.Qc5 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Rxb2 22.Rxf8+ Qxf8 23.Nxe4±)* 18.Bg5! Rae8 *(18...Rfe8 19.Bf4)* 19.Nxe4 Bxa2 20.Rfe1± and White has good pressure on Black's position.]
15...c6
[15...Qe8 16.Qxe8 Rxe8 17.0-0 Nc4 18.Bc1± White has better chances in this ending due to his superior pawn structure and his pieces will have better squares.]
16.Qb3 Nd5 17.0-0 Surprisingly, it's already difficult to play Black's position.
17...Nxc3?! It's hard to blame Parham for trying to relieve some pressure off his position.
[17...Nxe3?? 18.fxe3]
[17...Bf5 18.Ngxe4 Nxe3 19.fxe3 e5 *(19...Bh6 20.Rf3±)* 20.dxe5 Qe7! *(20...Qh4 21.Qxb7! Bxe4 22.Qb4 Qg3 23.Nxe4 Qxe3+ 24.Kh1±)* 21.Nd6 Bxe5 22.Nxf5 gxf5 23.Ne2 Qf7!⇄]
18.bxc3 Qd5
[18...Qe8 19.Rfe1 Bf5 20.Bf4±]
19.c4 Qa5
[19...Qf5
A) 20.g4 Qa5 21.Rd2 h5
A1) 22.c5?! hxg4! 23.Nf7+ *(23.hxg4 Bxg4 24.Qxb7 Bf6∞)* 23...Kh7 24.hxg4 Bxg4 25.Ng5+! *(25.f4? Bf6; 25.f3 Rxf7□ 26.Qxf7 Qc3!⇄)* 25...Kh8 26.f3 Bh5! *(26...Bxf3 27.Rxf3; 26...exf3 27.Rh2+ Bh5 28.Rxh5+ gxh5 29.Qd3+-)* 27.fxe4 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Qa3=;
A2) 22.gxh5 gxh5 23.Qd1 Qf5 24.Qxh5+ Kg8 25.Kh1 Be6 26.d5 cxd5 27.cxd5 Bf7 28.Qg4 Qxg4 29.hxg4 Rfd8±;
B) 20.f3! Qa5 *(20...exf3? 21.Rxf3 Qa5 22.Nf7+ Kg8 23.Nh6+ Bxh6 24.c5+ Kh8 25.Bxh6+-)* 21.fxe4 Rxf1+ 22.Rxf1 h6 23.Nf7+

(23.Nf3 Qxa2 24.Qb4 Qa3 25.Qd2 Kh7±) 23...Kh7 24.Rf2±]

20.Rd2 With this simple and solid move, White obtains a clear advantage as Black doesn't have any way of avoiding material loss. **20...h6**

[20...Qf5 21.f3!±]

[20...Bf5 21.c5±]

21.Nxe4 Bf5 22.Nc5 b6 23.Nd3 c5?! Desperation to obtain compensation, but Black simply loses another pawn. Nevertheless, there's nothing good to recommend in Black's position all he can do is wait for an mistake from White.

[23...Rfd8 24.Nb4! Rac8 25.Rdd1±]

24.dxc5 bxc5

[Maybe it's worth trying 24...Bc3!? 25.Rdd1 *(The engine's top recommendation is to sac a rook, but no way anyone will do this otb! 25.Rc2 Bxd3 26.Rxc3 Bxf1 27.cxb6* crazy computer*...)* 25...bxc5 26.Bxh6 Rfd8± is still not enough compensation but at least Black is gaining piece coordination and making some counter-threats.]

25.Nxc5 Rab8 The rest of the game is a display of Liem's superb technique, one of the trademark qualities of a world-class player. **26.Qa4! Qc3 27.Nd7!** The previous moves seek to simplify the position to an ending. **27...Rb4 28.Qa7 Rd8 29.Nf6** Now, Liem uses small tactics put more pressure on his opponent, not giving him time to create any counter-threats! **29...Rbb8 30.Rfd1** And again! **30...Rf8 31.Nd7 Ra8 32.Qb7 Bxd7** Now Black finally gives in to the trade, after which Black's chances to complicate White's task vanishes.

[32...Rfe8 33.c5+-]

33.Rxd7 Rxa2 34.Rxe7 Ra1 35.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 36.Kh2 h5 37.Qe4 Qf6 38.c5 White has overwhelming material and positional advantages, therefore Black resigned. Impressive controlled play from Le Quang Liem!

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388 **B15**

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■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2590**

1st Aftab Cup Open 2017 (6.2) 01.09.17

[Andrew Martin,TA]*

Summarizing, there is no doubt that the line with 5...exf6 is playable. Black must be prepared for a long hard grind, but he must also be ready for tactics. The line we are about to see represents the most critical test of the variation and brings us up to the present day. --- **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.c3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Ne2 Re8 9.Qc2 g6** This looks as though it helps White, but Black intends to block the b1-h7 diagonal by playing a subsequent ...f6-f5. **10.h4 Be6** Black generally allows the h-pawn to advance. **11.h5 f5!** Black can play his knight to f8 via d7 and will develop counterplay on the queenside via ...Qa5 combined with the advance of his pawns. This is clearly going to produce a very sharp position as White has hardly any alternative other than to castle long. Savchenko has a novelty up his sleeve on move 14. **12.Be3**

[12.Qd2 Qf6 13.Qh6 is met relatively comfortably by Bf8! , as in R.Rapport-I.Salgado Lopez, Camarinas 2013, which continued 14.Qf4 Nd7 15.Qg3 Bd5 16.Bf4 c5! (creating necessary counterplay) 17.Bb5 Qb6! 18.hxg6 White has straightened out the pawn

structure to create a tactical melee; *(* Salgado is right on top of the complications as *18.Bxd7* is met by *Rxe2+! 19.Kxe2 Qxb2+)* 18...fxg6 19.Qd3 Qe6 20.Qh3 Re7 21.Bg5 Rf7 22.0-0-0 Bxa2 23.Nf4 Qb6 *(or 23...Qe4 24.Bd3 Qc6 25.d5 Qd6)* 24.c4 cxd4 25.Nd5 Qxb5! (a remarkable idea) 26.cxb5 Rc8+ 27.Nc3 *(27.Kd2 Bxd5* leaves the white king very exposed*)* 27...dxc3 28.bxc3 Nc5 29.Bh6 *(29.Be3)* 29...Ne4 30.Kb2 Nxf2 31.Qh4 Nxd1+ 32.Rxd1 Bxh6 33.Qxh6 Bc4 34.Qh4 Bxb5 35.Rd8+ Rxd8 36.Qxd8+ Kg7 37.Qd4+ Rf6 38.Qxa7 Bc6 39.g3 g5 40.Qc5 Kg6 41.Qc4 f4 . The position is better for Black now, though Rapport drew in the end.]

[RR 12.Qd2 Qf6 13.Qh6 Bf8 14.Qf4 Nd7 15.Qg3 Bd5 16.Bf4 c5 17.Bb5 Qb6 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.Qd3 Qe6 20.Qh3 Re7 21.Bg5 Rf7 22.0-0-0 Bxa2 23.Nf4 Qb6 24.c4 cxd4 25.Nd5 Qxb5 26.cxb5 Rc8+ Rapport,R (2676)-Salgado Lopez,I (2624) Camarinas 2013 ½-½ (62)]

12...Qf6

[I prefer 12...Nd7 here, keeping options open for the queen.]

[RR 12...Bd5 13.0-0-0 b5 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.g4 Bxh1 16.Rxh1 Rxe3 17.fxe3 Nd7 18.gxf5 g5 19.e4 Kg7 20.e5 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Nxe5 22.Be4 Qb6 23.Nd4 Rh8 24.Qh2 Nf7 25.Qf2 Kf6 26.Qc2 c5 27.Ne6 Sun,Y (1709)-Huang,Y (1515) Yancheng 2025 1-0 (41)]

[RR 12...Nd7 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.g4 f4 15.Bxg6 fxe3 16.Bxe8 exf2+ 17.Kf1 Nf6 18.g5 Bd5 19.gxf6 Bxh1 20.f7+ Kg7 21.Qf5 Qf6 22.Ng3 Bf3 23.Qxf6+ Kxf6 24.Kxf2 Bd5 25.Rf1 Bf8 26.Ke3+ Kg6 27.b3 Mosadeghpour,M (2416)-Maghsoodloo,P (2447) Tehran 2015 1-0 (34)]

13.0-0-0 Nd7N

[RR 13...f4 14.Bd2 Nd7 15.g3 Bg4 16.Nxf4 Bxd1 17.Qxd1 Nf8 18.Qg4 Re7 19.Bc4 Bxf4 20.Bxf4 Rae8 21.hxg6 Nxg6 22.Be3 b5 23.Bd3 Rxe3 24.fxe3 Rxe3 25.Bf5 Qd6 26.Rg1 Qd5 27.Kb1 a5 28.Bc2 Zwahr,P (2333)-Omoifo,O (2106) Caleta 2016 ½-½ (50)]

14.c4!? A new move, but does this encourage Black to play a move he wants to play anyway?

[14.Nf4 is worth consideration, when Bd5 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.Kb1 Rab8 17.Rh3 b5 18.Rdh1 Re7 19.g3 seems quite unclear to me, U.Atakisi-K.Delaney, European Cup, Rhodes 2013. Perhaps Black should try b4 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.c4 h5!? with ongoing complications.]

14...b5! 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.c5 White must close queenside lines.

16...Bc7 17.Rh6 Qg7 18.Rh4 Sounding the retreat.

[18.Rdh1 Nf6 leads nowhere for White, who faces ...Ng4.]

18...Bd5?!

[18...Qf6 19.Rdh1 Bd5 20.Nc3 Bxg2 is a better way of doing things. After 21.Rh8+ Qxh8 22.Rxh8+ Kxh8 23.Bxf5 Nf8 24.Be4! Bxe4 25.Nxe4 Rad8 , Black cannot be worse.]

19.Nc3 Bxg2 20.Bxf5! A successful capture, which shows the thin line that Black often walks after 6 c3. As we know, with kings on opposite sides of the board, the relative speed of the attacks is everything. **20...b4**

[20...gxf5 21.Qxf5 Nf6 22.Rg1 is unthinkable for Black.]

21.Nb5! cxb5 22.Bxd7 Qf6

[22...Reb8? defends b5 but in all other respects is a poor move. White now has a free hand to attack; e.g. 23.Rg1 Bd5 24.Rh5! Bf3 25.Rf5 Rd8 26.Be6!! gxf5 27.Bxf7+ Kxf7 28.Qxf5+ Qf6 29.Qh7+ Ke6 30.Rg6 , winning.]

23.Bxe8 Rxe8 24.Rg4 Bd5 25.Rdg1 Kg7 26.Rg5 Black is a clear exchange down and does not have enough in return. **26...b3**

[He cannot take on a2 as 26...Bxa2 27.b3 Qa6 28.d5 .]

27.axb3 Be4 28.Qc3 Qa6 29.b4 Qa2

[Or 29...f6 30.R5g4 Bf5 31.d5! Bxg4 32.Rxg4 Be5 33.Qa3! , winning.]

30.d5+ f6 31.d6 Bd8 32.Kd2 White refuses to be bluffed by the apparently active queen and converts easily. **32...a5 33.Qd4 Kf7 34.R5g4 Bf5 35.Rf4 Re5 36.Ke2 Rd5 37.Ra1! Qxa1 38.Qxd5+ Be6 39.Qb7+ Kf8 40.Qa8** . Nice control by Savchenko. It is unlikely that you will encounter this level of precision at club level.

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389 **B06**

□ **Adham Fawzy** **2422**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2590**

Masters Abu Dhabi UAE (8.18) 21.08.17

[TA]*

1.e4 Prusikin,Michael **1...g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 a6**

[RR 4...Nf6]

5.Nf3 b5 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.e5 Bb7

[7...c5 8.Be4 Rb8 9.0-0 cxd4 *(RR 9...b4)* 10.Nxd4 dxe5 *(RR 10...Bb7 11.Bxb7 Rxb7 12.e6)* 11.Nc6±]

[RR 7...c5 8.Be4 Rb8 9.0-0 cxd4 10.Nxd4 dxe5 11.Nc6 Qb6+ 12.Kh1 Ngf6 13.Nxb8 Qxb8 14.fxe5 Nxe5 15.Bf4]

8.0-0 c5 9.Ng5

[9.Be4!?]

[RR 9.Be4]

9...Qb6

[9...h6? 10.Nxf7 Kxf7 11.Qg4 e6 *(11...Nf8 12.e6+)* 12.Qxg6+ Kf8 13.f5]

[9...cxd4 10.e6 f5 11.exd7+ Qxd7 12.Ne2± h6 13.Nf3 e5]

[RR 9...Nh6 10.f5

A) RR 10...dxe5 11.fxg6 hxg6 12.Rxf7 Nxf7 13.Bxg6 cxd4 14.Bxf7+ Kf8 15.Bd5 *(RR 15.Ne6+ Kxf7 16.Nxd8+ Raxd8 17.Ne2 Bf6)* 15...Bxd5 16.Nxd5 Nc5 17.Qf3+ Bf6 18.Nxf6 exf6 19.b4 Kg7 20.Qg3 fxg5 21.Bxg5 Ne4 22.Qxe5+ Nf6 23.Rf1 Rf8 24.Qg3;

B) 10...cxd4 11.fxg6 dxc3 12.gxf7+ Nxf7 13.Nxf7 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Qc6 15.Qg4 0-0 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Qe6+ Rf7 19.Qxf7+]

10.Be4

[10.e6? Bxd4+ 11.Kh1 fxe6]

10...Bxe4 11.Ncxe4 d5

[11...Nh6!?]

[11...cxd4? 12.e6]

12.Nc3

[RR 12.dxc5 Qc6 *(RR 12...Nxc5 13.Be3 dxe4 14.Qd5)* 13.Nf2 Nxc5 14.Be3 Nh6 15.Nd3 Nxd3 16.cxd3 0-0 17.Rc1 Qd7 18.Bc5 Rfc8 19.Qe2 Rc6 20.d4 f6 21.Nf3 Rac8 22.Rc3 Nf5 23.Ne1 b4 24.Rh3 a5 25.Nd3 h5 26.b3 Qe6]

12...e6 13.Be3 cxd4 14.Bxd4 Qc6

15.a4 b4
[RR 15...bxa4 16.Nxa4 Ne7 17.Nf3]
16.Nb5! axb5 17.axb5 Qb7
[17...Rxa1 18.bxc6 Rxd1 19.cxd7+ Kxd7 20.Rxd1 Ne7 21.g3 Ke8? *(21...Ra8! 22.Nxf7±)* 22.Ra1]
18.Rxa8+ Qxa8 19.f5! Nxe5
[19...gxf5 20.Qh5 Nh6 21.Nxe6 Threatening Nc7 Bxe5 22.Bxe5 Nxe5 23.Nc7+]
[19...exf5 20.e6 Bxd4+ 21.Qxd4 f6 22.exd7+ Kxd7 23.Nf7]
[19...Bxe5 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Nf7+-]
[RR 19...gxf5 20.Qh5]
[RR 19...exf5 20.e6]
[RR 19...Bxe5 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Nf7]
20.fxe6 f6
[20...fxe6 21.Nxe6 Qb7 22.Nxg7+ Qxg7 23.Re1]
21.Bxe5 fxe5 22.Rf7 Bf8 23.Nxh7
[23.Qf1! Bc5+ *(23...Nh6 24.b6 Qc6 25.Nxh7 Be7 26.Rxe7+ Kxe7 27.Qf6+ Kd6 28.e7+ Kc5 29.Qxh8)* 24.Kh1 Ne7 25.b6 Qc6 26.Qf6 Rg8 27.Rxe7+ Bxe7 28.Qf7+ Kd8 29.Qxg8+]
[RR 23.Qf1 Bc5+ 24.Kh1 Ne7 25.b6 Qc6 26.Qf6 Rg8 27.Rxe7+ Bxe7 28.Qf7+ Kd8 29.Qxg8+ Qe8 30.Nf7+]
23...Bc5+ 24.Kh1 Ne7
[24...Be7 25.b6 Kd8 *(25...Nh6 26.Nf6+ Bxf6 27.b7 Qb8 28.Qxd5;* RR *25...Nh6 26.Nf6+ Bxf6 27.b7 Qb8 28.Qxd5 Nxf7 29.Qd7+ Kf8 30.Qxf7#)* 26.Qf1 Nh6 27.Qb5 Qb7 28.Rf1 Rxh7 29.Ra1 Great idea !! Bf8 30.Ra7 Nf5 31.Rxb7 Rxb7 32.Qxd5+ Nd6 33.Qc5+-]
[RR 24...Be7 25.b6 Kd8 26.Qf1 Nh6 27.Qb5 Qb7 28.Rf1 Rxh7 29.Ra1 Bf8 30.Ra7 Nf5 31.Rxb7 Rxb7 32.Qxd5+ Nd6 33.Qc5]
25.Qf1 Nf5 26.b6 Qc6
[26...Nd6 27.Rf8+ Rxf8 28.Qxf8#]
27.b7 Ba7 28.Qxf5 gxf5 29.Nf6+ Kd8 30.e7+ resign **30...Kc7N 31.e8Q+ Kb6 32.Qxh8**
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390 **E61**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2577**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2687**
16th Asian Continental (7.4) 18.05.2017
[TA]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.e3 d6 7.Nge2 e5 8.0-0 Re8
[8...exd4 - 130/(190)]
9.d5 Na5
[RR 9...Nb8 10.e4 a5 11.b3 Na6 12.a3 Bd7 13.Rb1 Nc5 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 Na4 16.h3 Qb8 17.Be3 Nxc3 18.Nxc3 h5 19.c5 Qc8 20.Kh2 h4 21.g4 Nh7 22.b5 dxc5 23.Bxc5 Bh6 24.Qd3 Ashraf,A (2352)-Firouzja,A (2777) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (66)]
[RR 9...Nb8 10.e4 a5 11.h3 Na6 12.Be3 b6 13.Qd2 Bd7 14.Bg5 Qc8 15.g4 h5 16.f3 Nh7 17.Bh6 Bf6 18.g5 Bh8 19.h4 Nc5 20.Ng3 a4 21.Rf2 Qa6 22.Bf1 Re7 23.Be2 Rae8 24.Raf1 Schneider,C (2027)-Klasmeier,J (2083) Germany 2025 ½-½ (62)]
10.b3 a6 11.e4N
[11.Qc2]
[RR 11.Qc2 Bd7 12.Bb2 b5 13.cxb5 axb5 14.a3 Qb8 15.Na2 Qb6 16.Nb4 Rac8 17.Nc3 Bf5 18.Qd1 Bg4 19.Qc2 Bf5 20.Qd1 Bg4 ½-½ (20) Quinteros,M (2505)-Ljubojevic,L (2605) Mar del Plata

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11...c5 12.dxc6 bxc6

[12...Nxc6 13.Qd3 Be6 14.Rd1±]

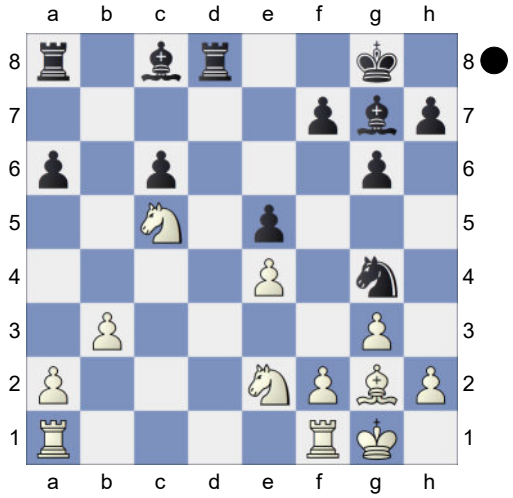
13.c5 dxc5 14.Qxd8

[14.Be3 Qxd1 15.Rfxd1 c4 16.Bb6 Nb7 17.bxc4 Nd7 18.Bc7 Ndc5∓]

14...Rxd8 15.Be3 Nb7 16.Na4 Ng4 17.Bxc5?!

[17.Bg5 f6 18.Nb6 Rb8 19.Nxc8 Rbxc8 20.Bc1 f5∞]

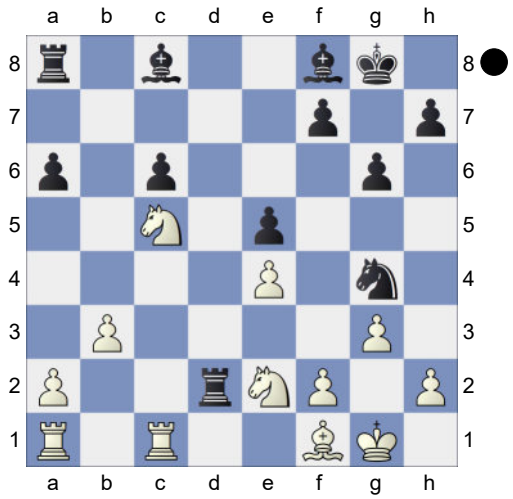
17...Nxc5 18.Nxc5 Diagram



18...Bf8! 19.Rfc1

[19.Na4 Rd2 20.Nb6 Rb8 21.Nxc8 Rxc8∓]

19...Rd2 20.Bf1 Diagram



20...Nxh2! 21.Kxh2 Bg4 22.Kg2 Bxe2 23.Bxe2

[23.Rc3 Bxf1+ 24.Kxf1 h5∓]

23...Rxe2 24.Nd7 Rd8∓ 25.Kf3

[25.Nxf8?! Kxf8 26.Re1 Rc2∓]

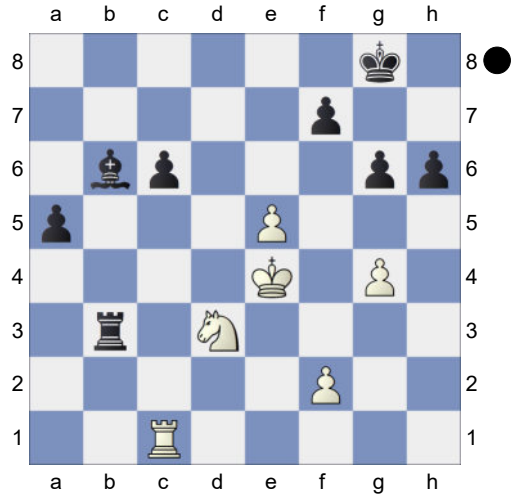
25...Rb2 26.Rd1 Bg7 27.Nc5?!

[27.g4 h6 28.Rac1 Rxa2 29.Rxc6 a5∓]

27...Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Bf8! 29.Nd3

[29.Nd7 Rxa2 30.Rc1 Rb2∓]

29...Rxa2 30.Nxe5 Bc5 31.Nd3 Bd4 32.e5 Rc2 33.Rf1 a5 34.Ke4 Bb6 35.g4 h6 36.Kf3 Rc3 37.Ke4 Rxb3 38.Rc1 Diagram



38...c5! 39.Nxc5 Rb4+ 40.Kf3 a4-+ 41.Nd7 Bd4 42.Nf6+ Kg7 43.Nd5 Rb2 44.Rc4

[44.Ke4 Bxf2 45.Ra1 Re2+ 46.Kf3 Rxe5-+]

44...Rxf2+ 45.Ke4 Bb2 46.Rxa4 Re2+ 47.Kf3 Rxe5 48.Nf4 Bc1 49.Ne2 Bg5 50.Re4 Ra5 51.Ng3 Bh4 52.Ne2 Bf6 53.Nf4 Be5 54.Nd3 Kf6 55.Rb4 Kg5 56.Re4 f6 57.Re3 Ra3 58.Ke2 Ra4 59.Kf3 Rxg4 60.Nxe5 Rf4+

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391 **B03**
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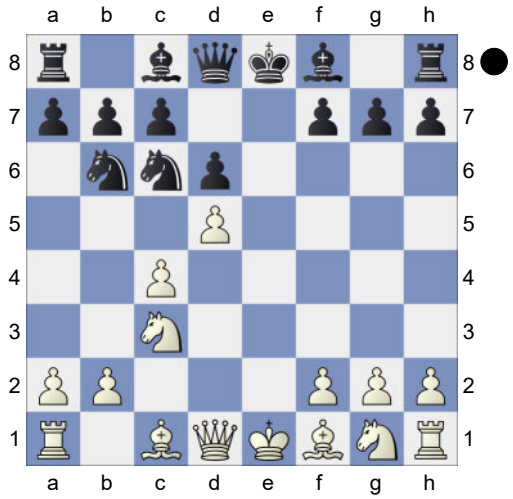

7...Qe7+!?N
[7...Ne5 - 77/94]
8.Be2 Ne5 9.Be3
[9.f4!? Ng4 *(9...Nexc4? 10.Kf2! Bd7 11.Qb3 Na5 12.Qb4+-)* 10.Nf3 *(10.Qd4 c5 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Nf3 c5 13.Qd3 g6 14.0-0 Bg7∞)* 10...Ne3 *(10...g6?! 11.0-0 Bg7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bd3 Qd8 14.h3 Nf6 15.Be3±)*
A) 11.Qb3 g6 12.Nb5 Nf5 13.g4 Nh4∞ *(13...a6!? 14.Nxc7+ Qxc7 15.gxf5 Bg7 16.fxg6 hxg6 17.Bd2 Nd7 18.Qe3+! Kf8 19.f5↑)*;
B) 11.Bxe3 Qxe3 12.Nb5 Kd8□ 13.Ng5 a6 14.Nxf7+ *(14.Qd4 Qxd4 15.Nxd4 Ke7 16.0-0-0 g6 17.Rhe1 Bh6=)* 14...Ke8 15.Nxh8 axb5 Diagram

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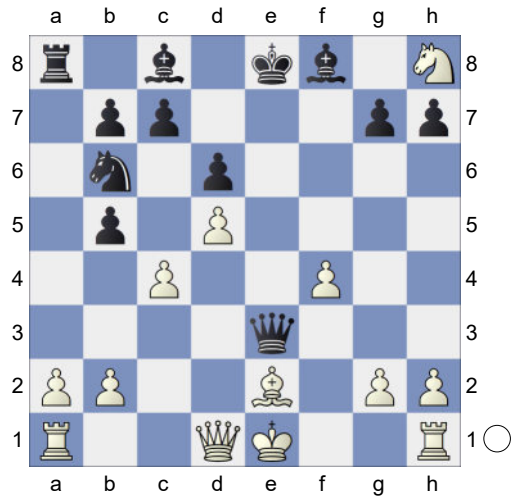

16.Qd3 *(16.Rc1?! Bg4 17.Rc3 Qxe2+ 18.Qxe2+ Bxe2 19.Kxe2 bxc4 20.Rh3 Be7 21.Rxh7 Bf6∓)* 16...Qxd3 17.Bxd3 g6 18.0-0 bxc4 19.Rae1+ Be7 20.f5 cxd3 21.fxg6 *(21.f6? Nxd5 22.fxe7 Bf5∓)* 21...hxg6 22.Rxe7+ *(22.Nxg6? Nxd5 23.Rf8+ Kd7 24.Nxe7 d2-+)* 22...Kxe7 23.Nxg6+ Kd8 24.Rf8+ Kd7 25.Rf7+ Kd8=]
9...Bd7
[9...g6!?]
10.b3 g6N
[RR 10...f5 11.Qd2 g6 12.h3 Bg7 13.f4 Nf7 14.Nf3 0-0 15.Rc1 Rfe8 16.Kf2 c5 17.dxc6 bxc6 18.Rhe1 Bc8 19.Bf1 Qd7 20.Bd4 Bb7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rcd1 Rxe1 23.Nxe1 Qe7 24.g3 Nd7 25.Bg2 Farkas,T (2276)-Friberg,H (2142) Budapest 2020 1-0 (60)]
11.Nf3 Bg7 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.0-0± Rfe8 15.Bd3 Qh4 16.g3 Qh5 17.Rfe1 Diagram

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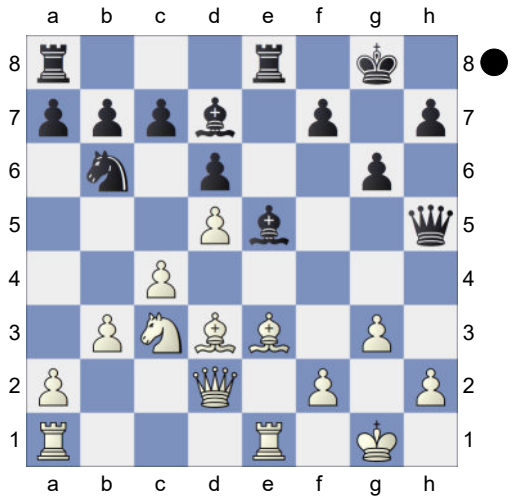
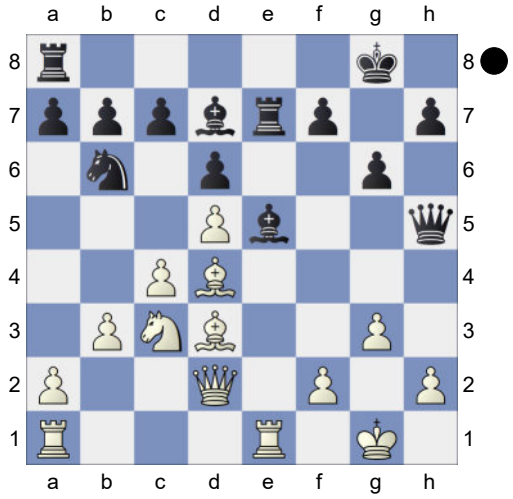


17...Re7?!
[⌓17...Bg4∞]
18.Rac1?!
[RR18.Bd4! Diagram



A) 18...f6 19.Rac1 Bh3 *(19...Rae8?! 20.Bxe5 fxe5 21.Ne4 Rf8 22.c5±)* 20.Be2 Qf5 21.Bxe5 fxe5 *(21...Rxe5 22.f4 Ree8 23.Bf3±)* 22.f3↑ Δ Ne4;
B) 18...Rae8 19.Bxe5 Rxe5 20.Ne4↑]
18...Rae8 19.Ne4 Qf3 20.Ng5 Qf6 21.Bf1 Bf5
[21...Bb2!? 22.Rc2 Ba1 23.Qc1 Bf5 24.Rce2 Be5 25.Nf3!? Bg4 26.Nxe5 Bxe2 27.Rxe2 Rxe5 *(27...Qxe5? 28.Bxb6+-; 27...dxe5 28.Bg5±)* 28.Bd4 Nd7 29.f4 Rxe2 30.Bxf6 Re1 31.Qb2 R8e2 32.Qd4 *(32.Qxe2 Rxe2 33.Bxe2 Nxf6=)* 32...Re4=]
22.Nf3 Bb2 23.Bg5 Bxc1 24.Rxc1 Qg7 25.Bxe7 Rxe7 26.Nd4± Qf6 27.Qc3
[27.Rc3!?]
27...Re8 28.Nb5 Qxc3 29.Nxc3 Nd7 30.Nb5 a6 31.Nd4
[31.Nxc7? Rc8-+]
31...Kg7 32.f3 h5 33.Kf2
[33.Nxf5+ gxf5 34.h4 Kf6=]
33...Kf6 34.Nxf5 gxf5 35.Rc3 a5 36.Re3 Ne5 37.Be2 Rh8 38.h4 f4!? 39.gxf4 Ng6 40.Kg3 Rg8 41.Bd3 Ne7+ 42.Kf2 b6 43.Re1 Rg7 44.a3 Rg8 45.Re3 Rb8 46.Re1 Rg8 47.Rc1 Rg7 48.b4 axb4 49.axb4 Rg8 50.Be4
[50.Ra1 b5 51.Ra7 bxc4 52.Bxc4 Rb8 53.b5 Rc8=]
50...Ra8 51.c5 bxc5 52.bxc5 Ra5 53.cxd6 cxd6 54.Rd1 Nf5 55.Bxf5 Kxf5 56.Rd4
½-½

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□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2584**
■ **Zubov,Alexander** **2612**
Yerevan 133/199 2017
[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 c6 7.0-0 e5 8.Re1 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.Bf1 Nbd7 11.Nc2 Ne5 12.h3 Be6 13.b3 Nh5 14.Nd4 Diagram

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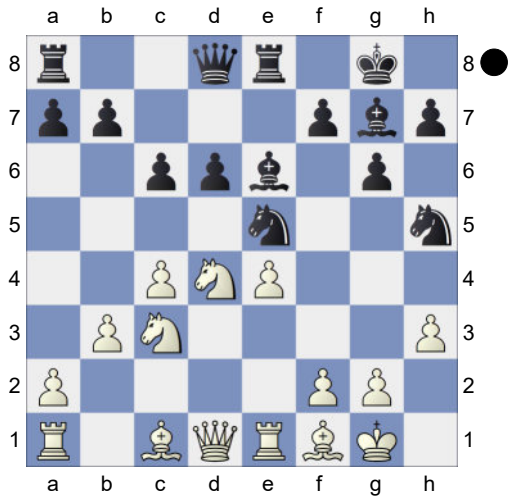

14...c5N

[14...Qh4 - 22/755]

[RR 14...Qh4 15.Be3 h6 16.Nxe6 Rxe6 17.Rc1 Rae8 18.Kh1 Nd7 19.g3 Qe7 20.Bg2 Nc5 21.g4 Nf6 22.f3 a5 23.a3 h5 24.b4 Na6 25.b5 Nc5 26.Ne2 hxg4 27.hxg4 Ncxe4 28.fxe4 Nxg4 29.Nf4 Rashkovsky,N (2485)-Dorfman,J Moscow 1976 0-1 (40)]

[RR 14...Qh4 15.Be3 h6 16.Rc1 a5 ½-½ (16) Luczak,A (2430)-Bielczyk,J (2380) Polanica Zdroj 1980]

15.Nde2

[15.Nxe6 fxe6

A) 16.f4? Rf8! *(16...Qh4∓)* 17.fxe5 *(17.Ne2 Nf3+ 18.gxf3 Bxa1-+)* 17...Bxe5 18.Re3 *(18.Bd2 Qh4-+)* 18...Qh4-+;

B) 16.Qc2 Qf6↑]

15...f5

[15...a6!? 16.Be3 *(16.f4?! Nc6 17.Be3 b5↑)* 16...g5 *(16...Rb8 17.f4 Nc6∞)* 17.Qd2 g4∞]

16.exf5?!

[16.Be3 fxe4 17.Nxe4 Diagram

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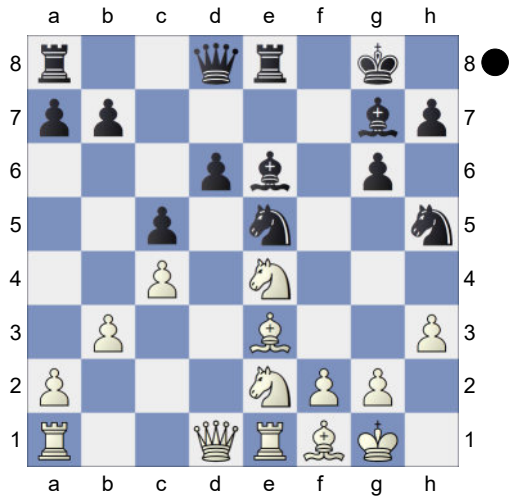

Bxh3! *(17...Nf7 18.N4c3±)*

A) 18.N2c3 Bf5 19.Bg5 Qd7 20.Nxd6 Nf7! 21.Nxf7 Qxf7∞;

B) 18.Nf4 Nf7 *(18...Bg4 19.Qd5+ Nf7)* 19.Nxh5 gxh5 20.Rc1 Rxe4 21.gxh3 Qh4∞;

C) 18.Nxd6 Re6 19.Nxb7 Qh4 20.Ng3 *(20.Nxc5 Rd8 21.Nd4 Red6 22.Nf3□ Nxf3+ 23.Qxf3 Bg4 24.Qe4 Rd4! 25.g3 Nxg3 26.fxg3 Rxe4 27.gxh4 Rxe3 28.Rxe3 Bxa1 29.Kg2 Bf5⩱)* 20...Nxg3 21.fxg3 Qxg3 22.Bf2 Qf4 23.Be3 Qg3=]

[16.Nf4!?

A) 16...Nxf4 17.Bxf4 Nc6 *(17...g5 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Bg3±)* 18.Qd2±;

B) 16...fxe4 17.Nxe4 Nf7 *(17...Nf3+? 18.Qxf3 Bxa1 19.Nxh5 gxh5 20.Bg5+-)* 18.Rb1±]

16...Bxf5 17.Be3?!

[17.Qd5+ Be6 18.Qxb7 Rb8 19.Qe4 *(19.Qxa7 Bxh3!-+)* 19...d5! 20.cxd5 Bf5-+]

[17.Nf4 Nf3+! 18.Qxf3 Rxe1 19.Nxh5 gxh5 20.Qd5+ *(20.Qxf5 Bxc3 21.Bg5 Re5!∓)* 20...Kh8 21.Qxf5 Bxc3 22.Bg5 Rxa1 23.Bxd8 Rxd8∓]

17...Nd3 18.g4 Diagram
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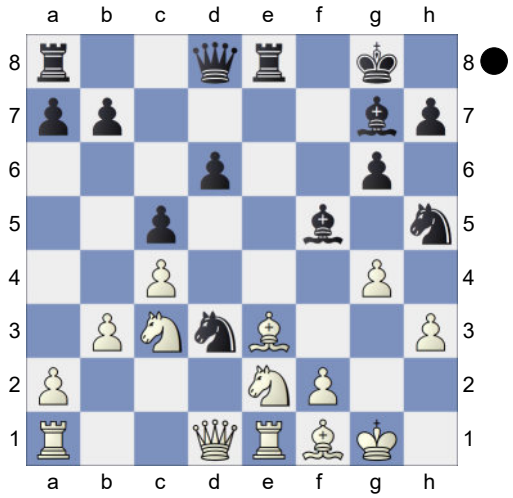

18...Rxe3!-+ 19.fxe3 Qh4
[19...Qg5 20.Qd2 Qh4 21.gxf5 Qf2+ 22.Kh1 Ng3+-+]
20.Bg2
[20.gxf5 Qg5+-+]
20...Qf2+ 21.Kh1 Qxe3 22.Rf1 Bxc3! 23.Nxc3 Ng3+ 24.Kh2 Qe5 25.Rf3
[25.Kg1 Qxc3 26.gxf5 Qd4+ 27.Kh2 Nxf1+ 28.Qxf1 Qe5+ 29.Kh1 Nf2+ 30.Kg1 Qd4 31.Kh2 Rf8-+]
25...Ne4+
0-1

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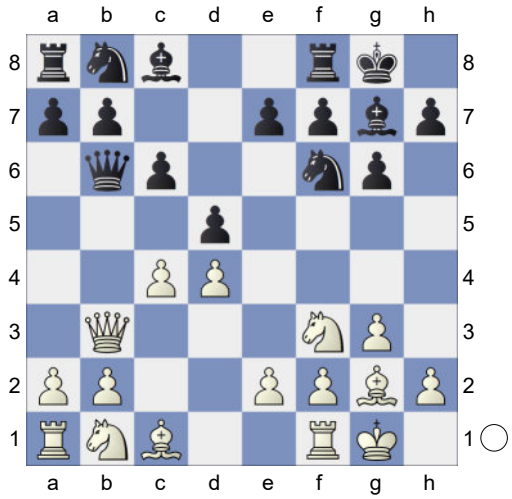
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2566**
■ **Mchedlishvili,M** **2609**
42nd Olympiad 2016 (2.29) 03.09.2016
[Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ah..

The Young Iranians by GM Ivan Sokolov
Having taken on the job of coach to the Iranian national team, I already knew a lot about the players involved. The 'Iranian Stars' tournament, run on the Scheveningen system and fielding ten foreigners against the ten best Iranians, took place in July and, being one of the foreigners myself, I was able to gain first hand experience of the players I was later to coach. The Iranian team selection for Baku was based on the results of their latest individual national championship. And, as it turned out, their Olympiad side was to consist of the experienced Ehsan Ghaem Maghami, whom I placed on board one, and four youngsters, with an average age of only fifteen! Three of these youngsters had formed part of an Iranian team which won the gold medal at the World Teams U16 Championship, ahead of Russia, USA, India, China, etc. and I went to Tehran two weeks prior to the Olympiad to conduct a training camp with them. The fact that all these players were talented, ambitious and dedicated led me to feel optimistic that Iran's final result would be considerably higher than their starting position. And so it was, seeded 46th, Iran finished 16th(!), ahead of many world chess powers! In this article I want to introduce these four young team members to the wider chess public, by presenting one game from each of them. Three of these games have annotations by the players themselves, to which I have added a few more comments where appropriate and indicated by (I.S.). * * * * * Parham Maghsoodloo has an unusual approach to the openings and tries to stay away from main lines and obtain his own kind of positions. In this way he is not looking for an opening advantage with White, but simply aiming for a playable game. In our training camp I tried to encourage him to study some mainstream theory but in the following game Parham decided to stick to his own personal way

of playing. To my surprise he chose the move 8.Rd1, hardly seen in practice and which we agreed was not precise. Nevertheless, later in the game we see Parham's main strength: he is good at practical streetfighting chess, strong in calculation and in handling complications. These qualities he already showed at the Iranian Stars tournament, played prior to the Olympiad and where he delivered a 2800+ performance. The comments to the game are by Parham, plus a few extra notes by me, which are marked (I.S.). Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: 'The Young Iranians by GM Ivan Sokolov Having taken on the job of coach to the Iranian national team, I already knew a lot about the players involved. The 'Iranian Stars' tournament, run on the Scheveningen system and fielding ten foreigners against the ten best Iranians, took place in July and, being one of the foreigners myself, I was able to gain first hand experience of the players I was later to coach. The Iranian team selection for Baku was based on the results of their latest individual national championship. And, as it turned out, their Olympiad side was to consist of the experienced Ehsan Ghaem Maghami, whom I placed on board one, and four youngsters, with an average age of only fifteen! Three of these youngsters had formed part of an Iranian team which won the gold medal at the World Teams U16 Championship, ahead of Russia, USA, India, China, etc. and I went to Tehran two weeks prior to the Olympiad to conduct a training camp with them. The fact that all these players were talented, ambitious and dedicated led me to feel optimistic that Iran's final result would be considerably higher than their starting position. And so it was, seeded 46th, Iran finished 16th(!), ahead of many world chess powers! In this article I want to introduce these four young team members to the wider chess public, by presenting one game from each of them. Three of these games have annotations by the players themselves, to which I have added a few more comments where appropriate and indicated by (I.S.). * * * * * Parham Maghsoodloo has an unusual approach to the openings and tries to stay away from main lines and obtain his own kind of positions. In this way he is not looking for an opening advantage with White, but simply aiming for a playable game. In our training camp I tried to encourage him to study some mainstream theory but in the following game Parham decided to stick to his own personal way of playing. To my surprise he chose the move 8.Rd1, hardly seen in practice and which we agreed was not precise. Nevertheless, later in the game we see Parham's main strength: he is good at practical streetfighting chess, strong in calculation and in handling complications. These qualities he already showed at the Iranian Stars tournament, played prior to the Olympiad and where he delivered a 2800+ performance. The comments to the game are by Parham, plus a few extra notes by me, which are marked (I.S.).'' **1.Nf3** Maghsoodloo, Parham;Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A; Sokolov,Ivan Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad' **1...d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7**

4.d4 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 c6 7.Qb3 I chose to play this variation after seeing the game Ivanchuk - Radjabov, Khanty-Mansiysk 2011. Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: 'I chose to play this variation after seeing the game Ivanchuk - Radjabov, Khanty-Mansiysk 2011.'' **7...Qb6**



Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A; Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: '[#]'' **8.Rd1N** (I.S.) This rarely seen move came as a surprise, as we had already agreed during our Tehran training sessions that this move order was imprecise and offered Black easy equality. Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A; Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: '(I.S.) This rarely seen move came as a surprise, as we had already agreed during our Tehran training sessions that this move order was imprecise and offered Black easy equality.''

[[(I.S.) Our analysis in training was focused on 8.Nc3 , which is what everyone plays here...

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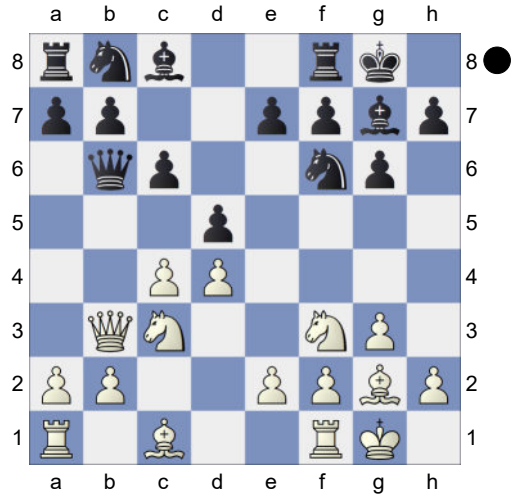


and then: Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: '- 127/161'

A) 8...Bf5 can be met by Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh, A;Sokolov,Ivan: '(Maghsoodloo, Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad) can be met by' 9.h3!? a seemingly insignificant but nevertheless useful move, thought up by Maxime Vachier-Lagrave and which provides White with the possibility of a timely g3-g4 pawn push. An example of the latent power of this opening was seen in the following game: Ne4 *(RR9...Rd8* Dorfman,Josif D 2555 - Dolmatov, Sergey 2630, Polanica Zdroj 1993 - 58/503 *)* 10.cxd5 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qxb3 12.axb3 cxd5 13.Nd2 Rd8 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Na6 16.Be3 Be6 17.Rfc1 Bxb3 18.Rab1 Bd5 19.c4 Be6 20.d5 Bc8 21.c5 Kf8 22.d6 e6 23.Bg5 Rd7 24.c6 bxc6 25.Rxc6 Ke8 26.Nf6+ Bxf6 27.Bxf6 1-0 Vachier-Lagrave, Maxime 2718 - Baron,Tal 2467, France 2013.;

B) 8...Rd8 Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan:

'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad' 9.Rd1 (we also analyzed *9.Na4*, a move favoured by Ding Liren; RR Ding,Liren 2755 - Adhiban, Baskaran 2646, Hyderabad 2015 - 124/ 152 *)* 9...Bf5 10.Ne1 . The inclusion of 8.Nc3 Rd8, compared to the game, should clearly be in White's favour. After Na6 *(RR10...dxc4* Jakovenko, Dmitrij 2738 - Grischuk,Alexander 2780, Khanty-Mansiysk 2015 - 124/ 153 *)* 11.Qxb6 axb6 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.a3 White managed to convert his microscopic advantage to a win, due to Black's doubled b-pawns, in Ivanchuk, Vassily 2768 - Radjabov, Teimour 2744, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/ 4-rapid) 2011]

[RR 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.Bf4 Bf5 12.Rfc1 e6 13.h3 h5 14.e3 Ne4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bd6 Rfc8 17.Nd2 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Rxc8+ Rxc8 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.Nf3 Bxb2 Giri,A (2771)-Caruana,F (2808) Stavanger 2017 ½-½]

8...Bf5

[RR 8...Rd8 9.Nc3 Be6 10.c5 Qxb3 11.axb3 Nbd7 12.b4 a6 13.h3 h6 14.g4 Ne4 15.Ne1 f5 16.gxf5 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Bxf5 18.f3 e5 19.e4 Be6 20.Be3 g5 21.Nd3 Re8 22.Nf2 Rad8 23.Rd2 Maghsoodloo,P (2676)-Pechac,J (2519) Tornelo INT 2021 1-0 (59)]

9.cxd5N

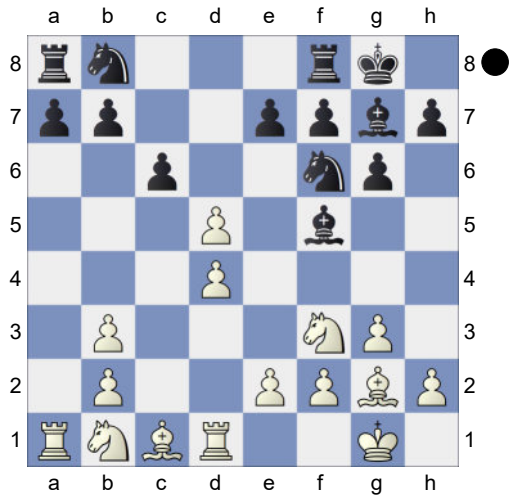
[RR 9.Na3 Na6 10.Nh4 Be6 11.c5 Qxb3 12.axb3 Nd7 13.Nc2 f6 14.b4 Nc7 15.Nf3 Bf7 16.Bh3 Be6 17.Bg2 a6 18.Bf4 Nb5 19.h4 Rfe8 20.Na3 Nxa3 21.Rxa3 Bg4 22.Bc7 Rac8 23.Ba5 e5 Pioch,T (2007)-Richter,J (1851) Wiesbaden 2025 ½-½ (32)]

[RR 9.Na3 Nbd7 10.Bf4 Qxb3 11.axb3 h6 12.h4 a6 13.Rac1 Rac8 14.Ne5 Be6 15.Bf3 Rfd8 16.Nb1 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Ne8 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.e3 g5 20.hxg5 hxg5 21.cxd5 Bxd5 22.Nd2 Bxf3 23.Nxf3 f6 Kuzubov,Y (2636)-Bacrot,E (2671) Linares 2019 ½-½ (32)]

9...Qxb3

[9...cxd5 10.Qxb6 axb6 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.e3 Nb4 13.Ne1=]

10.axb3

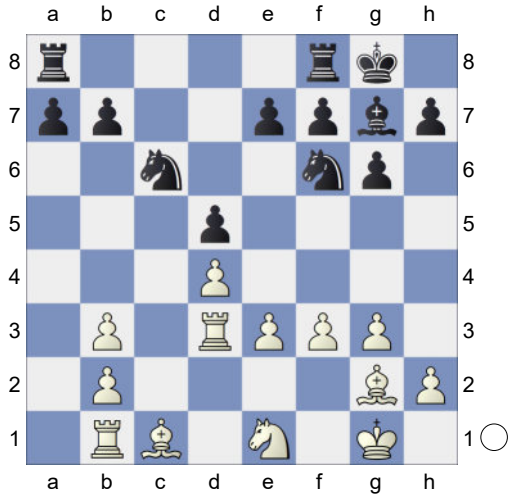


I felt comfortable during the game because I had seen many examples of this type of position and knew White's typical plans. Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: '[#] I felt comfortable during the game because I had seen many examples of this type of position and knew White's typical plans." **10...cxd5 11.Ne1 Be4**

[11...Ne4 12.Be3 Rd8 13.Nc3∞]

12.f3 Bxb1 After this move it is only White who can realistically play for a win. Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A;

Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: 'After this move it is only White who can realistically play for a win.'' **13.Rxb1 Nc6 14.e3 Na5 15.Rd3 Nc6 16.Rd1 Na5 17.Rd3 Nc6**



Here I checked the positions of my teammates and realized that we needed a full point. Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: '[#] Here I checked the positions of my teammates and realized that we needed a full point.'' **18.Bd2 e5** (I.S.) The position is opening up and we will now see the strength of Parham's dynamic calculating skills. Maghsoodloo, Parham;Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: '(I.S.) The position is opening up and we will now see the strength of Parham's dynamic calculating skills.'' **19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Rd4 Nc6 21.Rd3 Ne5 22.Rd4 Nc6**

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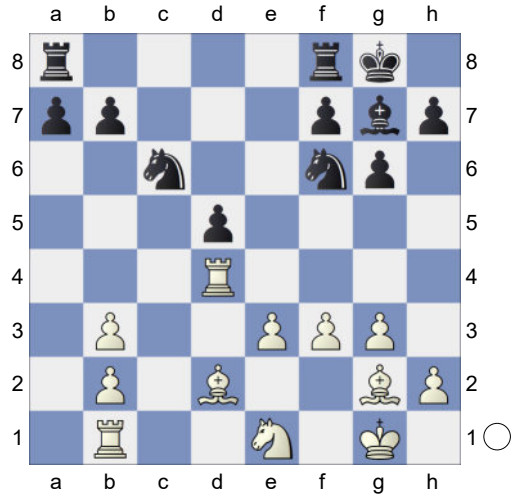

Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A; Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: '[#]'' **23.Ra4** As I said before, a draw wasn't good enough, so I had to complicate matters a little. Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: 'As I said before, a draw wasn't good enough, so I had to complicate matters a little.'' **23...Rfe8 24.Rd1 Nd7 25.Nd3 Rad8 26.Kf2 f5 27.Raa1 d4 28.Bf1** Finally reaching a complex position in which I would be able to play for a win. Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: 'Finally reaching a complex position in which I would be able to play for a win.'' **28...Nb6**

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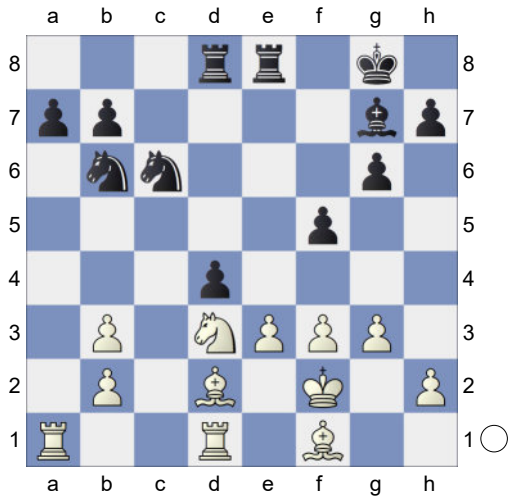

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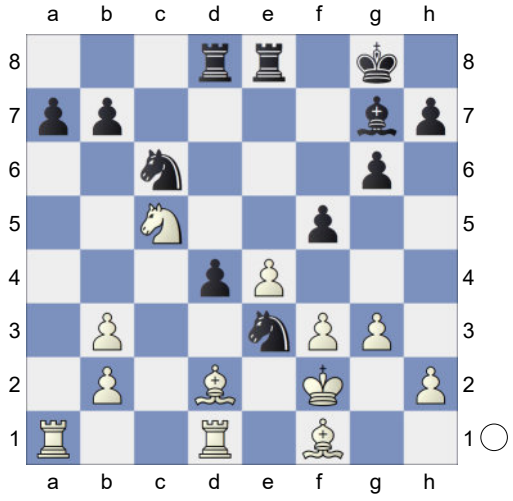
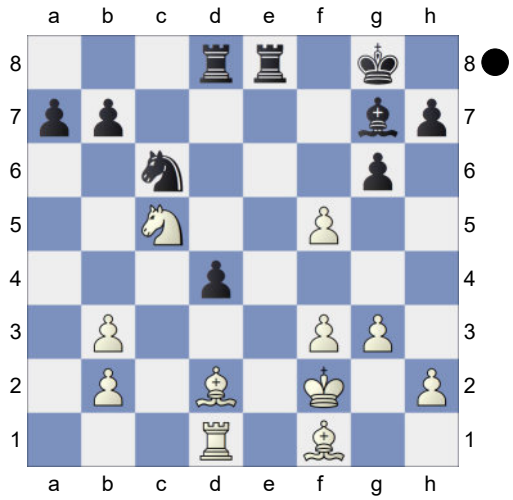


Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A; Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: '[#]'' **31.exf5** I thought that the best way to proceed here was to sacrifice the exchange, for which White will get enough compensation and a comfortable game. Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A; Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: 'I thought that the best way to proceed here was to sacrifice the exchange, for which White will get enough compensation and a comfortable game.'' **31...Nxd1+** **32.Rxd1**

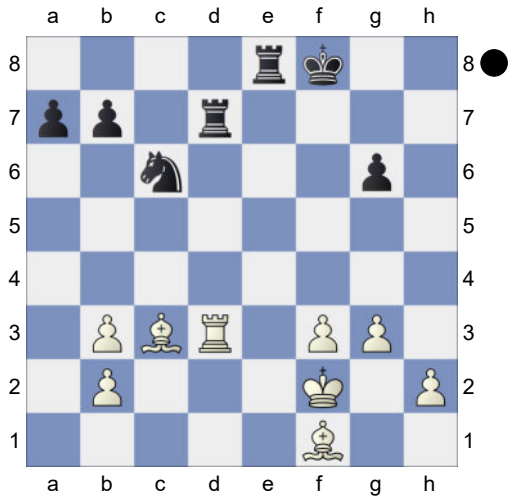


Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A; Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: '[#]" **32...d3**

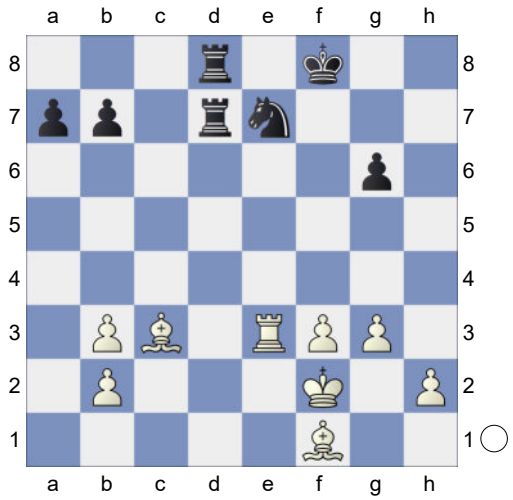
[A smart move by Black because after Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: 'A smart move by Black because after'' 32...gxf5 Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A; Sokolov,Ivan: '?!' '?!' 33.Nxb7 Rd7 *(33...Rb8 34.Nd6±)* 34.Bb5 White would have had a clear advantage. Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: ' **±**''**±**' Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A;

Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: 'White would have had a clear advantage."]

33.Ne6 Rd7 34.Nxg7 Kxg7 35.Bc3+ Kf8 36.fxg6 hxg6 37.Rxd3



White's two bishops will kill Black in this position. Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: '[#] White's two bishops will kill Black in this position." **37...Red8 38.Re3 Ne7** Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh, A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Diagram



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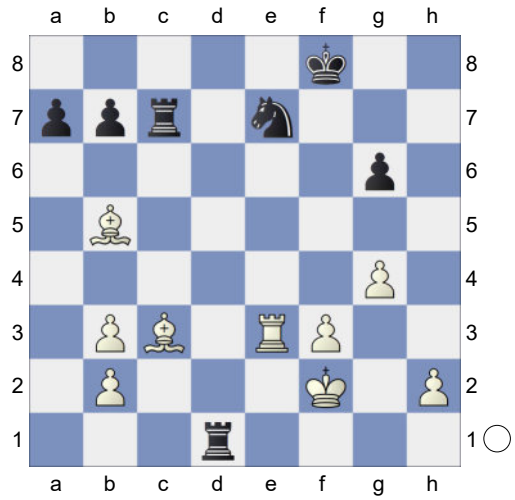

Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A; Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: '[#]" **41.Rd3**

[(I.S.) I was not happy with this decision and thought that the clever thing to do was for White to keep his rook on the board, as it cooperates well with the bishop pair. But Parham had a different idea and decided to trade his rook. Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: '(I.S.) I was not happy with this decision and thought that the clever thing to do was for White to keep his rook on the board, as it cooperates well with the bishop pair. But Parham had a different idea and decided to trade his rook.'' 41.Bb4 would have been my preferred choice here. Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: ' ±' '±' Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A; Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: 'would have been my preferred choice here."]

41...Rxd3 42.Bxd3±

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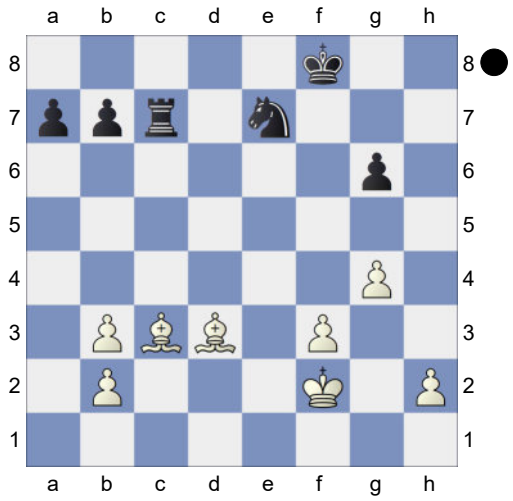

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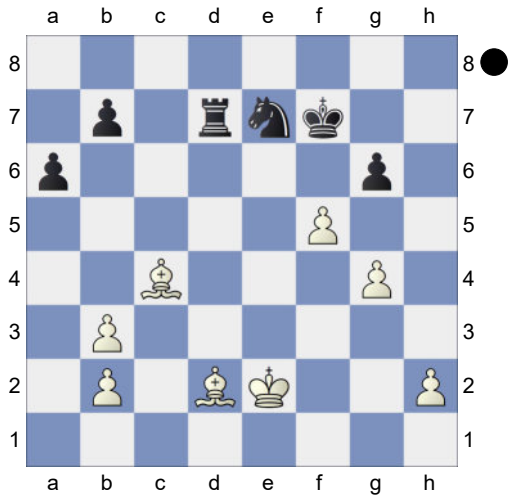

I played my last three moves very quickly. However, after this move I got a little worried because if Black plays 47...Ke8 it's not so easy for me to win. But fortunately and to my relief he immediately played 47.. . Nd5. Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A; Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: '[#] I played my last three moves very quickly. However, after this move I got a little worried because if Black plays 47...Ke8 it's not so easy for me to win. But fortunately and to my relief he immediately played 47.. . Nd5.'' **47...Nd5** Maghsoodloo, Parham;Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: '?!' '?!'

[47...Kf6 Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: '?' '?' 48.Bc3+ Kg5 49.f6 Maghsoodloo, Parham;Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: '+-' '+-']

[47...Ke8 48.f6 Nd5 49.g5± . (I.S.) It would have been a difficult decision to allow a protected passed pawn on f6 and it is easy to understand why Mchedlishvili avoided it. Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh, A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo, Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: '. (I.S.) It would have been a difficult decision to allow a protected passed pawn on f6 and it is easy to understand why Mchedlishvili avoided it."]

48.fxg6+ Kxg6

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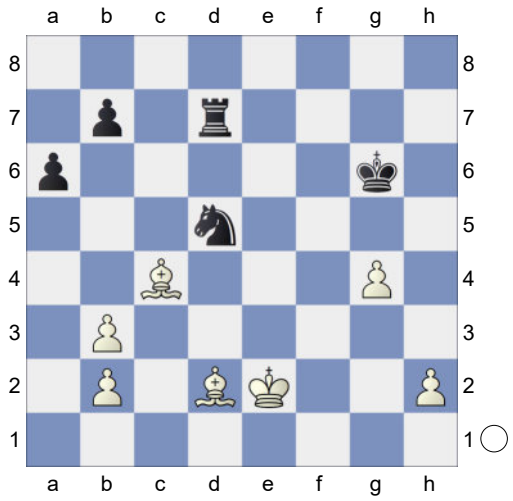
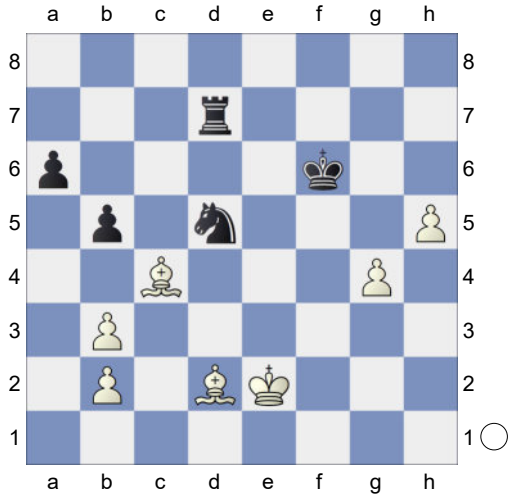


Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: '[#]'' **49.h4** I knew that this position was winning for White and all I had to do was find the right plan. Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: 'I knew that this position was winning for White and all I had to do was find the right plan.'' **49...Kf6 50.h5 b5**



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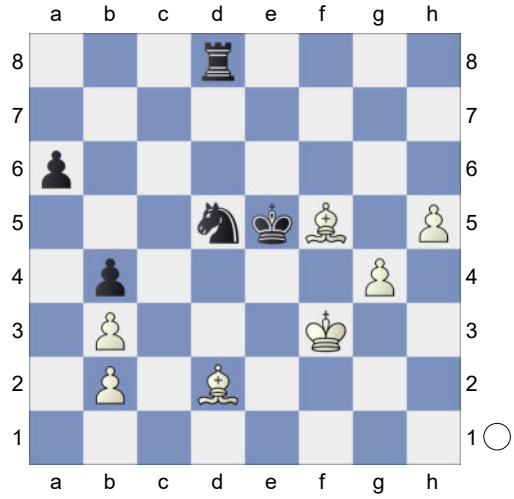

Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: '[#]'' **54.Bh6**

[54.Bg5 Rh8 55.h6 a5 56.Kg3 Nf6 57.Bf4+ Kd5 58.g5+-]

54...Kf6 Here I realized that the winning plan is to take the a6 pawn and go for the b4 pawn with my king. Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: 'Here I realized that the winning plan is to take the a6 pawn and go for the b4 pawn with my king.'' **55.Bd3 Nf4 56.Bxa6 Ne6 57.Be3 Ng5+ 58.Kf4 Rd1 59.Bc4 Nh3+ 60.Kf3 Ng5+ 61.Ke2 Rd8**

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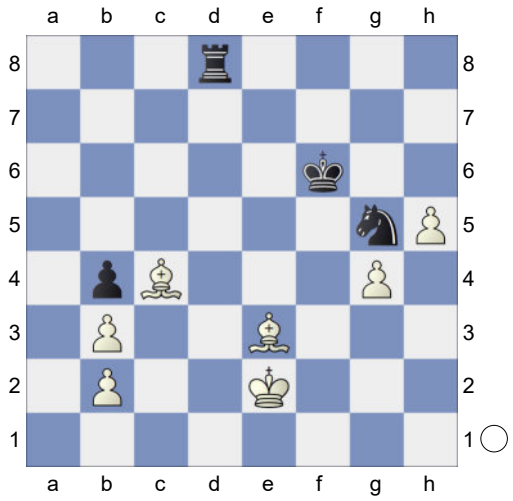
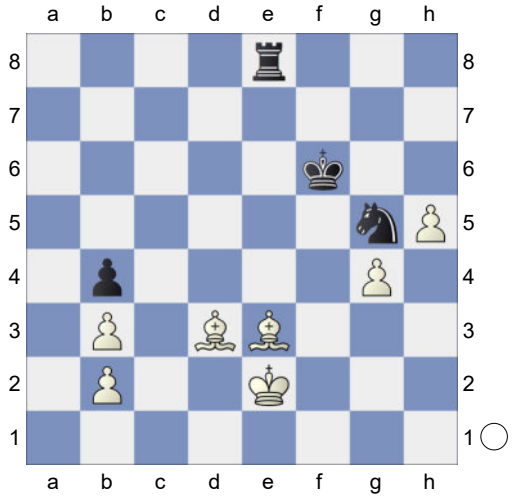


Diagram Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: '[#] Diagram'' **62.Bd3** Now I found the best way for my king to head for the b4 pawn. Maghsoodloo, Parham;Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: 'Now I found the best way for my king to head for the b4 pawn.'' **62...Re8** Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A; Sokolov,Ivan: 'Diagram



' Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh,A; Sokolov,Ivan: 'Diagram ♘' **63.Bg6! Rd8 64.Bf2 Kg7 65.Bg3 Rd5 66.Ke3 Kf6 67.Bh4** We were both in time trouble, but White's game is much easier to play in this position. Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: 'We were both in time trouble, but White's game is much easier to play in this position.'' **67...Rd1 68.Be4 Rg1 69.Bf3 Rf1 70.Bg2 Rd1 71.Be4 Rg1 72.Bf5 Rf1**

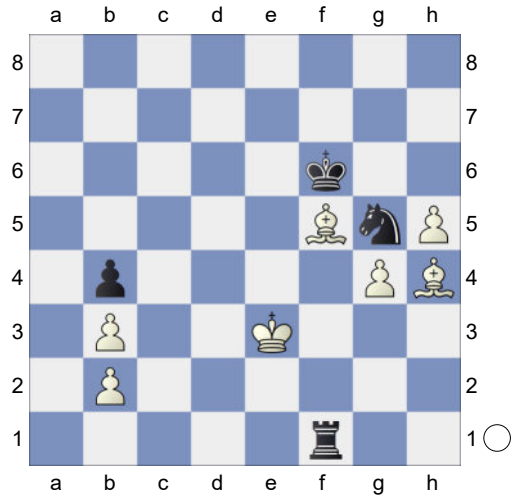


Diagram It is time for the king to do its job! Maghsoodloo,Parham;Asgarizadeh, A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,Ahmad: '[#] Diagram It is time for the king to do its job!'' **73.Kd3 Rc1**

[73...Rh1 74.Bxg5+ Kxg5 75.Kc4+-]

74.Kd4 Rh1 75.Bg3

[75.Bxg5+ Kxg5 76.Kc5+-]

75...Nf3+ 76.Kc5 Rh3 77.Bf4

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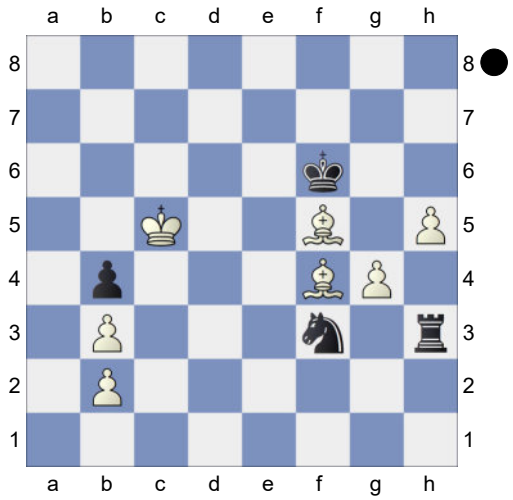

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[79...Ne3 80.g5+ Kxg5 81.Kd4+-]

80.Bg6 Nh4 81.Bf4 Rxb2 82.g5+ Ke7 83.Be4 Rxb3 84.Bd6+ Kd7 85.h6 Rc3+ 86.Kd5 Rc6 87.Be5 Rc8 88.h7 and Black resigned. A great win for the Iranian team! Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh,A;Sokolov,Ivan: 'Maghsoodloo,Parham; Asgarizadeh, Ahmad: 'and Black resigned. A great win for the Iranian team!''

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□ **Edouard,Romain** **2639**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2501**

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[Glenn Flear,TA]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.Rc1 c6 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3

[After the important alternative 8.h3 countering with b5 has been seen a few times: *(* I'm not sure that many will want to repeat the following alternative: *8...Qa5 9.Qd2 dxc4 10.Bxc4 c5 11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.Bb3 Qa7* (a rarely used aspect of an early ...a6!) *13.e4 Nc6 14.a3 e5 15.Be3* Ankit, R-Bojkovic,S Novi Sad 2015, which clearly favoured White*)* 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Bd3 *(10.b4 Nc6 11.Qb3 Bb7 12.a4 a5?! 13.axb5 Nxb4 14.Be2 Ne4 15.Na4 Rc8 16.0-0 Nd6 17.Nc5* Riazantsev,A-Licznerski,L Wroclaw rapid 2014, with the same pawn structure as later on in the main game. Here however, on a crowded board, Black has problems to challenge White's bind.*)* 10...Bb7 11.a4 b4 12.Na2 Nc6 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 a5 15.Rc7 Ba6 (an effective plan) 16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.Qe2 Re6! 18.Rb7 Ne4 Miladinovic,I-Savic,M Macedonian league 2014, and it turns out that Black's forces are the better deployed.]

[Against 8.Qb3 Black could continue 'Meran-style' with dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 but it's still not easy to complete development e.g. 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.0-0 Nh5 12.Be5! Nxe5 13.Nxe5 c5? 14.Nc6 Qe8 15.Nd5 Dragun,K-Leenhouts,K Riga 2015, and Black loses at least a pawn and was already in trouble.]

[RR 8.c5 Nbd7 9.Be2 Re8 10.0-0 h6 11.b4 Nh5 12.h3 Nxf4 13.exf4 Qc7 14.Qd2 h5 15.Ne5 Bh6 16.Qe3 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Be6 18.Rcd1 f6 19.Qg3 Kf7 20.f5 gxf5 21.Bxh5+ Kf8 22.Rfe1 Bg7 Mamedyarov,S

(2721)-Shivananda,B (2388) Kolkata 2009 1-0 (39)]
[RR 8.h3 Qa5 9.Qd2 Bf5 10.Be2 Qd8 11.0-0 h6 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.g4 Be6 14.Na4 Ne4 15.Qb4 b5 16.Bc7 Qe8 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.Qxc5 Nd7 19.Qc6 Nf6 20.Ne5 Bd7 21.Qb7 Qc8 22.Qxc8 Bxc8 Trenner,R (2123)-Schunk,T (2103) Germany 2025 ½-½ (61)]

8...b5!? This seems to be a logical choice. White has to make a decision, but should be happy to open the c-file in view of his rapid development. From Black's point of view, it's easier to justify such a counter when White has played the slower h3 instead of Bd3.
[I suppose Black could just try and ease his development problems by ceding the bishop pair: 8...Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 dxc4 *(10...e6* (noting all the black pawns on light squares!) *11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Rfd1 Qe7* is solid but passive*)* 11.Bxc4 Nbd7 12.0-0 Qa5 13.Rfd1 e5 14.Bh2 exd4 15.exd4 Qb4 16.Bb3 a5 17.Na4?! Shvartz,M-Tomczak,J German league 2011, keeps an edge for White. So the 8...Bg4 idea isn't that inspiring. *(* Instead, more incisive is *17.d5!* opening lines, looks even better, with a clear advantage to White *)*]

9.cxd5 cxd5 10.0-0N
[RR 10.Qb3 Bg4 11.Ne5 Be6 12.h3 Nfd7 13.Nf3 Nb6 14.0-0 N8d7 15.Ng5 Nc4 16.Rfd1 Ndb6 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Be2 Qd7 19.h4 Rac8 20.h5 Na5 21.Qb4 Nc6 ½-½ (21) Emuakpeje,O-Maduagwuna,E (2159) Lagos 2014]

10...Bb7 11.Nd2 Heading for c5.
[The rapid reaction 11.a4 is a reasonable-looking try, when after b4 12.Ne2 Nc6 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Ne8 White could claim a small pull due to his more active forces.]

11...e6 12.Nb3
[A case could be made for the calm 12.h3 ensuring the survival of the dark-squared bishop, and thus retaining a strong influence along the b8-h2 diagonal.]

12...Nh5 13.Nc5?! This leads to a series of exchanges, including those of the light-squared bishops, which can't be a favourable ploy.
[13.Bxb8 Rxb8 14.Nc5 is simpler and perhaps better.]

13...Nxf4 14.Nxb7 Qe7 15.Nc5 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Nd7 17.b4
[17.Ne2 Rfc8 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 is only equal. So Romain Edouard decides to take a positional risk.]

17...Nb6 Access to the c4-square is the basis of Black's counterplay. **18.Rfe1 Rfd8 19.Ra1 Qe8 20.a4** The only pawn break that makes any sense. **20...Nc4 21.Re2 bxa4 22.Rxa4 a5!** Avoiding being saddled with a weakness on a6. Now, on a5, it's sufficiently well defended. **23.b5**
[23.bxa5 Rxa5 24.Rxa5 Nxa5 just looks equal.]

23...Bf8 24.Ra1 Rac8 25.e4!? As the queenside play hasn't gone well, Edouard decides to try and complicate his opponent's life by opening another front. **25...Bxc5?!**
[After 25...Nb6! White's weaknesses aren't so easy to live with.]

26.dxc5 Rxc5 27.exd5 Qf8 28.Qd4?!
[If 28.Ne4! Black has the strong intermediate move Qg7! gaining a tempo to cover f6. Then 29.Rf1

Rdxd5 30.Qf3 Qd4 31.Nxc5 Qxc5 32.Qc3 Qxb5 with two pawns for the exchange.]

28...e5 29.Qd3 f5 30.Na4 Rdxd5 31.Qb3 Rc8 32.Rc2 Qb4 Meeting all the immediate threats. **33.Qxb4?** This version of the ending proves to be tricky, but not tricky enough to trip up Maghsoodloo.

[So White should keep the tension with 33.Qa2! when (particularly in a time scramble) there would be practical difficulties for Black. Best play could then be Rd2 34.Rxd2 Qxd2 35.Qxd2 Nxd2 36.b6 Kf7 37.h4 with approximate equality according to Houdini. The implication being that the strong b-pawn offers enough compensation for the pawn deficit.]

33...axb4 34.Nb2 Nb6 35.Rxc8+ Nxc8 36.Ra8 Rc5 37.Nd3 b3! 38.f4

[Or 38.Nxc5 b2 and the promotion is coming.]

38...e4 39.b6

[After 39.Nb2 Kf7 White's position is 'played out'.]

39...exd3 40.b7 d2 Crazy-looking, but nevertheless completely hopeless for White. **41.Ra1 Rc1+ 42.Kf2 b2 43.Rb1 d1Q**

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□ **Edouard,R.** **2639**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2501**

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[Glenn Flear,TA]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.d3

[4.exf5 e4]

4...fxe4

[4...Nf6 5.0-0 Bc5 White could claim a small pull due to his more active forces. I suppose Black could just try and ease his development problems by ceding the bishop pair: 6.exf5 0-0 7.Be3 Nd4 8.c3 Nxf3+ 9.Qxf3]

5.dxe4 Nf6 6.0-0 Nxe4

[6...Bc5?! 7.Qd3

A) 7...0-0 8.Qc4+;

B) 7...d6 8.Qc4 Qe7 9.Nc3 Bd7 Meeting all the immediate threats. *(9...Be6)* 10.Nd5? This version of the ending proves to be tricky, but not tricky enough to trip up Maghsoodloo. Nxd5 11.exd5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.a4 --! *(14...0-0 15.c3 Bc5 16.b4 Bb6 17.a5* Crazy-looking, but nevertheless completely hopeless for White.*; 14...a6 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 0-0-0 17.Rf2* After *Rdf8 18.Raf1* White's position is 'played out'. Or *Qe7 19.Qe4* and the promotion is coming. So White should keep the tension with *g6!* when (particularly in a time scramble) there would be practical difficulties for Black. Best play could then be *20.Rf3 Kb8 21.b3 Rxf3 22.Qxf3 Qg5)*;

C) 7...--]

[6...d6 with approximate equality according to Houdini. The implication being that the strong b-pawn offers enough compensation for the pawn deficit. If 7.Nc3! Black has the strong intermediate move Be7! gaining a tempo to cover f6. Then 8.Bc4 Na5 *(* A case could be made for the calm *8...Bg4* ensuring the survival of the dark-squared bishop, and thus retaining a strong influence along the b8-h2 diagonal. The rapid reaction

9.h3 is a reasonable-looking try, when after *Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Ng5)* 9.Qd3 Nxc4 10.Qxc4 c6 *(10...Qd7* just looks equal. *11.Ng5 Rf8 12.Nd5 c6* is only equal. So Romain Edouard decides to take a positional risk. *13.Nxe7 Qxe7 14.Be3* is simpler and perhaps better.*)* 11.Bg5 Qd7 with two pawns for the exchange. After 12.Bxf6! White's weaknesses aren't so easy to live with. Bxf6 13.Rad1 Qe6]

[RR 6...Bd6 7.Bc4 Na5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.c4 Nc6 10.Nc3 Bc5 11.Na4 Be7 12.h3 Qe8 13.Nc3 Bc5 14.Na4 Be7 15.Nc3 Bc5 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Nd4 18.Ng5 h6 19.Ne4 Be7 20.d6 cxd6 21.Nc3 Tari,A (2618)-Christiansen,J (2610) chess24.com INT 2020 1-0 (43)]

[RR 6...Bd6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Bg5 Qe8 9.Re1 a6 10.Bc4+ Kh8 11.Nd5 b5 12.Bb3 Na5 13.Nh4 Nxb3 14.axb3 Bb7 15.Nxf6 gxf6 16.Bh6 Rg8 17.Qf3 Qf7 18.Nf5 Bf8 19.Rad1 Rg6 20.Qh3 Bc6 21.Bxf8 Hardwick,H (1873)-Kadovic,T (1612) Reykjavik 2025 1-0 (36)]

7.Nxe5

[7.Re1]

7...Nxe5N

[RR 7...Qf6 8.Ng4 Qg6 9.Re1 Be7 10.Qd5 Nd6 11.Bxc6 dxc6 12.Qg5 Qf7 13.h3 h6 14.Qf4 Bf5 15.Ne3 Be6 16.Qxf7+ Kxf7 17.Nc3 Rhf8 18.Ng4 Bxg4 19.hxg4 Bf6 20.Bf4 Nc4 21.Bxc7 Rfe8 22.Ne4 Pritchett,C (2343)-Kuindzhy,A (2435) Rijeka 2011 ½-½ (48)]

8.Re1 Nf6!? This seems to be a logical choice. White has to make a decision, but should be happy to open the c-file in view of his rapid development. From Black's point of view, it's easier to justify such a counter when White has played the slower h3 instead of Bd3.

[8...Be7!? As the queenside play hasn't gone well, Edouard decides to try and complicate his opponent's life by opening another front. 9.Rxe4?! Nf7]

[8...Qh4 9.Qd4]

9.f4 c6 10.fxe5 Qb6+ 11.Kh1 Heading for c5. **11...Ne4 12.Rxe4 Qxb5 13.Nc3?!** This leads to a series of exchanges, including those of the light-squared bishops, which can't be a favourable ploy. **13...Qc5 14.Re1 Be7 15.Ne4 Qc4 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6+ Kf8** Access to the c4-square is the basis of Black's counterplay. **18.Re7 h6 19.Qf3+ Kg8 20.Re8+** The only pawn break that makes any sense. **20...Kh7 21.Qf5+**

[21.Qf5+ g6 22.Re7+! Avoiding being saddled with a weakness on a6. Now, on a5, it's sufficiently well defended. Kg8 23.Qxg6+ Kf8 24.Qg7#]

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Asian Nations Cup 2016 (6.3) 02.04.2016

[Vidit,S, TA]

D70: Grünfeld: Unusual White 3rd moves (met by ...d5)

1.d4 Krasenkow,Michal Vidit,S Vidit,S

1...Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3

[3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c5 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Nc3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.e3 d6 *(9...Ne5 10.Qe2 d6 11.Bd2 Bg4 12.f3 Bd7 13.Nd5 Qd8*

14.Rac1 a6 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Bc3 Rb8 17.b3 Re8 18.f4 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Bxc6 20.Bxf6 exf6 21.Rfd1 Qe7 22.Rc3 Rbd8 23.Rd4 f5 24.Qd2 ½-½ (54) Ilincic,Z (2311)-Krzywda,A (2249) Budapest FS11 IM 2022 (8)) 10.h3 Bd7 11.Qe2 Rfc8 12.Rd1 Rab8 13.Bd2 Qe5 14.Nc2 a6 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Na7 17.Bc3 Qg5 0-1 (44) Ding,L (2764)-Svidler,P (2742) EU-Cup 32nd Novi Sad 2016 (5.1)]

3...d5N

[3...Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 18.g5 (22) Gomez Vasquez,L-Machado Escanio,M 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Rare moves 2023 Rxc3 19.gxf6 Bxf6 20.0-0 Bd8 21.Bc4 Rc2 22.a4 Bd7 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 Game 3]

4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 f5 0.63/20 Vidit,S: 'This used to be popular a few years ago but according to current theory it has the reputation of being a bit dubious.'This used to be popular a few years ago but according to current theory it has the reputation of being a bit dubious.

[9...e5= 0.24/17 10.d5 Nd4]

10.e5±

[10.h4 0.26/19 10.e5 0.70 Vidit,S: 'used to be the main line previously, but has lost popularity lately' used to be the main line previously, but has lost popularity lately fxe4 11.h5! gxh5

A) 12.d5 -0.01/20 12.Rxh5 0.37 Ne5 13.Bh6 Nec4 14.Qg5 Rf7 ...Qd6 would now be deadly. 15.Bxc4 -0.24/20 *(15.Nxe4* 0.27/19 *Nxb2 16.Re1 Nxd5 17.Bxg7 Rxg7 18.Qxh5)* 15...Nxc4= 16.Rd4 -0.82/20 *(16.Bxg7!=* -0.11/19 keeps the balance. *Rxg7 17.Qxh5)* 16...Qd6 17.Bxg7! Rxg7 18.Qxh5 Qf4+ 19.Kb1 -1.66/21 *(19.Kc2∓* -0.79/20 *Nd6 20.Nge2)* 19...Bf5!-+ 20.fxe4 -2.76/20 *(20.Nge2* -1.73/23 *exf3+* Discovered Attack (Check) *21.Ka1)* 20...Bg4-+ 21.Nge2 Qd2 0-1 (21) Mamedyarov,S (2724)-Kurnosov,I (2602) Moscow 2009 Vidit,S: '0-1 (21) Mamedyarov,S (2724)-Kurnosov,I (2602) Moscow 2009';

B) 12.Rxh5 Bf5

B1) 13.fxe4 -0.84/20 13.Rg5 0.40 Bg4 14.Rg5 Bxd1 15.Qxd1 Kh8 16.Nf3 Nxd4! *(16...e6* 0.44/16 16...Nxd4 -0.60 1-0 (29) Kovalenko,I (2596)-Krasenkow,M (2643) Trzcianka 2013 Vidit,S: '1-0 (29) Kovalenko,I (2596)-Krasenkow,M (2643) Trzcianka 2013' *)* 17.Nxd4 Rxf1 18.Qxf1 Bxd4 19.Nd5 Bxe3+ 20.Nxe3 Qd6∓;

B2) 13.Rg5 Bg6 14.Nxe4 With the idea d5. e5 15.d5 Nd4= Vallejo Pons,F (2702)-Navara,D (2638) Wijk aan Zee 2009 Vidit,S: 'Vallejo Pons,F (2702)-Navara,D (2638) Wijk aan Zee 2009']

[RR 10.h4]

10...Nb4 11.Nh3

[RR 11.Kb1 N4d5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Bh6 f4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.g3 c5 16.dxc5 Bf5+ 17.Ka1 Ne3]

[RR 11.h4 Be6 *(RR 11...N4d5*

12.Nh3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 Be6 14.h5) 12.h5 *(*RR *12.b3 a5 13.Nh3 a4 14.Nf4 Qc8 15.d5 Bxe5 16.Bd4 Bxf4 17.Qxf4 N6xd5;* RR *12.Kb1 N4d5 13.Nh3 Nxc3+ 14.Qxc3 Nd5)* 12...Nxa2+ 13.Nxa2 Bxa2 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.Bh6 Qe8 *(*RR *15...Qd5 16.Ne2 Nc4 17.Qc3)* 16.Ne2 f4 17.Bxf4 Bb3 18.Bh6 Nc4 19.Qb4 Bxh6+ 20.Rxh6 Bxd1 21.Qxc4+ Kg7 22.Rh4]

11...Be6 White is slightly better.

[11...Qe8 12.Kb1 a5 13.Be2 0.48/19 *(13.d5± 0.93/16)* 13...c6± 14.Rc1 Kh8 15.Ka1 0.23/19 *(15.a3± 0.92/19)* 15...Be6 16.Nf4 Vidit,S: 'led to a model victory for Carlsen against Li Chao in the Qatar Masters, where White was just a little faster than Black.' led to a model victory for Carlsen against Li Chao in the Qatar Masters, where White was just a little faster than Black.]

12.Kb1

[RR 12.a3 N4d5 13.Ng5 Qd7 14.f4 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Bd5 16.h4 h5 17.Rh3 a5 18.Kd2 a4 19.Ke1 Bb3 20.Rc1 Nd5]

12...Qd7

[RR 12...Nc4 13.Qc1 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 Nd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Qc3 e6]

13.Nf4 Nc4?! 0.98/20 Vidit,S: 'A new move in this position.'A new move in this position.

[13...Rfd8± 0.58/19 deserves consideration.]

[RR 13...Bf7 14.a3 a5 15.d5 *(* RR *15.h4)* 15...Bxe5 16.axb4 axb4 17.Nb5 Ra5 *(*RR *17...Ra4)* 18.Bxb6 *(*RR *18.Qxb4 Rfa8 19.Na3 Bd6)* 18...cxb6 19.Qxb4 Rfa8 20.Rd4 *(*RR *20.Na3 Bd6 21.Qd4 Ra4)* 20...Bxd4 21.Qxd4 Ra1+ 22.Kc2 Rxf1 23.Rxf1 Qxb5 24.Rc1 Rd8 25.Qe5 Bxd5 26.Nxd5 Rxd5 27.Qe6+ Kf8 28.Qc8+ Motylev,A (2647)-Svidler,P (2728) Wijk aan Zee 2007 CBM 117 [Krasenkow,Michal] 0-1]

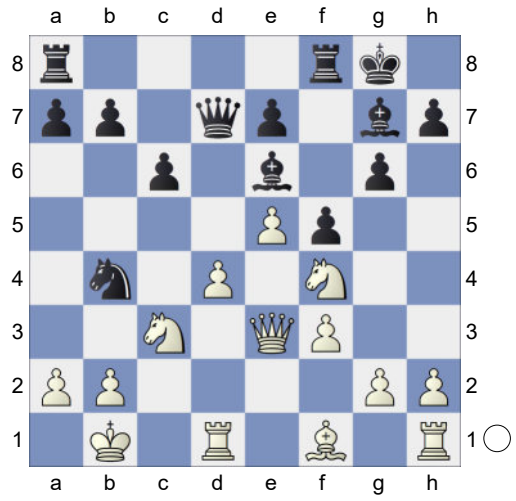
[RR 13...Rfd8 14.h4 c5 15.dxc5 N6d5 16.Ncxd5 Bxd5 17.Qxb4 1-0 (17) Lopez Martinez,J (2455)-Eche,S (2047) Sitges 2024]

14.Qc1±

[14.Bxc4 0.80/18 14.Qc1 1.19 Bxc4 15.h4 Rfd8 Vidit,S: 'was a possiblity, but I think the text was much simpler and more straightforward.' was a possiblity, but I think the text was much simpler and more straightforward.]

14...Nxe3 15.Qxe3 c6N

[RR 15...Nd5 16.Nfxd5 Bxd5 17.Nxd5 Qxd5 18.Qc3 Qd8 19.Bc4+ Kh8 20.h4 h6 21.Be6 c6 22.h5 g5 23.Qc2 f4 24.Qe4 Qc7 25.Rhe1 c5 26.d5 Qd8 27.d6 exd6 28.Rxd6 Qa5 29.Bc4 Qb4 30.a3 Krassowizkij,J (2447)-Budzyn,M (2171) Schwaebisch Gmuend 2017 1-0 (35)]



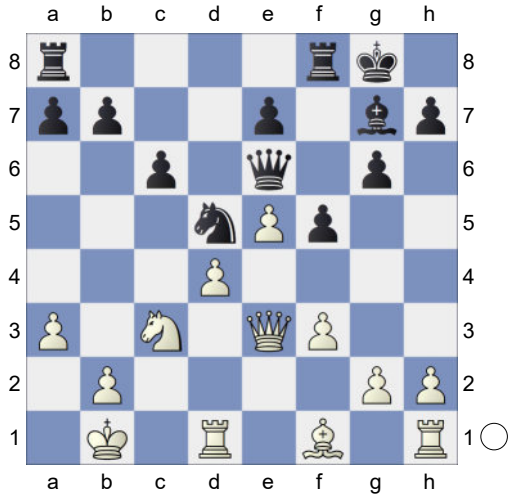
16.Nxe6! Vidit,S: 'White has many tempting options here, but this move

goes by force to a position in which White has a simple strategic advantage.' White has many tempting options here, but this move goes by force to a position in which White has a simple strategic advantage.

[16.h4! Bh6 17.h5 g5 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.a3 Nd5 20.Nxd5 Qxd5 Vidit,S: 'is less clear than the text.' is less clear than the text.]

[16.h4 looks sharper. Bh6 17.h5 g5 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.a3]

16...Qxe6 17.a3 Nd5



18.Nxd5 cxd5

[18...Qxd5 Vidit,S: 'It seems a little dangerous to keep the a2-g8 diagonal exposed, especially with h4-h5 coming so swiftly.'It seems a little dangerous to keep the a2-g8 diagonal exposed, especially with h4-h5 coming so swiftly. 19.h4 Rac8 1.55/20 *(⌓19...h5 0.83/19)* 20.Rc1 1.10/20 *(⌓20.h5* 1.55/20 *)*]

19.h4! 0.80/21 Vidit,S: 'A very unpleasant move for Black. Black has made no obvious mistakes but his position is already strategically highly dubious.' A very unpleasant move for Black. Black has made no obvious mistakes but his position is already strategically highly dubious.

[White should play 19.Be2 1.18/21]

19...h6?! 1.19/17 Vidit,S: 'looks a bit naive' looks a bit naive

[19...h5 Vidit,S: 'I thought this was better, with the idea'I thought this was better, with the idea 20.Be2 *(* Vidit,S: 'But White still keeps the initiative with'But White still keeps the initiative with *20.Rg1! Kh7 21.g4 Bh6! 22.Qb3↑)* 20...Kh7! 21.g4 Bh6 Vidit,S: 'forcing White to play g5.' forcing White to play g5.]

[⌓19...h5 0.80/21]

20.Qb3 Vidit,S: 'The plan that follows is quite straightforward and simple - to break through with g4.'The plan that follows is quite straightforward and simple - to break through with g4.

20...Rfc8?! 1.72/18 Vidit,S: 'A sub optimal move. Although It's not easy for Black to play maybe the best was to admit the mistake and play h5.' A sub optimal move. Although It's not easy for Black to play maybe the best was to admit the mistake and play h5.

[20...h5± 0.98/17]

21.Bd3 1.23/18

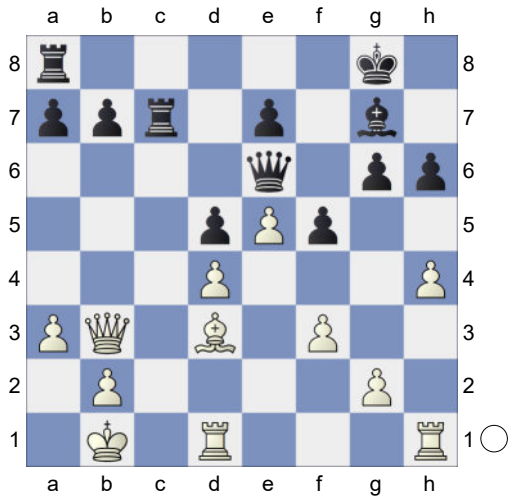
[21.Qxb7 Rcb8 22.Qc7 Qb6 23.Qxb6 *(23.Qxe7? Qxb2#)* 23...Rxb6±]

[21.h5+- 1.72/18]

21...Rc7 2.28/19

[21...h5± 1.23/18 was worth a try. 22.g4 *(22.Qxb7 Rab8=)* 22...fxg4 23.fxg4 *(23.Qxb7 Rcb8∓)* 23...hxg4]

(Diagram)



22.g4! Vidit,S: 'White just crashes through on the kingside. Black has no counterplay on the other flank and he won't be able to defend on the light squares either. 'White just crashes through on the kingside. Black has no counterplay on the other flank and he won't be able to defend on the light squares either. **22...fxg4**
[22...Kh8 23.Rhg1]
23.fxg4 Vidit,S: 'White is still much better but Rhg1 was just winning' White is still much better but ♖hg1 was just winning
[23.Rhg1! Vidit,S: 'was much more powerful' was much more powerful Rf8? 3.72/20 *(23...h5 2.14/20 24.Be2 Qf5+ 25.Ka1 gxf3 26.Qxd5+ e6 27.Qxf3 Qxf3 28.Bxf3 Rf8)* 24.Rxg4+- Rxf3 5.15/23 Vidit,S: 'I prematurely stopped my calculations here but after'I prematurely stopped my calculations here but after *(⌓24...Qb6 3.63/18 25.Qxd5+ e6)* 25.Rdg1 Vidit,S: 'Black has no defence!' Black has no defence!]
23...Rf8 24.h5 Qxg4 25.Qxd5+ e6 26.Qb3 Rc6
[26...g5 27.Rhf1+-]
27.Bxg6
[27.Qxb7?! Rb6 28.Qd7 *(28.Qxa7? Qxd4-+; 28.Qe4 Qxe4 29.Bxe4 Rf2±)* 28...Rfb8±]
27...Rf2? 4.53/22 Vidit,S: 'Black tries to struggle for some counterplay. Black's g7-bishop has no squares, and White's king is safe as the light squares are still out of reach for Black's rooks...' Black tries to struggle for some counterplay. Black's g7-bishop has no squares, and White's king is safe as the light squares are still out of reach for Black's rooks...
[27...Qe2 2.76/20 28.Bd3 *(28.Qxb7? Rb6-+)* 28...Qf2]
28.Rhg1+- White is clearly winning.
[28.Qxb7 Qf3+-]
28...Rb6
[28...Qf4 29.Qxb7 Bh7+ is the strong threat. Rxb2+ 30.Qxb2 Rb6 31.Qxb6 axb6 32.Bc2+-]
29.Rxg4
[Don't take 29.Qxb6 Qxd1+ 30.Rxd1 axb6+-]
29...Rxb3 30.Rdg1!
[30.Bc2 Rbf3 31.Rg6 Rf1 32.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 33.Ka2 Rc1+-]
30...Rbf3
[30...Rbxb2+ 31.Kc1 Vidit,S: 'c2 is defended, and g7 is doomed. A typical example of the strategic advantage White has in this position. Also, threats like Ra2-Ra1 are simply neutralised by Bb1.'c2 is defended, and g7 is doomed. A typical example of the strategic advantage White has in this position. Also, threats like ♖a2-♖a1 are simply neutralised by ♗b1. Rb6 6.94/21 *(⌓31...Kf8 4.70/23 32.Bb1 Bxe5)* 32.Bh7++-]

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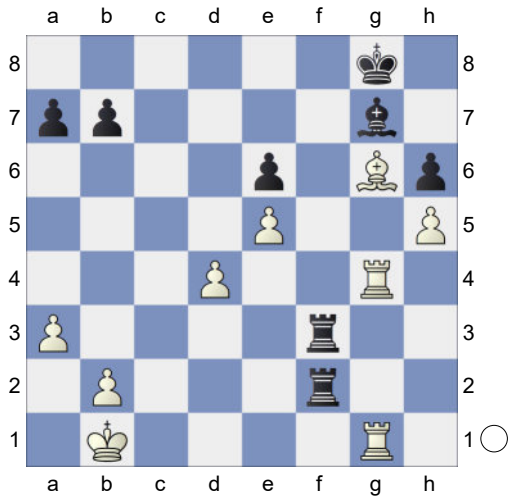

31.Bh7+! Discovered Attack **31...Kh8 32.Rxg7 Rf1+ 33.Kc2** White threatens Rg8+ and mate. **33...Rxg1 34.Rxg1 Kxh7** Endgame KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **35.Rg6 Rf5 36.Rxe6 Rxh5 37.d5 Rh4 38.d6 Rd4 39.Re7+ Kg6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.43
40.d7
1-0

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1.d4 Atalik,Suat **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 b6 8.Bd3**
[RR 8.Be2]
8...Bb7 9.0-0 Ne4 This used to be popular a few years ago but according to current theory it has the reputation of being a bit dubious. **10.Bg3 Nxc3**
[RR 10...c5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.dxc5
A) RR 12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 Bxc5 *(RR 13...bxc5 14.Rb1 Qc8)* 14.Nd4;
B) RR 12...bxc5 13.Qb3;
C) 12...Bxc5 13.Qc2 Nxg3 *(RR 13...Qe7 14.Bh4 g5 15.Bg3 Nd7 16.Nd4)* 14.hxg3 Nd7 15.Bh7+ Kh8 16.Bf5 Nf6 17.a3 Qe7 18.b4 Bd6 19.Nb5 Ba6 *(RR 19...Bb8 20.Nbd4 g6 21.Bh3 Bd6)* 20.Qa4 Bxb5 21.Qxb5 a5 22.Rab1 g6
C1) RR 23.Bh3 axb4 *(RR 23...Rfb8 24.Nd4 axb4 25.axb4 Ra2 26.Ra1)* 24.axb4 Kg7 25.Nd4 Ra2;
C2) RR 23.Bc2 axb4 24.axb4 Rfc8 25.Bb3 Bxb4 26.Qxb6 Ba5 27.Qb5 Rc5 28.Qe2;
C3) 23.Bd3 axb4 24.axb4 Ra3 25.Nd4 Gelashvili,T (2612)-Atalik, S (2585) Kallithea 2008 CBM 125 [Atalik,Suat] ½-½ (60)]
11.bxc3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nd7 13.Bd3N
[RR 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd6 15.f4 c5 16.Qg4 Bxe5 17.fxe5 Qg5 18.Qxg5 hxg5 19.Rad1 cxd4 20.cxd4 Rac8 21.Bb3 Rc3 22.Rfe1 Rfc8 23.e4 b5 24.d5 exd5 25.exd5 a5 26.d6 Kf8 27.e6 fxe6 Flores Linan,J (2050)-Palau de Belza, J (1906) Barcelona 2008 1-0]
13...Bd6?! A new move in this position.
14.e4 Bxg3 15.hxg3 c5 16.Qe2! White has many tempting options here, but this move goes by force to a position in which White has a simple strategic advantage.
[16.Re1 is less clear than the text. Qc7 17.a4 Rfd8 18.a5 was a possiblity, but I think the text was much simpler and more straightforward. e5 19.a6 Bc8 20.Bc4 Rb8 21.Qb3 Rf8 22.Bb5 cxd4 23.cxd4 led to a model victory for Carlsen against Li Chao in the Qatar Masters, where White was just

a little faster than Black. exd4 used to be the main line previously, but has lost popularity lately 24.Nxd4 Nc5 25.Qb2 Be6 26.Nf5 f6 27.Nd4 Bd7 28.Bc4+ Kh8 29.Nb5= Vallejo Pons,F (2702)-Navara,D (2638) Wijk aan Zee 2009 Bxb5 30.Bxb5 Rbd8 31.e5 fxe5 32.Qxe5 Qf7 33.Qe3! Rd6 34.Rad1 Re6 35.Qd4 Rf6 36.Re2 Qh5 37.Re5∓ Qf7 1-0 (29) Kovalenko,I (2596)-Krasenkow,M (2643) Trzcianka 2013 38.Re2 Qh5 39.Bc4 Qg6 40.Qe3 Qg4 41.Rd4 Qc8 42.Qe7 Qb8 43.Rg4 g6 44.Rh4 g5 45.Rd4 Rg6]

16...Qe7 17.a4 cxd4 18.cxd4 Rac8 19.a5! A very unpleasant move for Black. Black has made no obvious mistakes but his position is already strategically highly dubious. **19...Rc7?!** looks a bit naive **20.axb6** The plan that follows is quite straightforward and simple - to break through with g4. **20...axb6?!** A sub optimal move. Although It's not easy for Black to play maybe the best was to admit the mistake and play h5. **21.Rfe1**

[21.Ra7]

21...Rfc8 22.Qb2 White just crashes through on the kingside. Black has no counterplay on the other flank and he won't be able to defend on the light squares either. **22...Rc3 23.Ra7?!** White is still much better but ♖hg1 was just winning **23...Rxd3 24.Rxb7 Rdc3 25.Qxb6 Nxb6 26.Rxe7 R3c7 27.Rxc7 Rxc7** Black tries to struggle for some counterplay. Black's g7-bishop has no squares, and White's king is safe as the light squares are still out of reach for Black's rooks... **28.g4 f6 29.Rd1 Kf7 30.Nd2! Na4 31.Kf1 Rc2 32.Nf3 Nc3 33.Re1 Kg6 34.g3 h5 35.gxh5+ Kxh5 36.e5 f5 37.d5 Ne4**

[37...Nxd5 38.Nd4 Rd2↑ 39.Nxe6 It seems a little dangerous to keep the a2-g8 diagonal exposed, especially with h4-h5 coming so swiftly. Kg4 40.Nxg7 f4 41.gxf4 Kf3 42.Kg1 Rxf2 43.Rf1 Rxf1+ 44.Kxf1 Kxf4]

38.dxe6 Kg4

[38...Rxf2+ 39.Kg1 Ra2 *(* But White still keeps the initiative with *39...Rxf3! 40.e7)* 40.e7+- Ra8 41.Nd4+- Kg6! was much more powerful 42.g4 Nc3 43.Re3 I prematurely stopped my calculations here but after Nd5 Black has no defence! 44.gxf5+ I thought this was better, with the idea Kf7 45.Rb3! Nxe7 46.Rb7 forcing White to play g5.]

39.e7 Rxf2+

[39...Rc8 40.Nd4]

40.Kg1 Kxf3 41.Rf1 c2 is defended, and g7 is doomed. A typical example of the strategic advantage White has in this position. Also, threats like ♖a2-♖a1 are simply neutralised by ♗b1.

41...Rxf1+ 42.Kxf1+- Nxg3+ 43.Ke1 1-0

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[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 a5 5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2

[6.Nbxd2?! d6 7.e3 Qe7! 8.Be2 e5 9.0-0 0-0 10.d5 a4 11.e4 Nbd7 *(11...Na6 12.Qxa4)* 12.Qc2 Nc5 13.Rac1 Ng4! *(13...Nh5!∓)* 14.h3 Nh6 15.g4 f6 16.Rfe1 Nf7 17.Qc3

Nh8 18.Nh2 Ng6 19.Bf1 Nf4 20.f3 h5]

6...0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.e4

[8.e3 Qe7! *(8...Na6 9.Be2 Qe7 10.0-0 e5 11.Qc2!)* 9.Be2 e5

A) 10.d5?! a4 *(10...Na6)* 11.Bd1 Bd7 12.0-0 Qe8! 13.e4 Na6 14.Bc2 Nc5 15.Ne1 b5 16.cxb5 Bxb5 17.Nxb5 Qxb5 18.f3 Rfb8∓ *(18...Qxb2)*;

B) 10.0-0 e4 11.Ne1 Bf5 12.Nc2 Nbd7 13.b3 *(13.b4 Nb6)* 13...Nb6 14.Rfd1 d5 15.c5 *(15.cxd5 Nbxd5)* 15...Nbd7∓]

8...Nc6! An important idea. Black wants to provoke the advance d4-d5 by putting pressure on d4. This move is more precise than ...Qe7 becase, now the e7 square will be available for the knight.

9.Be2

[9.e5 dxe5 10.dxe5 Qxd2+ 11.Kxd2 Ng4 12.Re1 Nxf2-+]

[9.d5 Ne7]

9...e5 10.d5

[10.0-0 Bg4! *(10...Nh5 11.Nd5)* 11.d5 *(11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Rad1 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nd4∓)* 11...Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd4 *(12...Na7 13.b4)* 13.Bd1 c6∓]

10...Ne7! 11.0-0 Ng6

[11...a4!? 12.Bd1 Bd7]

12.g3

[12.b4 Nf4 13.c5 Ng4 14.h3 Nh6 15.Rac1 axb4 16.axb4 f5 17.Rfe1

A) 17...Nxe2+?! 18.Qxe2 f4? 19.Nb5! Rf7 *(19...Nf7 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.Nc7 Rb8 22.Ne6±)* 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.Qc4 Rb8 22.Nc7 Re7 23.Ne6±;

B) 17...fxe4! 18.Nxe4 Bf5

B1) 19.Bf1 Bxe4 *(19...Qe7)* 20.Rxe4 Nxh3+ 21.gxh3 Rxf3 22.cxd6 cxd6-+;

B2) 19.Nc3 Qf6 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.Nb5 Bxh3 *(21...Qg6)* 22.gxh3 Qg6+-+]

12...a4! 13.Qc2

[13.Rfe1 Nd7! 14.Bd1 Nc5∓]

13...Bg4

[13...Bd7]

14.Nd1?

[14.Nxa4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Rxa4 17.Qc2 Ra8 18.b4 f5 19.Bg2 e4 20.c5 Ne5∓]

14...Nd7! 15.Ne3 Bh3! 16.Rfe1 Nc5 17.Bf1 Bd7! As we know, keeping the light-squared bishops gives better winning chances. **18.Bg2 Ne7!! 19.Nd2**

[19.g4 Ng6! *(19...g6)* 20.h3 Nf4 21.Bf1 g6∓]

19...f5 20.f3?

[20.exf5 Nxf5 21.Ne4 *(21.Nxf5 Bxf5 22.Ne4 Nb3 23.Rad1 Nd4∓)* 21...Nd4∓]

20...f4 21.Nd1

[21.gxf4 exf4 *(21...Rxf4)* 22.Nef1 Ng6 23.Rad1 Ne5∓]

21...Ng6 22.g4 h5 23.h3 Nh4 24.Bh1 Qg5 25.Nf2 Rf6 26.Kf1 hxg4 27.Nxg4 Bxg4 28.hxg4 Rh6 29.Ke2 Ng6 30.Bg2

[30.Kd1 Rh2 31.Kc1 Qh4 *(31...Nb3+)* 32.Qd1 *(32.Rf1 Rxh1)* 32...Nd3+]

30...Rh2 31.Rg1 Nh4 32.Kf1 Nxg2 33.Rxg2 Rh1+ 34.Rg1 Qh4 35.Re1

[35.Rd1

A) 35...Qh3+ 36.Kf2 *(36.Ke2 Qh2+)* 36...Rh2+ 37.Ke1 Qh4+ 38.Kf1 Qf2#;

B) 35...Rxg1+ 36.Kxg1 Qg3+ *(36...Kf7 37.Nf1)* 37.Kf1 Kf7 38.Ke2 Rh8 39.Nf1 Qg2+-+]

35...Rxg1+N

0-1

399 **A45**
□ **Hudec,Jan** **2566**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2475**
Sitges (8.1) 23.08.2014
[TA]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 c5 3.Bxf6 gxf6 4.d5 Qb6 5.Qc1 f5 6.c4 d6
[6...Bh6 7.e3 *(7.Qc2 Qb4+ 8.Nc3 Qxc4 9.e3 Qb4 10.a3 Qb6 11.Bd3 d6 12.Bxf5 Bxf5 13.Qxf5 Nd7 14.Nge2 Bg7 15.0-0 Nf6 16.Rab1)* 7...f4 8.exf4 Bxf4 9.Qxf4 Qxb2 10.Ne2 Qxa1 11.Nec3 d6 12.Qd2 Rg8]
[6...Qb4+ 7.Nc3 Qxc4]
7.Nc3 Nd7 8.e3 Bg7 9.Qc2
[9.Nh3 Nf6 10.Qc2 Ne4 11.Bd3 *(11.Rc1)* 11...Qxb2 12.Qxb2 Bxc3+ 13.Qxc3 Nxc3]
9...Ne5
[9...Qa5 10.Nh3 Nf6 *(10...Nb6 11.Bd3 Bd7 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3)* 11.Bd3 Ne4 12.Rc1 Nxc3 13.bxc3]
10.Nh3
[10.Be2 Bd7 11.Nh3 Ng6 *(11...Rg8 12.0-0 0-0-0 13.Rab1 Kb8 14.b4 Rc8 15.a3)* 12.0-0 0-0-0 13.a3 Rdg8 14.Kh1 h5]
10...h5
[10...Bd7 11.Be2]
11.Be2 Bd7 12.0-0N
[RR 12.Nf4 h4 13.0-0 0-0-0 14.a3 Kb8 15.Rab1 Qa5 16.b4 Qxa3 17.Rb3 Qa6 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.Rfb1 b6 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Rxb5 h3 22.g3 Qc8 23.Qa4 Rh6 24.Qa3 Nd7 25.Nd3 f4 26.Nxf4 Be5 Shimanov,A (2581)-Xiong,J (2692) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (47)]
12...h4 13.Rab1
[13.a3 Rh6 14.Rab1 Qa6 15.Nb5 Rc8 16.Rfe1 Qb6 17.f4 Ng4 18.Bd3]
13...Bf6
[13...0-0-0 14.b4 Kb8 *(14...cxb4 15.a3)* 15.a3 Rc8 16.Rb3 cxb4 17.Rxb4 Qc5 18.Rfb1 b6]
14.a3
[14.e4 Qc7 15.exf5 Qc8]
14...Rg8 15.Nf4 Qc7
[15...0-0-0 16.b4 Kb8]
16.h3 Bh8 17.Kh1 b6 18.Nh5 Ng6 19.Bd3 Qc8 20.Nf4
[20.f4 Nf8 21.Rbe1 Kd8 22.e4 fxe4 23.Nxe4 Bxh3 24.Ng5]
20...e5
[20...Ne5]
21.dxe6 fxe6 22.Nxg6 Rxg6 23.e4 Qb7 24.f3 Bxc3 25.exf5 exf5 26.bxc3 Rf6
[26...0-0-0 27.Bxf5 Rf6 28.Be4]
27.Qf2 0-0-0 28.Qxh4 Rdf8 29.Rfe1 Bc6 30.Qf4 R8f7 31.Re2 Qa6 32.Rbe1
[32.Qg5 Qxa3 33.Re7 Rxe7 34.Qxf6]
32...Qxa3 33.Qd2 Rd7
[33...Bd7 34.Re7 Kb8 35.Bc2 Kc7 36.R1e6 Rxe6 37.Rxf7 Qa2 38.Kh2 *(38.Qd5 Re1+ 39.Kh2 Qxc2)*]
34.Qg5 Rdf7
[34...Qxc3 35.Bxf5 Rxf5 36.Qxf5 Qxc4]
35.Qd2 Rd7 36.Qg5 Rdf7 37.Re7 Qxc3 38.Qg8+
[38.Bxf5+ Rxf5 39.Qg8+ Rf8 40.Qe6+]
38...Rf8 39.Qg7 Kb8
[39...R8f7 40.Bxf5+ Kb8 41.Qg3]
40.Kh2 Rc8 41.Bxf5
1-0

400 **B12**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham vs. Sarana**
■ **Grau Dominguez,Enrique 2242**
SE 03 DESC-TURNIER (7.12) 01.08.2011
[TA]*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c4
[4.Nf3 Nc6 5.c4]
4...Nc6
[4...cxd4
A) 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.cxd5 Qxd5 7.Nc3 Bxf3 *(7...Qd7 8.Bb5 Nc6 9.Qxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Rc8 11.Bxd7+ Bxd7 12.0-0 Nh6 13.Bxh6 gxh6; 7...Qa5 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Qxd4 Bxf3 11.gxf3 e6 12.Be3 Ne7 13.0-0-0 Qc7 14.Qc4 Nf5 15.Nb5 Qb7 16.Nd4 Rb8)* 8.Nxd5 Bxd1 9.Nc7+ Kd7 10.Nxa8 Bc2 11.Bf4 *(11.e6+ Kxe6 12.Bf4 Nc6; 11.Bd2 Nc6 12.Rc1 d3)* 11...e6 *(11...Nc6 12.Rc1 Be4)* 12.Rc1 d3 13.Nc7 Bb4+ *(13...Nc6 14.Nb5 a6 15.Nc3 Nge7 16.Kd2 Ng6 17.Bg3 Ngxe5)* 14.Bd2 Bxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Nc6 16.Nb5 Nxe5 17.Na3 Ba4 18.Rc5;
B) 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qxd5 Qxd5 7.cxd5 Nxe5 8.Bf4 Ng6 9.Bg3 Nf6 10.Nc3 a6 11.h4 *(11.Nf3 Bf5 12.0-0-0)* 11...h5 12.Bd3 b5 13.Nf3 b4 *(13...Bb7 14.d6 exd6 15.0-0-0 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Ne5)* 14.Na4 Nxd5 15.Be4 Bb7 *(15...e6 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Nb6)* 16.Nc5 Bc6 17.Rc1]
[4...e6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nf3 *(6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Bb5 a6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.Nf3 Bg4)* 6...Nc6 7.Bb5 a6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.0-0 Bg4 10.dxc5 Qd7 *(10...Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Bxc5 12.Qg4; 10...Bxc5 11.Qc2 Qb6 12.Nbd2 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 Ne7 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxe7 Bxe7 16.Rac1)* 11.Be3 Rb8 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Ne7 14.Nc3 Ng6 15.Bd4]
5.Nf3 Bg4
[5...e6 6.Nc3 cxd4 7.Nxd4
A) 7...Nge7 8.Ndb5 Nxe5 9.Qa4 N7c6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bf4 f6 12.Nxd5 Kf7 13.0-0-0 Qa5 14.Qb3 Be6 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.f4 Rc8+ 17.Nbc3 Nd7 18.f5;
B) 7...Bb4 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Qa4 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qc7 11.Be2 Bd7 12.f4 *(12.0-0 Qxe5 13.Ba3)* 12...f6 13.0-0 fxe5 14.fxe5 Qxe5 15.Ba3 Nf6 16.Qb4;
C) 7...Bc5 8.Nxc6 *(8.Nb3 Bb4 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bd2 d4 11.Nb5 Be7 12.Bf4 Bb4+ 13.Bd2 Be7)* 8...bxc6 9.Qg4 Bf8 *(9...g6 10.Bd3 h5 11.Qf4 Nh6 12.0-0 Nf5 13.Bxf5 gxf5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Nb5)* 10.Bd3 *(10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.0-0)* 10...Ne7 11.0-0 Ng6 12.Qe2 Be7 13.f4]
6.cxd5 Bxf3
[6...Qxd5 7.Nc3 Bxf3 8.Nxd5 Bxd1 9.Nc7+]
7.Qxf3 Nxd4 8.Qd1 Qxd5 9.Bb5+ Kd8 10.0-0 Qxe5
[10...e6]
[RR 10...e6 11.Nc3 Qxe5 12.Re1 Qd6 13.Qa4 Nf6 14.h3 Nd5 15.Be3 Nb6 16.Qa5 Be7 17.Red1 f5 18.Na4 Bf6 19.b4 c4 20.Nxb6 Ke7 21.Nxa8 Rxa8 22.Bxc4 f4 23.Bxd4 Bxd4 24.Qg5+ Kf8 25.Bxe6 Pang,E (2234)-Rebonato Scott,S (1932) Nottingham 2025 1-0]
11.Nc3
[11.Re1 Qd6 12.Bc4 e6 13.b4]
11...Nf6 12.Re1
[12.b4 Nd5 13.Bb2 Nxc3 14.Bxc3

e6 15.Re1 Qd5 16.Bd3]

12...Qd6 13.Bd3N

[13.Be3 e6 *(13...Nxb5 14.Nxb5 Qxd1 15.Rexd1+ Kc8 16.Bxc5)* 14.Bxd4 *(14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxd4 cxd4 16.Rxe4 e5 17.Qh5)* 14...cxd4 15.Qf3 Qb6 16.Red1 Bd6 17.Bc4 Ke7]

[RR 13.Be3 e6 14.Rc1 Nxb5 15.Nxb5 Qxd1 16.Rexd1+ Nd5 17.Nc3 Kd7 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Rxc5 Rhd8 21.Rcxd5+ ½-½ (21) Borzakian,M (2273)-Debray, C (2388) France 2009]

13...e5

[13...e6]

14.Be3 Be7 15.Rc1

[15.Bc4 Rf8 16.f4 e4 *(16...exf4 17.Nb5 Nxb5 18.Bxc5 Qxd1 19.Bxe7+ Kc7 20.Raxd1)* 17.b4 Qd7]

15...Rc8 16.b4 cxb4 17.Bxd4 exd4

[17...Qxd4 18.Nb5 Rxc1 19.Qxc1 Qc5 20.Bf5 Qxc1 21.Rxc1 Ke8 *(21...Bf8 22.Rc8+ Ke7 23.Rc7+ Kd8 24.Rxb7 g6 25.Bh3 a6 26.Na7 Ke8 27.Nc6 Bd6)* 22.Rc8+ Bd8 23.Rb8 g6 24.Rxb7 gxf5 25.Nd6+ Kf8 26.Nxf7 Rg8 27.Nxd8 Rg6 28.Ne6+ Kg8]

18.Nb5 Rxc1 19.Qxc1 Qb8

[19...Qc5 20.Qf4 Nd7 21.Qe4 *(21.Nxd4 Bd6 22.Qe4 Kc8)* 21...Bd6 22.g3 *(22.Qxb7 Re8 23.Rd1 Qh5)* 22...a6 23.Nxd6 Qxd6 24.Qxb7 Re8 25.Rd1]

20.Qc4 Ke8

[20...Bd6 21.Qxf7 Bxh2+ 22.Kf1 Be5 23.f4]

[20...Rf8 21.Qxd4+ Nd7 22.Bf5 Qc8 23.Rd1]

21.Qxb4

[21.Bc2 Kf8 22.Bb3 Qe8 23.Nc7]

21...Nd5

[21...Qd8 22.Nxa7 *(22.Nxd4 Kf8 23.Qxb7 g6 24.Qxa7 Qd7)* 22...Qc7 23.Nc8 Ng8 24.Nxe7 Nxe7 25.Qxd4 Kf8 26.Rb1]

22.Qxd4 a6

[22...Nf6 23.Nd6+ Kf8 24.Rxe7 Kxe7 25.Nf5+]

23.Qxd5 axb5 24.Bxb5+ Kf8 25.Qd7 1-0

401 **C06**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2326**

■ **Vanishvili,Mari** **2237**

C6211) 13...Bb7 (8) 04.01.2011

[TA]*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 g6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Re1 cxd4

[RR 9...0-0 10.Nf1 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qb6 12.Bc2 f6 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Bb3 Bd7 15.h3 Ne4 16.Be3 a5 17.Rb1 Rxf3 18.gxf3 Nd6 19.Ba4 Nf5 20.f4 Rf8 21.Ng3 Nfxd4 22.Kg2 Qd8 23.Bxd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd7 Nisipeanu,L (2678)-Gurevich,M (2656) Saint Vincent 2004 ½-½ (74)]

10.cxd4 0-0 11.Nb3 Nb6N

[11...f6]

[RR 11...a5 12.a4 f6 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.Bg5 Qf7 15.Bb5 Ndb8 16.Bh4 b6 17.Rc1 Bd7 18.Bg3 Rc8 19.Ne5 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Na6 21.Qg4 Nab4 22.Rc3 Nd8 23.Rf3 Qe8 24.h4 Bxb5 25.axb5 Rc4 26.Qg5 Spencer,C (2204)-Spence,D (2222) England 2014 0-1 (47)]

[RR 11...Qb6 12.Be3 f6 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.h3 Nh5 15.Rc1 Nf4 16.Bb1 a5 17.a3 a4 18.Nc5 Qxb2 19.Nxa4 Qxa3 20.Nb6 Rb8 21.Bc2 Qa5

22.Rb1 Qa6 23.h4 Na5 24.Qd2 Nh5 25.Bd3 Qa7 26.Ne5 Martinez Alcantara,J (2607)-Jessel,S (2285) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0]
[RR 11...f6 12.exf6 Qxf6 13.Bg5 Qf7 14.Bh4 e5 15.dxe5 Ndxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Bc2 Bg4 18.Qd2 Nc4 19.Qg5 Bf5 20.Re7 Qf6 21.Qxf6 Bxf6 22.Bxf6 Rxf6 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Rae1 Raf8 25.R1e2 R5f7 26.Nd4 Altstadt,K (1808)-Pixa,R (1993) Greifswald 2013 0-1 (53)]

12.h4 Bd7 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Rc1 Rae8 15.h5 Qb8 16.Qd2 Bc8 17.Nc5 Qc7 18.Bf6 Bxf6 19.exf6 Qd8 20.Qf4 Nd7 21.Nxd7 Bxd7 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Kh8 24.Qh6
1-0

402 **C45**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham**
■ **Vazquez,Faustino G**
49/9 Moscow (9) 19.09.2006
[TA]*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.c4 Nb6 9.Nc3 Qb4
[9...a5 10.Bd2 a4 11.0-0-0 Ba6 12.Qe4 Qe6 13.f4 g6 14.g4 Bb4 15.f5 Qe7 16.Bd3 Qc5 17.e6 fxe6 18.fxe6 0-0-0 19.Be3 Qa5 20.Bxb6 cxb6 21.exd7+ Kb7 22.Nb5 Rxd7 23.a3 Bf8 24.Rhf1]
[9...Qe6 10.Qe4 *(10.Bd2 Ba6 11.b3 Ba3 12.Qe4 Qg6 13.Qf3 0-0-0 14.Bd3 Qe6 15.0-0 Qxe5 16.Rfe1 Qf6 17.c5 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Bxc5 19.Ne4 Qe5 20.Bc3 Qh5 21.Qa6+ Kb8 22.Qa5 d6 23.b4 f5 24.Nxc5 dxc5)* 10...Bb4 *(10...Ba6 11.b3 0-0-0 12.Bb2 Re8 13.f4 f6 14.0-0-0 fxe5 15.c5 Bxf1 16.cxb6 Ba6 17.bxa7 Kb7 18.Rhe1 d5 19.Qxe5 Qxe5 20.fxe5 Bc5 21.Na4 Bf2 22.Bd4 Bxe1 23.Rxe1 Re7 24.Bc5 Re6 25.Bf2)* 11.Bd2 Ba6 12.b3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 d5 14.Qh4 dxc4 15.Be2 Nd5 16.Bd4 c5 17.Bxc5 Nc3 18.Bxc4 Qxe5+ 19.Be3 Ne4 20.0-0 Bxc4 21.bxc4 0-0 22.Rfe1 Rfe8 23.f3 Nd6 24.Bf2]
[RR 9...Bb7 10.Bd2 0-0-0 11.0-0-0 Re8 12.f4 f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Qh5 Rd8 15.Bd3 Qg7 16.Qa5 Qxg2 17.Qxa7 Qh3 18.Kc2 Rg8 19.a4 d5 20.a5 dxc4 21.Bf1 Qf5+ 22.Kc1 Bc5 23.axb6 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Motylev,A (2570)-Zhang,Z (2607) Linares 2001 1-0 (43)]

10.Bd2 Qxb2 11.Rb1 Qc2N
[RR 11...Qa3 12.Qe4 Qc5 13.Bd3 Ba6 14.Nb5 cxb5 15.cxb5 Bc8 16.Rc1 Qd5 17.Rxc7 Rb8 18.0-0 Bb7 19.Rxb7 Qxb7 20.Qe2 Qd5 21.Bf4 Rc8 22.Rd1 Qe6 23.Qe4 Bc5 24.h4 Qxa2 25.Bg3 Qa4 26.Qf3 Predke,A (2587)-Smagin,S (2551) Sochi 2016 0-1 (36)]

12.Qf3 Qg6 13.Bd3 Qe6 14.0-0 Ba6 15.Nd5 cxd5
[15...Nxd5 16.Bf5 Qe7 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Qxd5]

16.cxd5 Bb7
[16...Qxd5 17.Qxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxa6 Nb6]

17.dxe6 Bxf3 18.exd7+ Kxd7 19.Bf5+ Ke8 20.gxf3 g6 21.Be4 Rb8 22.Bc6+ Ke7 23.Bg5+ Ke6 24.Bf6 Rg8
[24...Be7 25.Bxh8 Rxh8]

25.Rfd1 Be7
[25...Kf5 26.Be4+ Ke6 27.Bd5+ Nxd5 28.Rxb8 Nxf6 29.exf6 Kxf6 30.Rdd8]

26.Rxb6 Bxf6 27.Bd7+ Kxe5 28.f4+

Kxf4 29.Rxf6+ Kg5 30.Rxf7 Rb2
[30...h5 31.Be6]
31.f4+ Kh6 32.Rd3 g5
[32...Rb1+ 33.Kg2 Rb2+ 34.Kg3 a5]
33.Rh3+ Kg6 34.Rhxh7 gxf4
[34...Rb1+ 35.Kg2 Rb2+ 36.Kf3 g4+ 37.Bxg4 Rf2+ 38.Kxf2 Rg7 39.Rhxg7+ Kh6 40.Rh7+ Kg6 41.Bf5#]
35.Bf5+ Kg5 36.h4#
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